



# A Study Abroad Guide for First-Generation Students

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## Why Study Abroad?

Studying abroad during your college years provides you the opportunity to add an international perspective to your academics, gain volunteer, research, or internship experience, practice independence and self-reliance, travel the world, and make life-long friends. The UCSB Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), the ONDAS Student Center (OSC), and the Education Abroad Program (EAP) strongly encourage EOP and first-generation college students to study abroad.

Feel free to contact our offices for more information!



## Why UCEAP?

The University of California Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) is the official study abroad program at UCSB. In addition to guaranteed UC

units and the ability to use your financial

aid, UCEAP students are supported by a network

of people throughout the world. Your study abroad

experience will be guided by trained staff that are

there to support you as you prepare to study

abroad, when you arrive, throughout the program,

and upon your return.



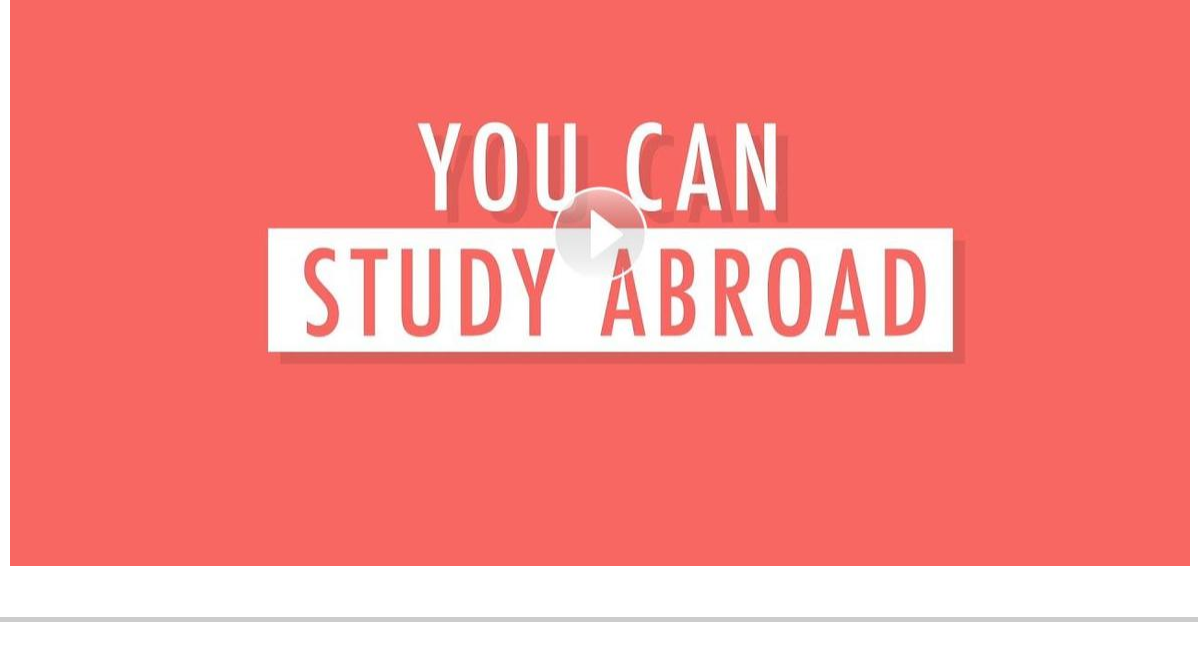
### WITH UCEAP, YOU CAN:

1 EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE

2 LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE

3 ADD AN INTERNSHIP TO YOUR RESUME

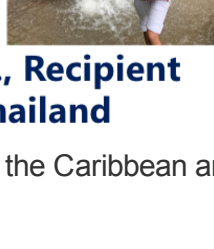
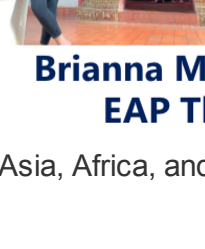
4 CONDUCT RESEARCH



## How do I afford study abroad?



**Benjamin A. Gilman**  
International Scholarship



**Brianna M., Recipient  
EAP Thailand**

The cost of studying abroad can be comparable to attending UCSB!

