UCSB engineers can study abroad, and should! By spending a year, a term or even just a summer studying engineering abroad, you will greatly enhance your undergraduate experience and improve your career prospects as well.

### Study Abroad Experience = A Stronger Resume

**“Each day of the four months I was in the UK, I learned something new both in and out of the classroom. I took engineering classes with students from almost every continent and talked about world issues.”**

Jessica H., UCSB Chemical Engineer
UCEAP Edinburgh, Scotland

**“Studying abroad as an engineer is one of the most challenging and rewarding things I have ever done. It is not all fun and games, but I have grown immensely as both a person and an engineer.”**

Sarah C., UCSB Mechanical Engineer
UCEAP Edinburgh, Scotland

### Why study abroad?

There are SO many reasons to study abroad. Here are a few:

- Engage in academics, research, internships & special programs.
- Develop self-confidence and independence.
- Experience a different educational system and get a new perspective on the discipline of engineering.
- Improve your critical thinking & problem solving skills.
- Expand your world view by experiencing another culture firsthand.
- Prepare for a career in an internationally connected world.
- Enhance your resume and/or graduate school applications.

### When should I study abroad?

Students wishing to fulfill upper-division major requirements should generally study abroad during their junior year. Those interested in fulfilling major preparation or General Education requirements can participate as early as the summer before their sophomore year.

### Where should I study abroad?

Go to the UCEAP website for programs for engineers (http://eap.ucop.edu/OurPrograms/Pages/engineering.aspx). Consult with the College of Engineering UCEAP advisor.

### What classes should I take?

Search Gaucho Credit Abroad and the UCEAP Course Catalog to get an idea of the types of engineering courses UC students have taken around the world.

Students may fulfill Math 4A and 4B at the University of Glasgow summer program.
UCEAP students automatically earn credit for the work they complete abroad. However, application of credit to major requirements is subject to the discretion of the UCSB major department. A study plan that consists of the equivalents of what you would have taken at UCSB during the time you intend to be abroad will help your planning process. Keep in mind that just like selecting courses at UCSB, there is no guarantee that the courses you want to take abroad will be available for enrollment. Planning and flexibility are essential to success.

You may be able to fulfill GE requirements abroad as well. GE credit will be determined by the College of Engineering.

Internship & Research
An international internship or research experience will greatly enhance your resume and provide you with valuable skills and contacts to improve your success in the global job market. Many engineering students engage in such opportunities.

Can I Afford it?
Studying abroad through UCEAP can be comparable to or even less than the cost of staying at UCSB. UCEAP participants continue to receive UC financial aid. All UCEAP students are eligible for special scholarships.

Engineers are given an evaluation preference for study abroad scholarships -- make sure you apply!

How do I get started?
• Stop by 1006 Harold Frank Hall or call 805-893-2809 to make an appointment with the College EAP advisor.
• Identify what coursework you must complete abroad.
• Research the best UCEAP program options for you.
• Stop by the UCSB EAP office at 2431 South Hall.

Plan Ahead!
Applications are due as much as eight months prior to a program’s start date and some programs have academic or language prerequisites that must be satisfied in advance. Please check the UCSB EAP website for application due dates.

Nicholas B.
UCSB Mechanical Engineer
UCEAP Berlin, Germany

“I interned at Audi in Ingolstadt, their headquarters, for most of my summer. That was one of the most eye-opening experiences of my life.”

Alex H.
UCSB Electrical Engineer
UCEAP Chile

“Becoming bilingual in Spanish in Engineering has broadened my global perspective and my future opportunities.”

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