The Department of Theater and Dance strongly encourages its theatre majors to acquire an understanding of theater in many different parts of the globe. Theatrical performance is proving to be one of the most effective means by which different cultures can communicate with each other. By studying abroad, we hope that students will gain a deeper understanding of a culture different from their own and a stronger sense of the ties that bind the world together.

**Why study abroad?**

The majority of the most exciting and experimental theater work is performed in one place only and does not travel. By studying abroad, students can travel to countries that have a vigorous theatrical culture. Practical theater work is central to the curricula of most of the major theater departments in different countries, so students can use performance opportunities to develop close personal and, perhaps, professional relationships with theater people in their chosen country of study.

Theater is an extraordinarily diverse discipline, which touches upon and often incorporates the arts of music, literature, painting, and many other artistic media. In choosing a university at which to study, students should also check the offerings of contingent departments as many of them might be offering courses of vital interest.

Students in the directing, playwriting, design, and BFA acting emphasis should consult with area faculty before deciding when to do their foreign study. Our department faculty have had an abundance of international experience to assist in making program decisions.

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

**Where should I study abroad?**

UCEAP offers a variety of short-term and year-long programs around the world. Consider what aspect of theatre and what theatre culture you wish to study. Fortunately many of the major theatrical cities around the world also have UCEAP partners with strong theater programs. Strong programs in dramatic arts, taught in the language specified, can be found at:

- **English**
  - Australia: New South Wales & Sydney
  - Ireland: Cork, Galway, & Trinity
  - England: King’s College, Bristol,

**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.

**Don’t miss out on a UCEAP experience!**
Another option for theater majors is to study for a semester or summer in a location where you can fulfill general education requirements or advance your study of a language.

**What classes should I take?**

By searching the UCEAP Course Catalog, you will get an idea of the types of dramatic arts 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.

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 to 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.

**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.