•Affordable options: Some programs cost less than attending UCSB

•Think non-traditional: Programs in Southeast Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean are often less expensive

•Program lengths: Year-long programs are less expensive per unit

•Financial Aid and Scholarships: exclusive UCEAP and UCSB EAP scholarships available

### EAP FINANCIAL AID CALCULATOR

Find out how your financial aid could change during your time abroad!

[finaid.ucsb.edu/education-abroad-program/calculator](https://finaid.ucsb.edu/education-abroad-program/calculator)

#### Dependent EAP Calculator

General EAP Checklist EAP Calculator EAP Contacts

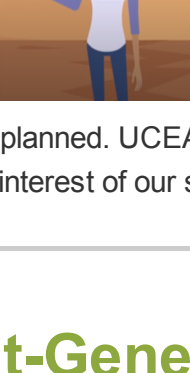
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EAP Program Length

Quarters Attending Abroad @

Residency Status

"I would much rather make exciting plans that may get changed instead of guaranteeing being shut out of studying abroad by not applying."



## COVID-19

Where could YOU be next year?

We understand concerns surrounding COVID-19 and what the future may hold. As of now, UCEAP programs through March 15, 2021 have been suspended, and programs starting after this date are

scheduled to proceed as planned. UCEAP is continually monitoring the pandemic and will take action based on the best interest of our students' health and safety.

## First-Generation Students & Concerns From Loved Ones

Studying abroad may seem like a challenging experience for first-generation students and their families/loved ones to plan for, and we are here to try to help ease some of those concerns. Here are some benefits to studying abroad that you can share with your loved ones along with testimonials from first-generation students and a first-generation students's mother (in Spanish).



