The Mathematics Department encourages its students to study abroad through the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP). In a world that is becoming increasingly globalized, exposure to other cultures can help students gain new perspectives and achieve a greater understanding of the world in which we live. College is an ideal time to take advantage of the opportunity to live abroad for a year, a semester, or a summer. In addition to developing your self-confidence, independence and perspectives, your international experience will benefit your career goals and/or graduate school opportunities.

Why study abroad?
UCEAP offers unparalleled opportunities to obtain the broader perspectives, knowledge, and skills necessary to be effective professionally in our rapidly changing global world. Possibilities are numerous to further your study of mathematics, as well as innumerable other subjects, in many countries around the world.

The benefits of studying and living abroad are tremendous. You can:

- Take advantage of unique academic coursework opportunities in mathematics
- Participate in a different educational system
- Improve critical thinking, cross-cultural and problem-solving skills
- Expand your world view
- Develop self-confidence and independence
- Prepare for a career in an internationally competitive world
- Enhance your resume for job or graduate school applications

Returning UCEAP students often describe their experience abroad as a life-changing and uniquely valuable one for future choices of professional and personal goals.

Where should I study abroad?
Mathematics courses are offered at a number of UCEAP host universities. For a summary of UCEAP programs for math and statistics majors, go to this UCEAP website.

What classes should I take?
UCEAP math courses in over 15 countries around the world pre-approved for major credit may be found HERE. This list contains upper and lower-division courses as well as the UCSB equivalents. This database may be sorted by country or by the specific math class you may be looking for. You still must petition the Math department for

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.
**Study Abroad in Math**

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!

“Studying abroad really opened the door to a variety of interesting math courses not offered at UCSB, as well as the chance to collaborate with international intellectuals. I felt like I had entered a new dimension with Algebraic Topology!”

Macie B.
UCSB mathematics major

**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 Finder
- UCEAP Course Catalog

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

Course approval when you return. Please note that you are not limited to these courses nor can you be sure that they will be offered when you are going abroad. More math courses taken by UC students from all the UC campuses may be found in the UCEAP Course Catalog.

Students wanting to fulfill upper-division major requirements should be aware that students at foreign universities begin their specialization in mathematics earlier than US students. Consequently, mathematics courses abroad are often taught at a more demanding level, especially in the upper-division. Please consult the department’s undergraduate advisor.

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 your department and approval of the college.

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

**When should I study abroad?**

Students interested in fulfilling major preparation or General Education requirements can participate as early as their sophomore year. Students wishing to fulfill upper-division major requirements should study abroad during their junior, senior or even as a 5th year.

**How do I get started?**

- Stop by the UCSB EAP office at 2431 South Hall.
- Go to the UCSB EAP website, [Getting Started](http://eap.ucsb.edu).
- Consult the UCEAP website, [https://uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/](http://https://uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/), for program details.
- Make an appointment with your department undergraduate advisor, ugrad@math.ucsb.edu.

**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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