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“Remembering the image of women balancing baskets overflowing with freshly baked bread, wide-eyed babies tied to their backs, walking into a classroom as the only white foreigner, and studying to the sounds of bullfrogs as I lay on my dorm room balcony makes me wonder why I returned to the States to finish my education.”

Shelly Barnes
ES Major
EAP Ghana

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STUDY ABROAD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES MAJORS

A variety of environmental problems now affect our entire planet. As globalization continues and the earth's natural processes transform local problems into international ones, no societies are untouched by major environmental problems.

UCSB's Environmental Studies Program strongly encourages its students to consider completing some portion of their undergraduate study through the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) or similar "off-campus" studies program. An opportunity to study in a foreign university not only offers an international dimension to an undergraduate education, but can deepen a student's understanding of the causes and effects of today's environmental problems on a global scale.



Go explore the global environment!



Why study abroad?

Each year dozens of Environmental Studies (ES) majors study abroad. With careful academic planning, ES majors can have an experience of a lifetime studying in a foreign university with no loss of time in completing their degrees. Develop a global understanding of the structure and dynamics of complex environmental systems and enhance your future career through classroom, laboratory and field experiences that are unique to the country and region in which you study.

What classes should I take?

ES majors are encouraged to complete some of their major requirements abroad.

B.A. and B.S. ES majors, the maximum UCEAP units allowed for each area is:

Area A (required courses) = 4 units.
Course must cover 75%+ of content of the UCSB course.

Area B (electives) = 12 units.

B.A. majors: One of the following conditions are met:

- Content and description is similar to an existing UCSB ES elective,
- Course is offered from an environmental studies or science department/program,
- Course title contains the word "environment" or "sustainability," or
- Course studies how humans interact with their physical or natural environment.

B.S. majors: course must integrate a significant amount of physical or natural science concepts while addressing an environmental topic.

Area C (outside concentration) = up to the entire 16 (B.S.) or 20 (B.A.) units required using ONE of two options:

1. Single department option: All upper-division, letter graded units from any ONE UCEAP department or program (B.S. majors must pursue science departments), or
2. Interdisciplinary emphasis: 16-20 upper-division units from more than one department or program to create a concentration of study that forms a coherent emphasis.

Students may combine units from UCSB and abroad to meet one of these two requirements.

Hydro majors:

Area A (required courses) = 8 units.
Course must cover 75%+ of content of the UCSB course.

Area B (required for emphasis) = 4 to 8 units. Course(s) must cover 75%+ of content of the UCSB course.

Area C (electives for emphasis) = 8 to

Cost of Study Abroad

Studying abroad through UCEAP can be comparable to the cost of study at UCSB. UCEAP participants continue to receive UC financial aid. All UCEAP students are eligible for special scholarships.

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Go Virtually Anywhere!

The UC Education Abroad Program provides students the opportunity to study in one of over 40 countries located on six different continents!

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 EAP web site for application deadlines: eap.ucsb.edu

Coursework Abroad



Use [Gaucho Credit Abroad](#) to search for the types of credit (i.e., major, minor, GE areas, or electives) that UCSB students

have received for courses taken on UCEAP.

To search through UCEAP programs and to see what courses all UC students have taken on UCEAP, go to:

UCEAP [Program Search](#)

UCEAP [Course Catalog](#)

Go to the UCSB EAP website (eap.ucsb.edu) under [Academics](#) for UCSB specific information.

12 units as long as you can justify the course is either similar to one of the existing electives or covers a unique topic within in the designated discipline.

EAP students automatically earn UC credit for the work they complete abroad. However, application of credit to major requirements is subject to the discretion of the department and approval of the college.

Petitioning to use abroad units to satisfy ES or HYDRO major requirements must be done after the courses have been completed, transferred to UCSB, and posted to one's Course History.

Only upper-division courses taken for a letter grade may be applied towards upper-division major requirements - no exceptions! Often abroad course titles do not clearly describe what the course is about. Be sure to retain all descriptions and syllabi for courses taken as they can be helpful justification when turning in your petition.

Keep in mind that at least 20 units of upper-division major coursework must be completed in residence at UCSB along with other residence requirements.

Consult an advisor in the College of Letters & Science for more information.

Where should I study abroad?

UC's Education Abroad Program provides ES students opportunities to study environmental problems and issues in over 40 countries. You can study at host universities that have environmental studies programs or departments or you can take a variety of environmental courses through more "traditional" academic departments such as biology, sociology, geography, and anthropology. And with the option for students to satisfy your "outside concentration" requirement by taking units from any single, non-environmental, department or program, ES majors have a world of choices.

When should I study abroad?

ES majors should complete their lower-division preparation courses at UCSB before leaving to study abroad during the academic year. Summer programs are popular for students with sophomore standing.

Transfer students are encouraged to study abroad. Apply today!

Next Steps

- Stop by the UCSB EAP office at 2431 South Hall.
- Go the UCSB EAP website, [Getting Started](#).
- Consult the UCEAP website, eap.ucop.edu, for program details.
- Email the ES Advisor to setup an appointment to discuss your study abroad plans: zimmerman@es.ucsb.edu. Provide at least two days/times during office hours (M-F: 9-12 and 1-4) that work for you. You may also try to drop by during open office hours.

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