Lola M., EAP Jordan

### Benefits of Studying Abroad

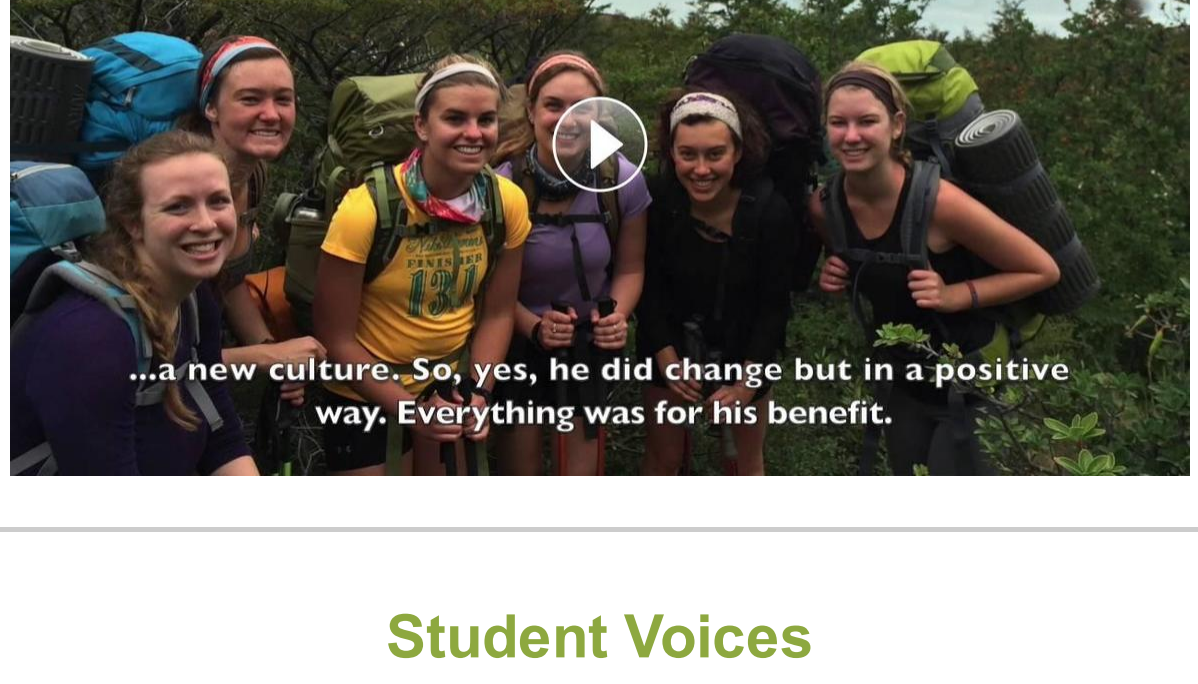
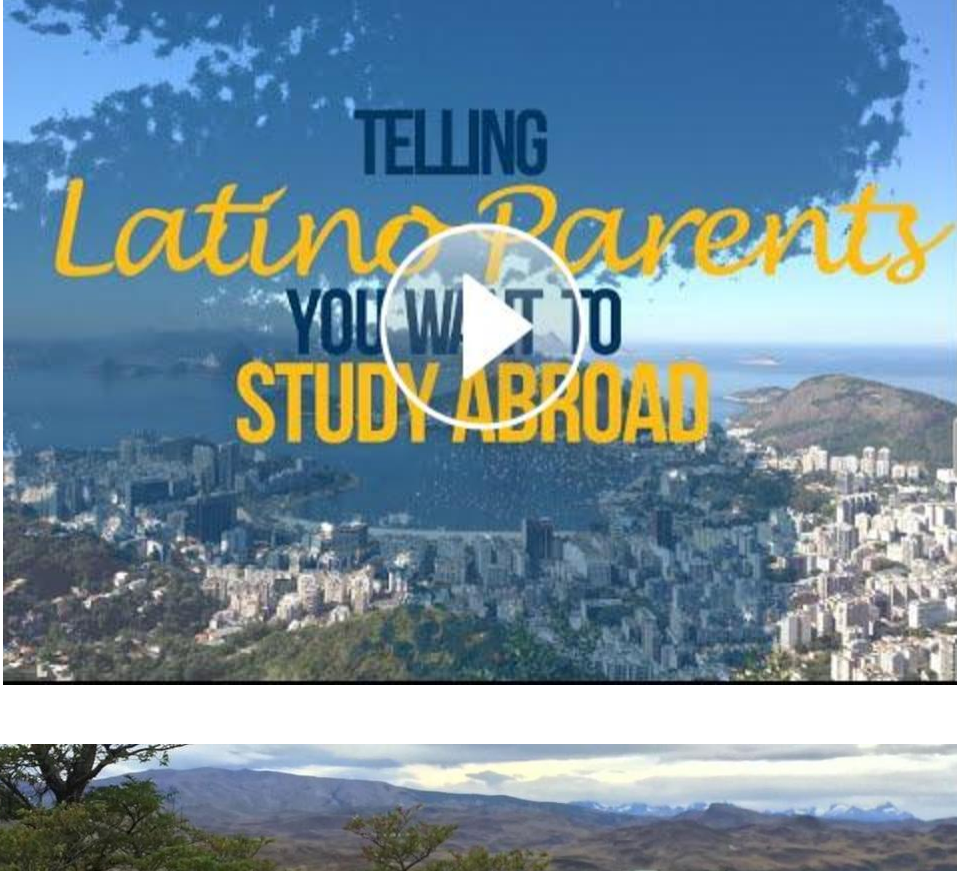
• Graduate on time with proper planning: Take unique major, minor, GE, or elective courses abroad that are not available at UCSB

• Résumé booster: Gain international and cross-cultural experience highly valued by employers today

•Volunteer/Intern: Participate in a program with a built-in internship or find your own internship and volunteer opportunities

• Conduct research or fieldwork: Gain hands-on, practical experience in a lab setting or out in the field

• Foreign language skills: Learn, improve upon, or become fluent in a foreign language

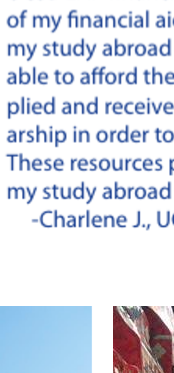


...a new culture. So, yes, he did change but in a positive way. Everything was for his benefit.

