

## “Best Practices” Examples of Successful Collaboration

We would like to share with you some examples of Berkeley Study Abroad’s collaborations within the Berkeley campus community. Hopefully these will pique your interest in collaborating with our team, and if so, we always welcome you to contact us directly!

### **Grants for Academic Integration from UCEAP**

Awards of up to \$5,000 are available for up to ten different academic departments across the UC system. Funds may be used for any purpose in support of this effort and may include, but are not limited to: costs of meetings to review and consider study abroad programs and courses, costs of a student assistant to gather and prepare documentation for review, costs of preparation of materials for online and print distribution, and partial salary costs for faculty and/or staff. Criteria for review of applications will be based on: overall quality of proposed project, relevance to Academic Integration, projected impact of grant on undergraduate students, and the inclusion of all required items of the grant proposal. Annual call for proposals is in September. Contact Barbara Tassielli ([tass@berkeley.edu](mailto:tass@berkeley.edu)) Assistant Director of Advising at Berkeley Study Abroad for further detail.

In 2014-2015, the Department of Psychology used the grant funding to develop a web page on study abroad, including a section detailing courses pre-approved for major credit:  
<http://psychology.berkeley.edu/students/undergraduate-program/study-abroad-courses>

Also in 2014-2015, the International and Area Studies Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) major used grant funding to revise policy on allowing PACS seniors to fulfill capstone courses abroad.

Currently, work is in progress by grant recipients in the Departments of French and Molecular and Cell Biology.

### **Site Visits Abroad**

Familiarization visits (aka “site visits”) to locations abroad are one way for staff to learn about the programs in depth. In collaboration with systemwide UCEAP, Berkeley Study Abroad can invite campus staff members to participate. Here are some examples of locations and deliverables.

Highlight -- Denmark:

- A *UC Berkeley* Advisor who also served as International Education Liaison in the College of Natural Resources (CNR) joined UCEAP staff on a site visit to EAP in Denmark at University of Copenhagen. CNR received detailed information about the Science and Life Science Faculties at University of Copenhagen, the structure of bachelors and masters programs, courses and research opportunities. Upon return, she gave a “crash course” presentation to all the CNR advisors on study abroad for CNR students. She also identified a list of courses from UCEAP programs that have been previously approved for satisfaction of breadth requirements for CNR students.

Examples of UCEAP Site Visits over the past few years:

- *UC Berkeley* College of Letters & Science Advisor: Rome, Florence, Bologna, *Italy*
- *UCSD* Division of Biological Sciences, Tropical Biology & Conservation, Monteverde Research Station, *Costa Rica*
- *UCI*, Director of UG Student Services & Public Health, *UCSB* Dept. of Environmental Studies, Accra, *Ghana*
- *UC Berkeley* French Dept. Advisor: Paris, Bordeaux, Lyon, Reims, *France* & Geneva, *Switzerland*
- *UCSB* Biology Dept. Advisor, *UCD* Environmental Science & Policy Dept. Advisor & *UCM* School of Natural Sciences Advisor: Santiago & Villarica, *Chile*
- *UCLA* College of Letters & Science: Free University, Berlin, *Germany's* "International Week Workshop"
- *UCLA* Dept. of Engineering Advisor, UCEAP International Science & Engineering Summer Schools in Sussex UK-*England*, Glasgow, UK-*Scotland* & Dublin, *Ireland*
- *UCSB* Computer Science Advisor & *UCLA* East Asian Languages & Cultures Advisor, National Univ. of Taiwan, Taipei, *Taiwan*

## Spread the Word

Collaborate with us to spread the word about Berkeley Study Abroad programs. Below you'll find the range of collaborative outreach activities our office engages in and some examples of past collaborations to help spark your imagination.

### Types of Collaborative Outreach

- *Information Sessions/Meetings*: An event where BSA Staff and/or Peer Advisors collaborate with departments to present general and customized information about study abroad to your students. These events often include a student panel.
- *Tabling*: BSA Staff or Peer Advisors can bring study abroad handouts and answer questions at your next tabling event or resource fair.
- *Trainings*: Have a group of peer advisors in your department? BSA Peer Advisors can talk about how to apply for study abroad programs and what departmental peer advisors should know about study abroad as a Berkeley student.
- *Displays*: Berkeley Study Abroad can provide resources and assistance to create a study abroad display in your department's space.
- *Study Abroad 101 Presentations*: Berkeley Study Abroad has developed a general presentation that can be customized in length and content depending on your department's needs. This session is typically presented by a trained BSA Peer Advisor.
- *Classroom Presentation*: BSA Peer Advisors are available to give brief classroom announcements about study abroad programs and upcoming events. Berkeley Study Abroad may reach out to your departmental advisors and/or faculty for permission to make an announcement. We also welcome invitations from departments.

