HOW TO STUDY ABROAD
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
UCSC
FACULTY LED

- UCSC programs offered during Summer Session
- Receive UCSC credit
- Study, travel, and experience the culture with Santa Cruz Faculty and students
- 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.

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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

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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.
UC EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM (UCEAP)

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

- Programs offered by another UC
- Get UC credit
  ○ Use Financial Aid

NON-UC STUDY ABROAD

- Offered by a program provider or other university
- Get transfer credit
  ○ Note: no financial aid available from UCSC

Applying to Other UC and Non UC programs varies widely. For more info, consult Other UC or Non-UC program staff.
CHOOSING A PROGRAM

Define your goals and make a program wishlist/checklist:

Do I want:
- ...major, minor, GE or elective credit?
- ...to learn a new language?
- ...internship experience?
- ...to conduct research in my field?
- ...to volunteer abroad?
- ...to live in a big city or small town?
- ...to get out of my comfort zone?
- ...to live in a familiar culture?
EXPLORE PROGRAMS WITH PEER ADVISORS

**Camile Cheng**
Has studied abroad for three consecutive summers in Paris, Hong Kong, and London.

**Megan Spitzer**
Has traveled to 15 countries and participated in the Australian Universities Spring 2019 program in Australia.

**Peer Advisor Appointments:**
Set up an appointment on SlugsAbroad

Get help defining your goals, narrowing down programs, and creating a wishlist.

studyabroad.ucsc.edu/slugsabroad
Is the UCEAP office located at UC Santa Cruz?
UCEAP is the UC-wide provider of programs to all UC students. They are located in Goleta, CA - not Santa Cruz. The UCSC Study Abroad office does not coordinate UCEAP programs, but we can advise you on general questions.

Can I participate on more than one program?
Yes, students can study abroad more than once as long as program dates do not conflict and there are no logistical complications. Talk to your Study Abroad Advisor.

Do I need to know a foreign language?
For most programs, there is no language requirement because courses are often taught in English. For non-English courses, there is a language pre-requisite.
TOTAL COST OF PARTICIPATION

Tuition + Housing + Meals + Transportation Abroad + International Airfare + Insurance + Course Books + Program Excursions/Activities + Travel Documents

Study Abroad programs have a budget for total cost of participation.

Personal Experiences

Independent travel, gifts, souvenirs, shopping, phone bill, haircare, and financial responsibilities at home (car insurance payments, rent, etc.) are not included.

Account for these costs when estimating total expenses abroad.
FINANCIAL AID ESTIMATE

You can get an estimate for your re-adjusted aid package, including before you apply to a study abroad program.

- Visit "Get a Financial Aid Estimate" in the Affording Study Abroad section of our website.
- Download the Estimate Request Form, fill it out, and then email it to finaid@ucsc.edu. A Financial Aid Advisor will get back to you with your estimate for study abroad.
MAKE YOUR STUDY ABROAD BUDGET

When planning for study abroad, you will need to create a budget to determine your costs and your resources.

You can use our online fillable budget template to determine how much money you will need, including the program fees and your own personal expenses.

Download the budget from the Make Your Study Abroad Budget page of the Affording Study Abroad section of our website.

studyabroad.ucsc.edu/get-started/affording/budget.html

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Visit **Explore Scholarships** in the Affording Study Abroad section of our website for a list of scholarships. Find the ones you are eligible for, see the application deadlines, and plan a few weeks to prepare for the application.

While academic merit is important, your **scholarship essay** is paramount.

Download our Guide to Writing a Stellar Scholarship Essay from our website and ask for essay feedback from UCSC Study Abroad before submitting.
THE GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP

To Apply You Must Be

- Pell Grant Recipient
- U.S. Citizen

Details

- 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
SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

FUND FOR EDUCATION ABROAD

Applicant References

- Preference is given to underrepresented students in study abroad programs, including minorities, science and technology majors, and those choosing to study in non-traditional countries.

Details

- Awards up to $10,000 each!

www.fundforeducationabroad.org
Scholarships Are Not Guaranteed

While you may be excited by these great scholarship opportunities, they are competitive.