## Student Voices

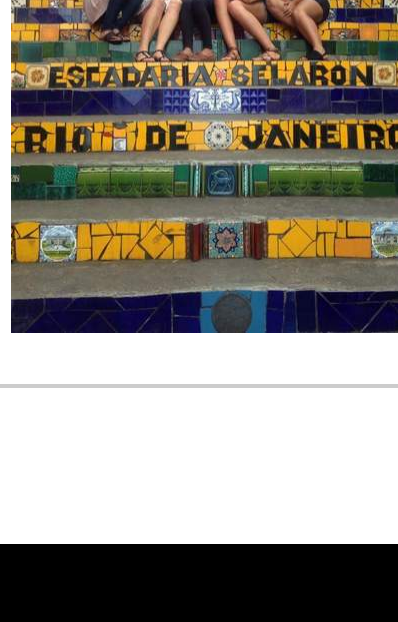
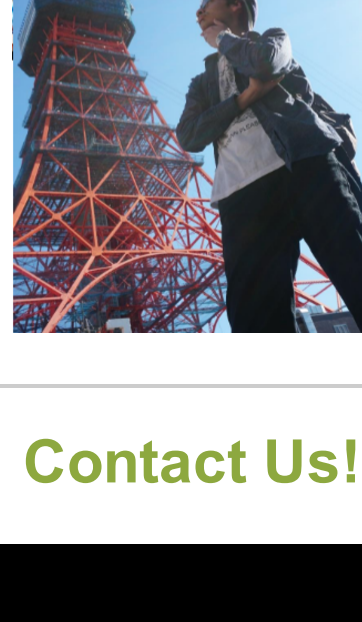
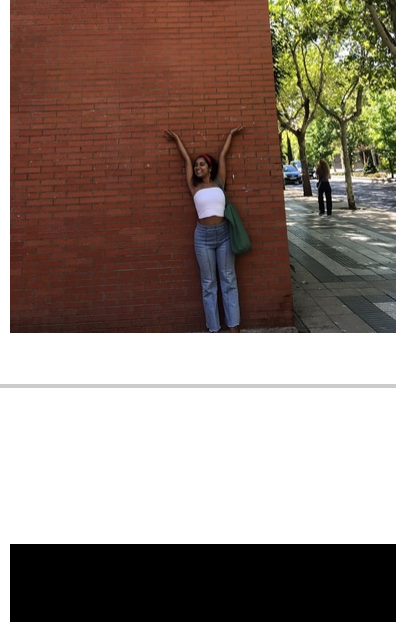
"Studying abroad not only gave me the experience of a lifetime, but it allowed me to fulfill some of my wildest dreams, especially as a first-generation college student. It showed me how to break out of my comfort zone, learning to survive and thrive in a new environment and culture. If I hadn't studied abroad, I wouldn't have the same perspective on the world today."

-Martin O., UCSB EOP / EAP Chile



"One of the main barriers for me was finances because as a low-income student, my entire UCSB schooling is being paid completely by financial aid, without parental support. However, after going to a UCSB EAP finance meeting and talking to all of my financial aid from UCSB would apply to my study abroad trip, thus allowing me to be able to afford the program. In addition, I applied and received a UCSB EAP Griffiths Scholarship in order to help pay for my necessities. These resources played a major role in making my study abroad dream become a reality."

-Charlene J., UCSB EOP / EAP Korea



## Contact Us!



### UCSB Education Abroad Program

Virtual Open Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30am-4:00pm, Friday 10:00am-2:00pm

[Zoom/phone](#) or email us at [eapucsb@eap.ucsb.edu](mailto:eapucsb@eap.ucsb.edu)



### Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

To schedule an appointment: <https://eop.sa.ucsb.edu/about-us/staff>

Email: [EOP@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:EOP@sa.ucsb.edu)

Phone: (805) 893-4758 (leave a message and wait for a call back)

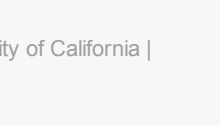


### Opening New Doors to Accelerating Success (ONDAS)

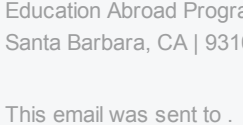
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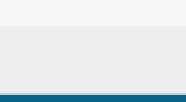
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