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

- Learn a new language and culture.
- Advance your cross-cultural and problem-solving skills.
- Gain new perspectives on American society, culture and influence.
- Take advantage of unique academic coursework opportunities.
- Improve critical thinking skills.
- Arrange an internship in a local corporate, governmental, public, or private organization.
- Expand your world view by experiencing another culture first-hand.
- Develop self-confidence and independence.
- Prepare for a career in an internationally competitive world.
- Enhance your resume for job or graduate school applications.

Returning EAP students often describe their experience abroad as a life-changing and uniquely valuable one for future choices of professional and personal goals. Regardless of the reasons for going, nearly all return with a new perspective not only on the social, cultural, and political context of a foreign country, but a new appreciation of the strengths and weaknesses of their own country as well. Some students find their lives or career choices transformed by their study abroad experience. Many find that adjusting to a foreign way of living and studying is a time of great personal growth that enhances their confidence and sense of self in ways that translate to many other pursuits. College is the time for exploration. Don’t miss out on an EAP experience!

Where should I study abroad?
As a transfer student, you may have already completed your General Education requirements. You should be beginning to focus on your intended major. EAP offers study abroad programs for every discipline through a wide range of program. Studying abroad is the best way to learn a new language and we offer language programs aimed at beginners all the way to fluent speakers. Even if you do not speak another language, you are not limited to English-speaking countries. Most EAP countries have at least one

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.
program option that doesn’t require prior language study. EAP has options with courses taught in English in over 25 countries, including many where English is not the first language of the host culture.

Studying abroad is the best way to learn a new language and a new culture. EAP offers over fifteen language and culture programs focused primarily on language acquisition. Some do not require prior language study while others have language prerequisites.

To decide where to go to study, identify your goals for your study abroad experience and then explore the various program options on the UCSB EAP website (eap.ucsb.edu). Using the Program Search function, you can look for programs appropriate to specific majors.

When should I study abroad?
Transfer students (with the exception of biology majors) can study abroad as early as the summer before your first academic year at UCSB or as late as your final quarter, effectively graduating while on EAP. Biology majors must first attend UCSB before applying for EAP.

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 or GE requirements is subject to the discretion of the department and your college. Plan ahead and consult with your advisors before leaving and while abroad.

Save all syllabi, papers and other relevant course information for courses you may want to petition for G.E. or major requirements.

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.

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