You should create a back-up plan for how to fund your experience abroad without scholarships, which might include taking out loans, work an extra job, or crowdfund for support.
Whether you do or do not receive financial aid or scholarships, you can take advantage of many different opportunities available to everyone to help you cover your anticipated study abroad costs.
TOOLS TO AFFORD STUDY ABROAD

Crowdfunding

You can raise funds online to help pay for your program costs. There are many platforms, find one that suits you. For example: hwww.fundmytravel.com.

STA Travel Book Now Pay Later

Allows students to book airfare by paying a deposit upfront and the remaining balance closer to departure. You can delay paying for the full cost of your flight until you receive your aid/scholarships first.
TOOLS TO
AFFORD STUDY ABROAD

Tips for Studying Abroad for Less

There are countless ways to make your money go further while living abroad. Reference our Living Abroad for Less guide to learn more about tips on how to save money and be a thrifty traveler.

The guide is located under Tools to Afford Study Abroad in the Affording Study Abroad section of our website.
Does Financial Aid only cover the cost of tuition?
No, Financial Aid looks at your total cost of participation when packaging for a program. That means they also look at the cost of your housing, meals, airfare, travel documents, course books, included program excursions, and transportation abroad.

What if I don’t receive enough financial aid to cover my study abroad costs?
Speak with your UCSC Financial Aid advisor to determine if there is any additional financial assistance that may be available to you. We also have some great tips and tools in the Affording Study Abroad section of our website.

studyabroad.ucsc.edu/get-started/faq/financial.html
ACADEMIC PLANNING

Academic planning is an important step for every student.

Consider

- What subjects to take abroad
- What subjects to take at UCSC for graduation

Questions to get started

- Do you want to fulfill major, minor, GE, electives credit?
- What must be completed at UCSC and can NOT be taken abroad?
- When is the best time to go abroad for your major?
Coursework can satisfy major or minor requirements.

Sometimes, courses abroad are pre-approved by UCSC academic departments. Ask your department if they have a list of pre-approved courses.

For most programs, you must petition your department to count courses from abroad for major/minor credit. Departments have their own process for approval.

Consult department advisors for more info.
Coursework can 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.

Coursework can satisfy general electives.

You can study general electives unrelated to your major/minor and earn units toward your degree.
The advantage of Faculty-Led programs are that they offer **existing UCSC courses during Summer Session**.

Major/minor/GE satisfaction is already determined.
**Will my courses, units, and grades from study abroad transfer back to UCSC?**
Yes, you will receive UC grades and units for all classes taken on a UC program. Grades are added to your UCSC transcript and factored into your cumulative GPA.

**How many units do I take while abroad?**
On UCEAP and UCSC Exchanges, you must take the equivalent of a full-time course load while abroad even if you are a graduating senior.

**Can I graduate at the end of my program?**
Yes, many students spend final term studying abroad. You can return for the graduation ceremony if program dates do not conflict with the ceremony.
APPLICATION OPENING

**Fall Quarter**

Applications open for programs taking place the following summer, fall, and academic year.

**Spring Quarter**

Applications open for programs taking place the following winter, spring, and calendar year.

Check the Study Abroad website before fall quarter begins to see the exact date and time that applications will open.
APPLYING DEADLINES

Applications close 4-8 months before departure.

Many 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. Apply early to limited capacity programs.

See the Deadlines webpage for a list of limited capacity programs.
APPLYING TO STUDY ABROAD

Narrow down your top programs and apply.

Before applying, make sure you're eligible. You only need to meet the minimum criteria and submit a complete application by the deadline if it is a UCSC Faculty Led, UCSC Exchange, or UCEAP program. Remember, if the program is Limited Capacity, it might fill up early.

Applications are processed on a rolling admissions basis. 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 two installments of $100, paid about 1 month and 3 months after you apply.
Where do I apply?
All applications for UCSC Faculty-Led, UCSC Exchange, and UCEAP are fully online.
- For Faculty-Led and Exchange, apply on SlugsAbroad.
- For UCEAP, apply both on the UCEAP website and on SlugsAbroad.

What documents do I need to submit with my application?
Each program website includes a checklist detailing what materials you need to submit. For many programs, you only need to submit the application itself without any supplemental documents.
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studyabroad.ucsc.edu/get-started/diversity

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