STUDY ABROAD
with the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

START YOUR ADVENTURE
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Take Your University of California Education Worldwide

Set off on an adventure with the University of California Education Abroad Program. Trade your classroom for a world-famous art museum, robotics lab, ocean dive, or historic castle. With UCEAP, you can find the ideal program for your degree. Adapt to and embrace a new culture, language, and lifestyle. See the world, its people, and your future in a different way.

“Studying abroad is a unique concept—creating a life in another country from the bottom up and then leaving it all to return home is difficult and thrilling, stressful and enlightening, uncomfortable and interesting all at the same time. The lessons I learn, the people I meet, and the places I see will enrich my life forever and guide me as I finish my years at UC and venture into the real world.

AYUSHI PARMAR
UC SANTA CRUZ
Why Study Abroad?

You’re already enrolled at a selective top-tier university—why take your education abroad?

ENHANCE YOUR UC EXPERIENCE
Add a custom dimension to your education with professors, courses, and languages you can’t get at your UC campus. Build a portfolio that stands out in job and graduate school interviews.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF
Leave your comfort zone to do something so new and special you’ll talk about it forever. Adapt to a new culture, language, and lifestyle. Test the edges of your personal boundaries and become the most confident person you can be.

SURGE FORWARD
Become a change-maker with hands-on experience doing relevant and meaningful work before you graduate. Succeed in the classroom and workplace because you see life from many angles and can solve problems in new and unfamiliar situations—skills employers value.

CONNECT
Create close friendships with people who live all around the world, and discover the commonalities that link communities. Learn to embrace new and unfamiliar experiences and respectfully collaborate with people of different cultures. Develop a wide network as you spend time with students and professionals from the US and around the globe.

The fact that I studied abroad in Egypt and Korea opened the door that would eventually land me my first job in television news. Every job I ever get in news is the direct result of UCEAP.

JUSTIN HINTON
UC BERKELEY

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DISCOVER YOUR CALLING

Studying abroad opens doors to possibilities you never knew existed. Confirm the direction of your chosen field or shift to a new and unexpected path. Learn where your passions lie and achieve your dream career—whether in the US or abroad.

FIND YOURSELF

When you study abroad, you learn who you really are. Develop your resilience, self-esteem, and personal strengths and abilities. Trace your family’s roots and explore how your heritage has shaped you. Come face to face with yourself and discover what you believe, what your values are, and what you want out of life.

NEXT STEPS

• Talk to the experts on your campus—study abroad staff and peer, academic, and financial advisors—in one-on-one meetings, information sessions, and workshops.
• Go to a study abroad fair on your campus—you’ll find study abroad alumni, host university ambassadors, and UCEAP advisors to answer your questions.

One of the most valuable things I’ve been able to gain from this UCEAP program has been perspective. I no longer feel limited to living my life or getting a career within my hometown or college area, as I know how much opportunity there is all over the world.

KENNEDY PETERSON
UC BERKELEY
Make the World Your Classroom

Studying abroad goes far beyond lectures and labs. Expand what you know about yourself and the world. Everywhere you go, there’ll be new experiences—on campus, on social outings with new friends, or in the professional setting of research internships.

“...the skills I acquired while studying abroad prepared me to succeed in an increasingly globalized world. My experience challenged me to think in new ways, to understand perspectives that are different from my own, and to be more accepting of cultures I may or may not share things in common with.

KENDRA HOFFMAN
UC SANTA BARBARA

TAKE YOUR STUDIES TO MOUNTAIN RAIN FORESTS, high-end labs, remote villages, urban cities, and marine reefs of the world. Savor the food, art, and traditions of a new culture. Find your second home with a homestay family. Surround yourself with café culture in France. Soak in the ferocious passion for fútbol in South America.

GET TO KNOW THE WORK OF ARTIST MICHELANGELO, the original Renaissance man, by gazing up at the Sistine Chapel’s ceiling in Rome. Snorkel in coral reefs for an up-close look at marine life. Practice your language skills during film nights with native student speakers while helping them learn English.

COMPLETE RESEARCH PROJECTS on vaccines, pesticide alternatives, or child speech acquisition with internationally known professors. Fit a year’s worth of physics into one summer. Get immersed in international security with war game simulations. Work with industry leaders on the latest wind power and solar energy technology.
Get More with UCEAP

UCEAP is an international leader in study abroad. As a University of California program, UCEAP’s study abroad experiences offer the value, access, and quality you enjoy at your UC campus.

FIND THE RIGHT PROGRAM
UCEAP programs are designed for UC students and constantly evolve based on the needs of UC students.

EARN UC CREDIT
All courses taken abroad award UC credit and will appear on your UC transcript.

STAY ENROLLED
There are no breaks in your UC enrollment status and you don’t transfer to another university.

USE FINANCIAL AID
Your scholarships, grants, financial aid, and loans will apply to UCEAP programs.

STUDENTS AND PARENTS RECOMMEND UCEAP

Learning a language opens your mind to diversity. It allows you to connect with people from different backgrounds. Experiencing a new culture is a great opportunity, but doing so in the native language is what really expands one’s perspective on the world.

SARA SPRINGER
UC SANTA CRUZ

92% of students were very satisfied or satisfied with their overall UCEAP experience
88% of students were very satisfied or satisfied with UCEAP field trips
84% of students were very satisfied or satisfied with their UCEAP academic experience
97% of parents of UCEAP students would recommend study abroad
MEET DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
Graduate on time with credits you earn while at a world-class university abroad.

