

How to Get Started with EAP

Step 1

Determine what you want to academically accomplish while abroad

- Complete major, minor or GE courses? Or, do you have the flexibility to take elective courses?
- Focus on learning a language?
- Enroll in courses outside of your major? Intern or conduct research?

Review the [study abroad advising sheet](#) for your major.

Majors with EAP preapproved courses will also be listed at the bottom of this page.

Read the UCSB EAP [Academic Planning](#) page for helpful info.

Step 2

Use the UCEAP [Program Filter](#) to narrow down your options.

Filter by: Region/Country • Subject Area • Language of Instruction • Experience Type • Term • GPA • Class Level

You can only apply to 1 program per UCEAP term.

Step 3

Click on the programs that interest you. Carefully review the Program Details tabs on the left side bar:

1) Dates and Eligibility - program date ranges, GPA, and other eligibility requirements.

2) Academics

Courses and Credit

- How many courses and units are required?
- Are there course restrictions or strengths for certain subjects?
- Are certain subjects only taught in a foreign language?
- Is there a set curriculum for the program?

Catalogs and Resources

- Links to host university catalogs, historical databases and course descriptions.
- Click on every hyperlink in this section to learn what types of courses might be offered abroad.

Course Registration Timeline

- Information may be available in the program-specific Academics tab.
- Registration periods vary greatly and can occur prior to departure or after you've arrived.

3) Housing - view your housing options. Learn if housing abroad is self-arranged or program-arranged.

4) Cost

- Can you afford your program? Use the Customize Your Estimate tool to view your program estimate.
- Financial aid packages are adjusted to the cost of your program and include loans.
- Financial aid recipients should use the UCSB EAP Financial Aid Calculator found under the program cost to get an estimate for the programs they're considering.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Dates and Eligibility

Academics

Housing

Cost

Step 4

Review the important details on the other side of this sheet. Then, select your EAP program.

Apply for your chosen UCEAP program! Applications remain open until filled or until the [deadline](#).

Many [programs will fill before the deadline](#) so you are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as the application opens!

- Summer 2026 programs: Applications open November 13 @ 9am
- Fall/Year 2026-27 programs: Applications open November 20 @ 9am

Which Courses will be Offered Abroad Next Year?

Students MUST be flexible with their EAP courses. Specific courses are not guaranteed.

If you can't get the classes that you need, will this delay your progress towards graduating?

Most universities do not know which courses will be offered next year yet. Review the Academics tab mentioned in Step 3 to determine potential course offerings. Helpful resources to review include:

[Host University Course Catalog:](#)

View which courses are offered this term, last year and the year prior. If there's consistency with certain courses being offered each year, there's a chance that the same courses will be offered again next year.

[UCEAP Set Course List:](#)

Programs that have a curated course list will have the course details listed on the Academics tab.

[Historical Course Databases:](#)

See the courses taken by previous students. Courses listed are not guaranteed to be offered.

- [UCEAP Course Catalog:](#) Check here for course descriptions, course numbers, quarter units received, etc.
- [Gaucho Credit Abroad:](#) View types of credit (major/minor/GE) past students received for EAP courses.

[UCSB EAP Major Advising Sheets:](#)

Learn how you can integrate EAP into your major requirements. Check if there are pre-approved courses for your major.

Will I be Guaranteed Major, Minor or GE Credits for EAP Courses?

All EAP courses will automatically appear as electives on your UCSB transcript. You must submit a petition to the appropriate department if you would like these courses to count towards major, minor, or GE requirements. We recommend saving coursework, syllabi and tests to submit with your petition. Petition approval is at the department's discretion.

Some majors have a list of [Preapproved EAP Courses](#). If you take a course from this list, your petition will be approved.

Petitions can be submitted once your EAP grades have been posted to your transcript (approximately 90 days after your program ends).

Communicate with your academic advisors before, during, and after your program to determine whether your EAP courses may fulfill specific requirements. Utilize the EAP [Academic Planning Form](#) for this purpose.

Do I Need to Meet with my Academic Advisor(s)?

Yes! You must meet with your major advisor to get the [Academic Planning Form](#) (APF) signed.

You might need to meet with your college/minor advisor to get your APF signed, reference top of page 1 of the APF to see if this applies to you.

You must complete the APF before your meeting. View this [helpful tips video](#) and an [example of a completed form](#). APF links are also located at the bottom of the [Academic Planning](#) page. (eap.ucsb.edu/academics/academic-planning)

While exploring program options, review the EAP [Major Advising Sheet](#) and contact your academic advisor if:

- You have questions about which major courses you should take abroad.
- You've narrowed down your EAP courses and would like to ask if the courses could potentially count for the major.
- You're not sure if there's an optimal term/year for studying abroad in your major.
- You're unsure if studying abroad will delay your expected graduation date.

Only your Academic Advisors can determine if your EAP courses can fulfill degree requirements. Consult with your Major/Minor Advisor(s) for fulfilling major/minor courses, and your College Advisor for fulfilling GE courses.

UCSB EAP can show you how to find the courses abroad and which subjects might be offered on specific programs.