As a transfer student to UCSB, you still can spend a year, a semester or a summer studying abroad. UCSB is one of the few UCs that allows transfer students to apply to EAP before actually enrolling at the university. Transfer students who are admitted to UCSB (with the exception of Biology majors) may, subject to approval by their academic department and EAP country advisor, spend their very first summer or semester at UCSB living and studying in a place like Florence, Italy!

It is your responsibility to understand the UCSB residency requirements for students who participate on EAP. Please review the Academics section of our website for additional information regarding your college, GE and EAP unit requirements, as well as residency requirements.

Note: Although transfer students may apply to EAP before being admitted to UCSB, enrollment in EAP is subject to your successful admission to and enrollment at UCSB.

**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.
- 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.

**Returnee Reviews**

“As a transfer student, participating in EAP was one of the best academic and professional decisions I could have made. One month after my return from England — where I studied English literature and communications — I was able to find work as a journalist for a daily newspaper. My employer was impressed with my versatility and willingness to take on the challenges associated with living and studying in a foreign country.” - Transfer Student, Allan Hancock College

“Studying abroad opened my eyes to things I, ignorantly, thought I already knew and understood about other cultures and ways of life outside the United States. It not only influenced the present but opened doors that have changed my life forever. From showing artwork in Paris to working in a restoration studio, I now have the capability to accomplish what I could have only dreamed before.” - Rachael Ward, EAP France
Where should I study abroad?
As a transfer student, you should be focusing on your major requirements. EAP offers study abroad programs for every discipline through a wide range of programs. EAP has many options all around the world and for every major. Explore the UCEAP website (http://eap.ucop.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. If you plan to go on EAP prior to Fall start at UCSB, you must apply to UCSB Summer Session and inform your UCSB EAP country advisor. Biology majors must attend UCSB before applying for EAP.

What classes should I take?
All EAP students automatically earn UC credit towards graduation for the work they complete abroad. However, the application of credit to major or GE requirements is subject to the discretion of your department and your college.

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.

Getting Started
1. Identify your study abroad goals.
2. Research program options at eap.ucop.edu.
3. For major-specific advice, visit the Academics tab at eap.ucsb.edu.
4. Stop by the EAP office at 2431 South Hall to speak with knowledgeable advisors.
5. See your department undergraduate advisor for major requirements and degree audits.
6. Make an appointment with a Letters & Science advisor to discuss general ed and residency requirements.

How can I afford it?
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.

How do I calculate my GPA?
GPA requirements must be met at the time of application and maintained through departure. 
Transfer students attending UCSB with at least one completed quarter: You will use your UCSB GPA. Your transfer GPA will not be considered. If your UCSB GPA does not meet the requirement, please consult with your EAP advisor for guidance and other possible options.
Students currently enrolled in your first quarter at UCSB: Submit a UCSB transcript even though you may not have completed any coursework at this point. You may use your transfer GPA to meet the program requirements. HOWEVER, you MUST continue to meet the program requirements with the UCSB GPA you will receive at the end of your first term. Failure to meet the requirements with your UCSB GPA could result in your withdrawal from the EAP program.

Students applying to UCSB but NOT yet accepted: You may be eligible to apply. Contact your EAP advisor.

Studying Abroad During the Summer Prior to Fall Start?
Inquire with the UCSB EAP country advisor and then submit an application to UCSB Summer Session, summer.ucsb.edu.