**Study Abroad For Statistics, Actuarial Science and Financial Mathematics Majors**

The Statistics and Applied Probability and the Mathematics Departments encourage our students to study abroad through the Education Abroad Program. In a world which 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 summer, a semester, or a year. In addition to developing your self-confidence, independence and perspectives, your international experience will benefit your career goals and/or graduate school opportunities. There are some excellent EAP partner universities that offer coursework in actuarial studies, financial mathematics and statistics.

**Why study abroad?**

EAP 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 statistics, 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
- Participate in a different educational system
- Improve critical thinking skills
- Advance your cross-cultural and problem-solving skills
- Expand your world view by experiencing another culture firsthand
- Develop self-confidence and independence
- Prepare for a career in an internationally competitive world
- Enhance your resume for job or graduate school applications

**Where should I study abroad?**

EAP participants have the choice of over 30 countries in which to spend a year, a semester, or a summer. Students also have the option of studying in English or in a foreign language. Statistics and mathematics courses in English are offered at a number of EAP host universities, such as Australia, Canada, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

Particular EAP programs to consider for Statistics, Actuarial Science and Financial Mathematics students include the EAP immersion universities in the UK. All of these universities offer math and statistics coursework. Check the university’s web site and contact the relevant department for further information.

Many UK and Australian universities also offer courses in actuarial science and financial mathematics. In particular, you could consider:

- University of Kent, UK
- University of Manchester, UK
- Australian National University, Canberra
- Monash University, Melbourne

**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
When should I study abroad?
The particular quarter, semester, summer or year that you study abroad depends on your particular academic goals. Students interested in Language and Culture programs, or in fulfilling major preparation and general education requirements, can participate as early as their sophomore year.

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

What classes should I take?
All EAP 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 the approval of the college. Please plan ahead and consult with your department advisor.

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

How do I get started?
Begin by identifying your goals for study abroad and then consult the EAP web pages (eap.ucop.edu) to identify appropriate EAP programs. To find programs which offer particular disciplines or to search courses taken by EAP students over the last 5 years by subject, keyword and/or location, explore the resources found under Program Search and Course Catalog. Navigate to host universities’ web sites on the available links to learn more about the schools and their departments.

If you want to take classes in actuarial science or financial mathematics majors while abroad, it is a good idea to directly contact the department of the university you are considering to learn more about course content and availability.

Stop by the EAP office at 2431 South Hall. Peer advisors who have recently returned from studying abroad as well as staff advisors are eager to answer your questions.

Students should see the undergraduate advisors in the department offices and make an appointment with an advisor in the College of Letters and Science to discuss general education, residence and other requirements.

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.