RELY ON UC-QUALITY GUIDANCE
Trained staff can help you understand your options, choose the program that’s right for you, adjust to the new country, and get familiar with the local language.

TRUST THE SUPPORT RESOURCES
Before going abroad, you’ll get the tools you need to make good decisions for your health and safety while traveling.

NEXT STEPS
Tap into resources for funding study abroad, credit for courses abroad, and more at uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu.
UCEAP Has a Program for You

Study abroad is your chance to work on your degree while living and studying in a new place. Whatever you’re looking for, UCEAP has a program for you—from tropical to urban landscapes, cozy family homestays to chic city flats, a year to a quarter abroad. With UCEAP, you choose the type of experience you want to have abroad.

I have dedicated all my time in research labs, volunteering at hospitals, and studying biology. While I enjoy the challenges and knowledge I’ve gained, I want to try a completely different challenge. Graduation is right around the corner and it is now or never to make the most of my college years.

CHELSEA ZENG
UC LOS ANGELES
As a first-generation daughter of immigrants, I have always been interested in my heritage. I want to take courses in my native language with students who look like me and share experiences similar to mine. Focusing on the culture, language, and people of another country allows you to discover the parallels between your life and the community where you study abroad.

My dream is to work for a startup in Germany. An internship in Berlin would give me the chance to test out whether that’s a real option for my future and give me the connections I need. Working abroad teaches you how to succeed in a multicultural, professional environment and expands your network beyond California. Participating in an internship program cultivates skills that aren’t taught in a classroom.

I want to push myself out of my comfort zone and see myself grow as a person. I want to find my own sense of independence. Taking on the life of a student in a new country makes you more globally conscious, independent, confident, and self-aware. Choosing an immersion program means leaving everything you know and challenging yourself to adapt to a new lifestyle, culture, and academic environment.

I want to become a women’s health nurse practitioner, so I can be an advocate and change health policies for the betterment of my future patients. Taking courses in your major while experiencing the life of a student outside the US adds an international dimension to your academic career and résumé.

I want to be a part of a smart design lab in Japan that’s developing intelligent robotic systems to help people with disabilities walk. Conducting research abroad lets you learn new methods and techniques. Getting involved with internationally known professors gives you invaluable insight into your own research.

Watching physicians struggle to communicate with Spanish-speaking patients has made learning to communicate in another language my first priority on a personal journey to improve patient care. Becoming fluent in another language forever changes the way you experience life, and there’s no better way to get there than studying abroad. Choosing a language program will give you the ability to read train schedules, watch news programs, and have conversations without a translation app.

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My expectations were thrown out the window the minute I started my internship abroad. Unlike the rigid structure of work in America, my job in Italy was creative, free-flowing, and collaborative. I greatly admired the owner’s commitment to reducing waste, and my favorite part of the internship—besides the free coffee—was that I had all the freedom I needed to work. I practiced rendering designs and applied creative judgment, but the most valuable skill I learned was to take ownership of my own growth. I learned that what I put into this experience is ultimately what I get out of it.

RENA LI
UC SANTA BARBARA

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Paying for Study Abroad

Whatever your background or college budget, UCEAP makes it possible to reach your goals.

“My parents initially didn’t think it was financially plausible for me to study abroad, but after doing research about scholarship opportunities and financial aid, I realized it was. Traveling abroad is an experience that may become much more financially difficult after I graduate because it won’t be through UCEAP. Now is my chance to go abroad and run with this opportunity that will have a deep impact on my life.”

GABRIEL PINE
UC LOS ANGELES

PLAN YOUR EXPENSES studying abroad with UCEAP’s all-inclusive budget estimates.
TAKE YOUR FINANCIAL AID and scholarships with you on your UCEAP program.
APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP that works with your study abroad program, major, or location.

CHOOSE A UCEAP PROGRAM that costs less than remaining at your UC campus for a year.
Some students fund their entire international experience, including additional travel, by applying for as many scholarships as possible. Countless scholarships are available to cover the cost of studying abroad. Every UC student can apply for a Promise Award of up to $2,000. You can, too!

NEXT STEPS
• Find information about funding and scholarships at uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-study-abroad
• Schedule an appointment with the study abroad coordinator at your campus financial aid office.
You Can Afford to Study Abroad

Study for a year in some countries and spend less than you would if you remained at your UC campus—here are the best value options.

- Save $10K in Thailand
- Save $7.5K in Japan
- Save $9.5K in Hong Kong
- Save $7K in Mexico
- Save $8.5K in Taiwan
- Save $6K in Singapore
Ready to Study Abroad with UCEAP?

Break down boundaries, challenge perspectives, and create long-lasting relationships when you study abroad.

Everyone told me study abroad is a life-changing experience, so I decided to go and see for myself.

JOY LEE
UC BERKELEY

Become inspired to explore and transform your life, UC, and the world. From funding study abroad, to health concerns, to diversity and inclusion, UCEAP offers you support from the time you start your journey to your return home.

Stay within UC, and get the advantages of a UCEAP program:
• UC-caliber academics
• UC credit
• Financial aid that follows you on your program
• Continuous enrollment at your UC campus

Have an unforgettable adventure, gain new insights, and set yourself apart—study abroad with UCEAP.

GET STARTED
Visit uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu
• Discover the possibilities within UCEAP study abroad programs.
• Research and compare options for types of programs, fields of study, GPA levels, and more.
• Apply for the experience of a lifetime.
Your Study Abroad Journey

A lot goes into planning a study abroad adventure. Generally, you can expect to board a plane about nine months after you apply. These are the steps, visits, forms, and actions to take.