The Department of Linguistics strongly encourages students to study abroad through the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP). UCEAP allows linguistics majors to earn course credit while experiencing another language and culture. Whether your interest is in general linguistics, sociocultural linguistics, or the linguistics of a specific language or language family, living and studying abroad will help you develop mastery of another language (including some that are not offered at UCSB), acquire a deep understanding of another culture, and gain a new perspective on your own linguistic and cultural background. Your UCEAP experience will also prepare you for the challenges of graduate school or a linguistic-related career in a wide variety of fields.

Why study abroad?
The Department of Linguistics at UCSB wants its students to develop an appreciation for the diversity and complexity of the world’s languages and the resources that they represent for all of humanity. The department is committed to understanding linguistic diversity by learning how languages are used by speakers in everyday social interaction. There is no better way to truly grasp the intricacies of another language than to immerse yourself in it.

When should I study abroad?
Students can study abroad as early as their sophomore year or as late as their last semester, even in a fifth year.

Regardless of when you plan to study abroad, start planning NOW!

Where should I study abroad?
With a wide range of programs in over 40 different countries, you have many options. English language programs are not restricted to the obvious choices of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. You can also consider Hong Kong, South Africa, Ghana, Sweden, and many others.

Students who are proficient in a language other than English can find excellent academic programs taught in the host language in locations such as China, France, Germany, Spain and Japan. Additionally, UCEAP offers intensive Language and Culture programs, many of which have no requirement of previous language study.

UCSB linguistics majors have gone to programs all over the world—Europe, the Middle East, South America, the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia.

What classes should I take?
Depending on your course selection, you may fulfill major and/or GE requirements. The linguistics undergraduate advisor and the advisors in

UCEAP Singapore

Don’t miss out on a UCEAP experience!

Cost of Study Abroad
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.
the College of Letters and Science are available to help you select the courses that are right for your education and interests. Linguistics courses can be found at many UCEAP host universities, in both English and the host language. By searching Gaucho Credit Abroad and the UCEAP Course Catalog, you will get an idea of the types of linguistics courses UC students have taken around the world.

All UCEAP students automatically earn UC credit for the work they complete abroad. However, the application of credit to major requirements is subject to the discretion of the department and approval of the college. Save all syllabi, papers and other relevant course information to help you petition courses for specific requirements Plan ahead and consult with your advisors before leaving and while abroad.

Keep in mind that at least 20 units of upper-division major coursework (or 12 upper-division minor units) must be completed in residence at UCSB along with other residence requirements. Consult a Letters & Science College advisor for more information.

How do I get started?
- Stop by the UCSB EAP office at 2431 South Hall.
- Go the UCSB EAP website, Getting Started, eap.ucsb.edu.
- Consult the UCEAP website, eap.ucop.edu, for program details.
- Go see your department undergraduate advisor.

What happens when I return?
If you take courses abroad for which you wish to get credit towards your major, you should keep your syllabi, course materials, essays and exams to present to your department advisor on your return. You will automatically earn UC credit for all classes successfully completed on UCEAP, just not necessarily credit within the department.

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.

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