



Study Abroad Tips:

HOW TO CHOOSE A PROGRAM

Determine what is most important for you about going abroad. What are your reasons for going abroad? What do you want to get out of your experience?



DECIDING FACTORS AND OTHER DETAILS TO CONSIDER

Eligibility

Location

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Courses

Housing

City Style

University Campus

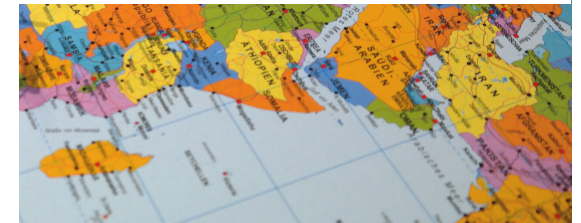
Type of Experience



ELIGIBILITY

Some programs require:

- a minimum GPA
- knowledge of a different language (if some courses are offered in a language other than English)
- Class standing: JR or SR



LOCATION

Are you drawn to a specific country, region, or city? Are you interested in a particular culture or learning a new language? Narrow down a few countries or cities that you think you'd enjoy the most being in for an extended period of time.



UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Each university is unique and may offer opportunities and resources that others do not. For example, do you like smaller class sizes or enjoy large programs? Consider if you'd like to ...

- Take courses with local students or only UC students
- Experience joining clubs or organizations on campus
- Conduct research
- Take part in an internship



HOUSING

Apartment:

For those who want to be more independent; # of roommates & accommodation varies

Dormitory:

Opportunity for close interaction with other university/program students

Home-stay:

A great way to immerse yourself in another language and interact with local residents daily

Other:

- Some programs/universities provide options to choose from, and will accommodate you once you arrive in the city
- Dormitory/home-stay may be covered in the cost of tuition while apartments may not

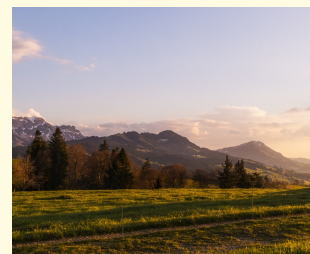


CITY STYLE

Would you prefer a large, metropolitan global hub or a small college town? Do you prefer a city with a good public transportation system? How far would your campus or housing be from main attractions or resources? Is the place friendly to your dietary needs?



Consider: weather/climate, population size, city popularity, activities/events/holidays, etc.



FINANCIAL AID



SCHOLARSHIPS

- **UCEAP:**

- ★ <https://uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-study-abroad/scholarships>

- **UCI:**

- ★ <http://www.ofas.uci.edu/content/scholarships.aspx>

- **Benjamin A. Gilman:**

- ★ <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>
 - Eligible if you receive Pell Grants

- **GoFundMe/Crowdfunding**

UCEAP SCHOLARSHIPS	
UCEAP PROMISE AWARDS - UP TO \$2,000	
JASMINE JAHANSHAHI SCHOLARSHIPS - UP TO \$2,000	
DUTTENHAVER SCHOLARS PROGRAM - UP TO \$2,000	
PAUL DUTTENHAVER EXTENSION SCHOLARS PROGRAM - UP TO \$2,500	
STA START THE ADVENTURE SCHOLARSHIPS - UP TO \$1,000	
UCEAP GUARDIAN SCHOLARSHIPS - \$2,500	
UCEAP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS - \$2,000	
MEXICO INITIATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS - UP TO \$2,000	
ROSE FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,500	
CARLOS GARCÍA BARRÓN SCHOLARSHIP - \$5,000	
OLIVIA CHAN SHIPP SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,500	
THEDA SHAPIRO SCHOLARSHIP - UP TO \$2,000	

COURSES

What courses should you reserve to take abroad instead of at UCI? What courses do you need to set aside to fulfill before and/or after going abroad? Most students take upper division courses for their major/minor, but it isn't required.

Some students opt for taking electives or focus on learning a language. It is recommended that you petition potential courses once you've been accepted to your program and before you go abroad.

Useful Links:

- For a major-specific sample plan showing how you can study abroad your junior year and graduate in 4 years:

- ★ <https://www.undergrad.socsci.uci.edu/advising/resources>

- For a degree check sheet for your major:

- ★ <https://www.undergrad.socsci.uci.edu/academics>

If you're on financial aid, you might be able to use it abroad. UCEAP adjusts your financial aid budget to include program costs. In some cases, studying abroad can cost less than studying at UCI. This could be due to:

- The location--as the cost of living in a particular country is cheaper than in the US
- Through other financial aid such as scholarships (UCEAP/UCI/Other)
- UCEAP fees typically covers UC tuition, excursions, activities, and sometimes housing and meals

Cost of UCI

Half a year: \$16,650

Quarter: \$11,100

Year: \$33,300

Cost of UCEAP (Semester)

Hong Kong \$11 - 12,500

Mexico \$11 - 14,000

Thailand \$11,300

Singapore \$13,000

Sweden, Norway, Korea: \$14,000

France \$14 - 17,000

Italy \$15,500

New Zealand \$14 -15,500

Spain \$ 13 - 20,000

UK \$14 - 27,600



TYPE OF EXPERIENCE

<i>Immersion</i>	<i>Internships</i>
<i>International</i>	<i>Language</i>
<i>Research</i>	<i>Multi-Site</i>



- **Immersion:** Customized experience where you live the life of a foreign exchange student which means challenging yourself and stepping outside your comfort zone
 - Ex: Multiple universities (60+ offered) such as in Argentina, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ireland, Italy, Morocco
- **International:** Includes built-in activities like excursions and recommended courses to help you discover and connect with local culture
 - The short, custom list of classes makes choosing super simple and keeps your study schedule under control, so you have time to explore
 - Ex: Certain university programs in Germany, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Senegal, Spain, and UK

- **Language:** Garnered toward learning a foreign language or improving language fluency
 - May offer non-English courses and include excursions to practice outside the classroom
 - Ex: Arabic (Rabat, Amman), Chinese (Beijing, Taipei), French (Bordeaux, Paris), Italian (Florence), Japanese (Kyoto, Osaka, Tokyo), Russian (St. Petersburg), Spanish (Buenos Aires, Cordoba, Madrid)
- **Multi-Site:** Absorb the diversity of the food, art, people, and culture of multiple countries through prearranged courses, travel schedule, guest lecturers, and site-visits
 - Ex: Buenos Aires-Santiago, Barcelona-Florence-Syracuse, London-Paris, and Madrid-Rome

- **Research:** Conduct a research project and participate in unique research opportunities with experts in your field or pursue a topic independently under the guidance of a mentor
 - Work with professors and graduate students while living abroad
 - Ex: STEM Research at University of Tokyo or Osaka University
- **Internship:** Cultivate leadership and intercultural communication skills with professionals
 - Add real-world workplace skills to your résumé while living and working abroad
 - Ex: Summer programs in Berlin, Cape Town, Hong Kong, Singapore, Shanghai
 - Ex: Semester programs in Brussels, Edinburgh, Geneva, Paris

