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“Study abroad is simply the most exciting and rewarding opportunity to learn about yourself, your culture and society and the world while experiencing the opportunity of a lifetime in pursuing your communication degree.”

Michael Stohl
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STUDY ABROAD FOR COMMUNICATION MAJORS

The Communication department encourages its students to broaden their educational experience through participation in UC's Education Abroad Program. Get credit for your upper division major while experiencing another culture. In addition to taking courses in interpersonal, organizational and media communication, opportunities exist to complete courses in journalism, public relations, broadcast and other areas of the field of communication not traditionally offered at UCSB. Because students receive UC credit for EAP courses, if you plan your program carefully you will be able to complete programs without delaying graduation.

Why study abroad?

There are many reasons to consider studying abroad. Study abroad provides communication students a unique opportunity to pursue their academic interests in a global environment. You will be able to gain perspective and critical thinking skills not available to you without the exploration of another culture or another educational system. You can learn or improve your skills in another language and not only broaden the range of subject matter available to you but also approach information and learning with the guidance of professors from another culture. You will gain opportunities to collaborate with students whose background and experience are decidedly different from your own and learn new perspectives. Students who study abroad develop self-confidence and a much greater sense of independence and return with fresh eyes on their own culture and the world.

In addition, students often find they have a competitive edge in the job market and are better prepared for careers with an international focus. They have an understanding of what it means to work in a multicultural, multinational corporation.

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.

Study exciting subjects like “Media Design and Production” in Germany, “Journalism Law” in Australia, or “Television, Audiences, Cultural Identity, and Politics” in South Africa.

Have the most memorable experience of your academic career, and get credit for it toward your communication degree.

When should I study abroad?

Communication students typically study abroad during their junior or senior years. Communication students should successfully complete the pre-major requirements and petition for admission to the full major before leaving on their EAP adventure, although they may apply in advance of completing these requirements. Students should carefully consult with the communication undergraduate advisor to ensure successful completion of major requirements. Students wishing to do full year programs in their senior year need to take special care to meet both major requirements and the University residency requirements.

Transfer students are eligible to participate as early as their first term at UCSB, although this is usually difficult for communication students.

For more information, visit the EAP web site and consult with the communication undergraduate advisor.

Where should I study abroad?

Communication students wishing to complete a substantial portion of

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Go Virtually Anywhere!

The UC Education Abroad Program provides students the opportunity to study in one of over 30 countries located on six different continents!

“Study abroad prompted me to learn more about international systems and global networks, not only pertaining to the media, but in politics and social movements as well. In one course, I wrote a research paper on search engine regulation in Asia. I’m so much more interested in international affairs now.”

Brianna Lee
Communication major



EAP Program Search and Course Catalog

To search courses taken by EAP students over the last 5 years by subject, keyword and/or location, or to identify appropriate EAP programs for particular disciplines, explore the resources found under Program Search and Course Catalog on the UCSB EAP website: eap.ucsb.edu

their upper-division communication major abroad have a wide-variety of opportunities available to them. The upper-division communication major is very flexible, without any specific required courses or sequences. You are allowed to complete many of your required upper-division units on an EAP program. There are applicable courses in approximately twenty-eight institutions and seventeen countries. You can do your study in English, or improve your language skills by choosing a program where the language of instruction is perhaps Spanish, French, Italian, German, or Japanese. There is no better, or more valuable method to gain an understanding of effective communication in a global society than through the study of communication in an institution, country, and culture foreign to your own.

What classes should I take?

EAP students automatically earn UC credit for the work they complete abroad. However, application of credit to major requirements is subject to the discretion of the department and college. You must petition to have these courses count towards the major. Discuss these options with the department and college advisors.

Communication students who wish to study abroad should first successfully complete the pre-major requirements and apply for admission to the full major. The Communication department allows a maximum of 20 units of EAP coursework to count towards major requirements. We encourage

participation and are actively reviewing EAP courses for upper-division communication credit. Many have already been approved. Please visit comm.ucsb.edu/undergraduate/eap/courses.php for a list of these courses. In addition, you will need to meet with the undergraduate advisor to review courses and programs that may be applicable to the communication major.

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 an advisor in the College of Letters & Science for more information.

How do I get started?

Begin by identifying your goals for study abroad and then consult the EAP web pages (eap.ucop.edu) to identify appropriate EAP programs. To find programs which offer particular disciplines or to search courses taken by EAP students over the last 5 years by subject, keyword and/or location, explore the resources found under Program Search and Course Catalog. Navigate to host universities’ web sites on the available links to learn more about the schools and their departments.

Stop by the EAP office at 2431 South Hall. Peer advisors who have recently returned from studying abroad as well as staff advisors are eager to answer your questions.

Go see your undergraduate advisor in the department office and make an appointment to speak with an advisor in the College of Letters & Science.

Plan Ahead!

Applications are due as much as eight months prior to a program’s start date and some programs have academic or language prerequisites that must be satisfied in advance. Please check the EAP web site for application deadlines: eap.ucsb.edu

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