

Getting Academic Credit and Financial Aid for Non-UC EAP Study Abroad Programs

Overseas study programs sponsored by institutions and/or organizations other than the University of California are of varying quality. In many cases, despite the issuance of a transcript, no transfer credit will be granted.

ACADEMIC TRANSFER CREDIT GUIDELINES:

1. The college or university you attend must be accredited (or recognized by the Ministry of Education in that country). For example, Universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, University of Paris/Sorbonne, University d'Aix-Marseille, University of Florence, University of Munich, Autonomous University of Guadalajara are acceptable. If you have questions concerning the institution you plan to attend overseas, email Barbara Cogan at cogan-b@sa.ucsb.edu or Dianna Stream at stream-d@sa.ucsb.edu in the Office of Admissions.
2. You must present an official transcript from the institution. In addition to having the institution you attend send an official transcript directly to UCSB, you may want to bring an additional official copy home with you. No credit will be awarded for coursework which appears on a transcript issued by a study abroad organization. Upon receipt of an official transcript, courses will be evaluated to determine UCSB transferability by the Office of Admissions.
3. The courses you take must not duplicate any coursework you have already completed at UCSB or any other collegiate institution. This includes language study in which the study abroad agency places the students into a course level equivalent to or lower than a course already completed at UCSB or another college.
4. The courses that you take must be academic in nature and substantially similar to ones offered in the University of California system. The following UC EAP website lists courses previously taken and accepted for credit by UCSB: www.eap.ucop.edu/coursefinder. This website can be used as a guide for examples of transferable courses.
5. You must receive a passing grade in the course(s). This will be determined by the Office of Admissions as grading systems vary from country to country. Certificates of attendance do not yield transfer credit.
6. Unit value for credit granted is based on the length of term and the number of contact hours, and will be determined by the Office of Admissions upon submission of the official transcript. You may not "negotiate" for credits, nor may you choose whether or not you wish to receive credit.
7. You should contact your major department undergraduate advisor, if you plan to use any of the courses you complete abroad to substitute for courses required for your major or minor.
8. Retain all notes, exams, essays, syllabi, and course descriptions. Sometimes, it is necessary to review these materials to determine course credit and upper division status.

STEPS TO TAKE BEFORE YOU LEAVE CAMPUS:

Financial Aid Considerations:

If the study abroad program occurs through a recognized foreign university or is sponsored by a U.S. educational institution, and if you will receive transfer credit, you may be eligible to receive financial aid. Contact the UCSB Office of Financial Aid at (805) 893-3409.

Re-Admission Procedures:

All UCSB students participating in a Non-UC sponsored program need to apply for re-admission to UCSB. You must contact the Office of the Registrar for re-admission information at REG-Readmission@sa.ucsb.UCSB.edu

Verification of Good Academic Standing & Record:

Most programs require verification that students are in good academic standing. This verification can be obtained through the Office of the Registrar (\$6.00 fee). Allow five working days. Also, a letter of recommendation indicating that you do not have any disciplinary action on your record may be requested. This may be obtained from the Office of Student Life.

Information Meetings:

An information meeting is held every Tuesday from 3 to 4 p.m. at UCSB Visitor's Center. These meetings provide general information and guidelines regarding non-UC Education Abroad Program.


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