Why study abroad?

Global Studies majors are encouraged to learn about particular cultures while also learning how to analyze global trends. We hope to produce global thinkers who will be able to relate their knowledge of a particular part of the world to the larger trends and issues that affect the entire globe. There is no better way to become a global thinker than by immersing one’s self in multiple cultures. Spend a year abroad on EAP and return with both specific cultural knowledge as well as a new broad perspective.

Other benefits of studying and living abroad are numerous. You can:

• Learn a new language and culture
• Advance your cross-cultural and problem-solving skills
• Gain new perspectives on American society, culture and influence
• Take advantage of unique academic coursework opportunities.
• Improve critical thinking skills
• Arrange an internship in a local corporate, governmental, public, or private organization
• Develop self-confidence and independence
• Prepare for a career in an internationally competitive world
• Receive academic credit for research or independent study projects conducted under the supervision of local faculty mentors
• Enhance your resume for job or graduate school applications

Regardless of the reasons for going, students return from abroad with not only a new perspective on the social, cultural, and political context of a foreign country, but a new appreciation of the strengths and weaknesses of their own country as well. Some students find their lives or career choices transformed by their study abroad experience. Many find that adjusting to a foreign way of living and studying is a time of great personal growth that enhances their confidence and sense of self in ways that translate to many other pursuits. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to study abroad!

Where should I study abroad?

Do you want to gain specific language and cultural knowledge of a particular country or region, or are there other academic areas you would like to study abroad? Go to the UCSB EAP website to find the best program for you.

Global majors are required to complete three years of college-level foreign language. Studying a foreign language abroad where you can use it in your daily life is the best way to become truly fluent. Students who have finished two years of college-level Spanish can immerse themselves in a foreign university in Spain, Costa Rica, Chile or Mexico and take coursework taught in Spanish. They can also go to Argentina to focus on Spanish or Brazil and do their first year of Portuguese along with courses on the Latin American region.

The Cost of EAP

Studying abroad through EAP can be comparable to the cost of study at UCSB. EAP participants continue to receive UC financial aid while abroad. EAP students are also eligible for special grants and scholarships from UC and other sources.
There are a surprising number of EAP programs taught in English which don’t have any foreign language requirement. There are also many programs designed around foreign language acquisition (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Swedish). Global majors may want to consider a study abroad program in:

**Asia:** China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam

**Europe:** Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Russia, Scotland, Sweden,

**Other:** Australia, Barbados, Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Israel, Morocco, New Zealand, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Turkey

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Although most students go abroad during their junior year, EAP offers programs for sophomores and seniors as well. A number of Global majors choose to study abroad on more than one program. EAP offers a variety of summer, semester and year-long programs. Regardless of when you plan to go, start the planning process NOW.

### What classes should I take?

Area I core classes must be done at UCSB. Most Global Studies majors will either focus on their foreign language or their geographic region (area III) requirements when abroad. It is not necessary to “match” EAP courses with UCSB courses. Upper-division courses which cover 20th century social issues (not philosophy, art, management, etc.) of a geographic region of the world may be used to fulfill area III requirements.

Keep in mind that students must complete at least 20 units of upper-division major coursework (or 12 upper-division minor units) in residence at UCSB, along with other residence requirements. Global majors can use up to 16 upper division units for the major from EAP. Five to six upper division classes (20 units) for the major must be done at UCSB. Consult an advisor in the College of Letters & Science for more information.

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

### How do I get started?

Consult the EAP web pages to see what programs best suit you. Navigate to host universities’ web sites on the available links.

Come by the EAP office, 2431 South Hall, to speak with staff advisors and peer advisors who have recently returned from studying abroad.

Make an appointment with the Global Studies undergraduate advisor and a Letters & Science advisor to discuss major, general education, residence and other requirements.

### Plan Ahead!

Applications are typically due as much as eight month prior to the program’s start date and some programs have academic or language prerequisites that must be satisfied in advance. Please check the EAP website for application deadlines: www.eap.ucsb.edu.

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**“Staying in the U.S. as a Global Studies major is not very global at all! I realized this every day as a student in Rome where I was able to witness globalization and Italy’s resistance to it first-hand. I appreciated not having a Starbucks on every corner.”**

Ramon Rodriguez
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