HOW TO STUDY ABROAD

UC Santa Cruz

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Program Types

UCSC Faculty-Led Programs

UCSC Global Exchanges

UCSC Domestic Exchanges

UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP)

Other UC Study Abroad Programs

Non-UC Study Abroad Programs

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UCSC Faculty-Led

- UCSC programs offered during Summer Session
- Receive UCSC credit
- Study, travel, and experience the culture with Santa Cruz Faculty
- Learn in a small group setting (15-25 students)
- Use financial aid

Programs vary each year. Visit our website for a list of programs next summer!

studyabroad.ucsc.edu/programs/ucscfaculty-led
UCSC Global Exchange

- Study at a top university/college abroad
- Get UC credit
- Study, travel, and experience the culture independently
- Take courses with locals and other international students
- Use financial aid
- Programs available in varying regions of the world.

studyabroad.ucsc.edu/programs/ucsc-exchange
UCSC Domestic Exchange

- Study at another university/college without leaving the U.S.
- Get UC credit
- Experience another culture within the U.S.
- Use financial aid
- Programs available in other regions of the U.S.

studyabroad.ucsc.edu/programs/ucsc-domestic
UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP)

- UC systemwide programs for all UC students
- Get UC credit
- Nearly 200 unique programs in over 40 countries
- Study virtually any subject
- Use financial aid
- Program types include:
  - Internships
  - Research
  - Immersion
  - Field Experience
  - Language and Culture

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Other UC Study Abroad
studyabroad.ucsc.edu/programs/otherUC

- Enroll in a program offered by another UC
- Get UC credit
- Use Financial Aid

Non-UC Study Abroad
studyabroad.ucsc.edu/programs/nonUC

- Enroll in a program offered by a program provider or another university
- Get transfer credit
- Note: no financial aid available from UCSC

How, when, and where to apply to Other UC and Non UC programs varies widely. For more info, consult the Other UC or Non-UC program staff. UCSC Study Abroad can offer limited advising on these programs.
Choosing a Program

Define your goals and make a program wishlist/checklist

- Do you want:
  - ...major, minor, GE or elective credit?
  - ...to learn a new language?
  - ...internship experience?
  - ...to conduct research in your field?
  - ...to volunteer abroad?
  - ...to live in a big city or small town?
  - ...to be in nature?
  - ...to get out of your comfort zone?
  - ...to live in a culture familiar to your own or explore the culture of your heritage?
Explore Programs with Peer Advisors

PEER ADVISOR APPOINTMENTS: set up an appointment on SlugsAbroad
studyabroad.ucsc.edu/slugsabroad

Get help defining your goals, narrowing down programs, and creating a wishlist!
AFFORDING STUDY ABROAD

Understand the Cost of a Program

every program is different

The duration of the program, the program type, the program location, and the overall cost-of-living abroad will have an impact on the TOTAL program cost and your wallet.

A study abroad program may cost more, less, or about the same as studying at UCSC.

studyabroad.ucsc.edu/get-started/finances
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Get a Financial Aid Estimate

your aid is adjusted according to the program

If you receive Financial Aid, your aid goes with you on any UC program and is **redesigned to meet program costs**. You receive the same percentage of financial aid that you receive for attending UCSC.

You can request an estimate for your re-adjusted aid package. We’ll send a follow-up email with more information on how to do this after today’s session!

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Make Your Own Study Abroad Budget
determine if you will have any financial gaps

You can use our online budget template to determine how much money will you need, including the program fees and your own personal expenses. We'll include a quick link in today's follow-up email.

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Apply to Scholarships
Our students altogether get more than $140,000 annually!

Plan ahead! Deadlines are often 6-8 months in advance of departure.

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Highlighted Scholarship: The Gilman

TO APPLY YOU MUST BE A:

- Pell Grant Recipient
- U.S. Citizen

Up to $5,000 with the possibility of $3,000 more for Critical Need Language Award

25%-35% of UCSC students who apply receive this scholarship!
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Questions to get started:

- What **kind of credit** abroad do you want to fulfill (major, minor, GE, electives)?
- What must be completed for your college or major at UCSC (what can NOT be taken abroad)?
- When is the **best time** to go abroad for your major?

[studyabroad.ucsc.edu/get-started/academic-planning]
Academic Planning

Major or Minor Credit

With careful planning, it is possible to use coursework taken abroad to satisfy major or minor requirements.

On some programs, some courses offered abroad are pre-approved by some UCSC academic departments to count for major/minor credit. Ask your department if they have a list of pre-approved courses.

However, on most programs, you must petition your department to count courses from abroad for major/minor credit. Each department has its own process for approval before/after the program. Consult your department advisors for more info.

studyabroad.ucsc.edu/get-started/academic-planning
Academic Planning

GE Credit

With careful planning, it is possible to use coursework taken abroad to satisfy GE requirements.

A few courses are pre-approved for GE credit on some programs. In most cases, you need to submit a proposed program evaluation to the Office of Admissions to request GE satisfaction before you go abroad. More info on the Study Abroad website.

General Electives

You can study general electives unrelated to your major/minor and earn units toward your degree.

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Academic Planning

UCSC Faculty-Led Programs

The advantage of Faculty-Led programs are that they offer existing UCSC courses during Summer Session, so major/minor/GE satisfaction is already determined.

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Application Opening

During fall quarter, applications will open up for programs taking place the following summer, fall, and academic year.

During spring quarter, applications will open up for programs taking place the following winter, spring, and calendar year.

Check our website before fall quarter begins to see the exact date and time that applications will open up.
Application Closing

Applications close 4-8 months before departure.

Most programs are open capacity, so you just need to apply by the deadline.

Some programs, however, are limited capacity and fill-up on a first-come, first-serve basis. Be sure to apply early to limited capacity programs.

studyabroad.ucsc.edu/deadlines
Applying to Study Abroad

Narrow down your top program and apply. But before applying, you must make sure you're eligible first. You only need to meet the minimum criteria and submit a complete application in order to be selected for the program if it is a UCSC Faculty Led, UCSC Exchange, or UCEAP program.

Applications are processed on a rolling admissions basis. You can expect to receive a notification on your status within 3 weeks of submitting your application.
Application Fee

There is a $200 application fee once you apply on SlugsAbroad for UCSC and UCEAP programs.

This fee is charged to your UCSC account, and is due in 2 installments of $100 each about 1 month and 3 months after you apply.

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FAQS

How do I know when is the best time to study abroad?
Talk to your College and Major Advisors. They can help you decide when is the best time to go abroad in regard to graduating on time and completing requirements before and after the program.

How do I know if I’m eligible for a program?
Each program’s website states criteria. You must confirm that you meet the minimum criteria before you apply.

Do I need to know the language of the country I'm studying abroad in?
For most programs, there is no language requirement because courses are taught in English. For courses not taught in English, there will be a language pre-requisite.
IDENTITY ABROAD AND AWAY

UCSC Study Abroad is committed to providing opportunities abroad and domestically for students of all identities. We encourage you to engage with our Identity Abroad and Away resources to explore tools for success, because virtually every student will experience and explore their identity in new, unprecedented ways while abroad.

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Get Started!

**STEP 1: create a Study Abroad profile in SlugsAbroad**
Required before you can apply to programs or make an appointment with an advisor

**STEP 2: Explore Programs**
Meet with a Peer Advisor if you need assistance narrowing down options

**STEP 3: Confirm Your Eligibility and Apply!**
Make sure you meet the program criteria before you submit your application
Email Us
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Peer Advisor Appointments
Sign up for an appointment in SlugsAbroad

Advisor Appointments
Email global@ucsc.edu or call 831-459-2858