### Past Examples of Collaborative Outreach

#### Encouraging participation by historically underrepresented majors in study abroad

- *College of Engineering Information Meeting*  
Details: Dinner provided to students followed by a student panel, COE Advisor, and a BSA Advisor who gave presentations about study abroad opportunities for engineering students.
- *CalSO Session for College of Engineering*  
Details: Berkeley Study Abroad joined the Center for Access to Engineering Excellence and the Career Center in a presentation highlighting important services and opportunities for incoming COE Freshman.

#### Helping students navigate through multiple options in a popular destination

- *Study Abroad in France Meeting*  
Details: A French picnic buffet was provided to students while a student panel, the French Major Advisor, and the BSA France Advisor gave presentations about study abroad opportunities in France.

### Highlighting study abroad for students in your major

- *Department of Economics Bulletin Board*  
Details: The Department of Economics received a small grant from Berkeley Study Abroad to help fund a bulletin board, featuring a study abroad map and student photos.
- *Department of Economics Information Session*  
Details: The Department of Economics sponsored a Study Abroad in Economics information meeting during the noon hour which was presented by BSA Peers Advisors who are majoring in Economics. Programs that offer courses and opportunities in Economics were highlighted by our Peers.

### Encouraging study abroad by students in your college

- *College of Natural Resources Information Session*  
Details: BSA Peer Advisors who were also students in the College of Natural Resources did a presentation for CNR students where they talked about their experiences studying abroad.

### Peer-to-Peer Collaborations

- *Integrative Biology & Psychology Peer Advisor Trainings*  
Details: BSA Peer Advisors attended a departmental Peer Advisor training meeting for Integrative Biology and Psychology and shared resources and information regarding studying abroad.
- *Berkeley Peer Advising Network (BPAN)*  
Details: BSA Peer Advisors have been providing “Study Abroad 101” presentations to various peer groups through the Berkeley Peer Advising Network and beyond.

### Highlighting study abroad as a campus opportunity for all students

- *Biology Majors Fair*  
Details: BSA Peer Advisors had a table at the Biology Majors Fair, where we highlighted study abroad programs offering courses in the biosciences.
- *Equal Opportunity Program (EOP) Peer Advisor Training*  
Details: BSA Peer Advisors have presented at EOP Peer Advisor training meetings.

## Courses abroad

### Global Edge Program

Established in 2015 the Global Edge program serves as another successful academic integration effort designed to provide newly admitted Freshman students with the opportunity to study abroad while completing courses that fulfill various general and area breadth requirements. Additionally, participation in Global Edge fulfills the [International Studies breadth requirement](#).

Newly admitted Freshman in the College of Letters & Sciences & College of Natural Resources have the option to register for the Global Edge program. Students benefit from an early academic start at Cal as they complete courses during the summer on the Berkeley campus and spend their Fall semester abroad studying at the University of California Center.

Working in-collaboration with various academic departments including Political Science, Theater, Art History, Math, Philosophy, and College Writing, all courses are offered for UC Berkeley credit and will appear on the student’s transcript as Berkeley courses with letter grades. For example, students enrolled in Global Edge are able to satisfy their Reading and Composition (R&C) requirement as R&C parts A and B are required program courses. Students complete the R&C parts A and B, in sequential order by taking part A on-campus during the Summer and part B abroad during the fall.

### **Summer Abroad**

Berkeley Study Abroad's Summer Abroad program is a summer faculty-led study abroad program which gives UC Berkeley faculty the opportunity to develop and propose programs abroad. Faculty submit program proposals in the Fall through the support of their departments and BSA staff help support in the following areas:

- Program and budget development assistant
- Student application and course registration
- Operational and financial support
- Marketing and program outreach
- Pre-departure logistics
- Emergency support and more

Summer Abroad gives departments the opportunity to offer courses abroad that they would typically offer on campus. We offer various programs such as "The Politics of Development" in Santiago, Chile through Latin American Studies; "French Language, Culture, and History" in Paris, France through the French Department; "Architectural Summer Studio" in Guardamar del Segura, Spain through the Architecture department, etc.

Through this program, faculty are given the opportunity to teach abroad while having the support of Berkeley Study Abroad and students are able to fulfill major/minor or breadth requirements by taking Berkeley courses abroad.