

Overview

Berkeley Study Abroad Mission

Berkeley Study Abroad (BSA) supports the academic and public mission of the University of California to prepare our students to be productive and engaged citizens at home and abroad. We believe that knowledge, skills, and experiences gained through academic and cultural immersion offered by studying and living abroad enrich the intellectual preparation of our students and fundamentally enhance the relevance of a Berkeley education.

To advance this educational mission, BSA strives to inspire students to think creatively and globally: to challenge themselves intellectually and personally by venturing beyond their cultural and linguistic zones of comfort through study abroad. Towards these ends, we:

- Administer and provide structured advising for Berkeley Study Abroad programs
- Provide general resources and guidance for Berkeley students

Organizational Structure and Leadership

Berkeley Study Abroad is housed within the larger unit of Summer Sessions, Study Abroad & Lifelong Learning.

Summer Sessions, Study Abroad & Lifelong Learning (SSALL)		
Berkeley Study Abroad Study abroad advising and program development	Summer Sessions Summer course enrollment for the UC Berkeley campus	Osher Lifelong Learning Offers adults, age 50 and above, an opportunity to participate in courses, lectures, and events

Dean of SSALL: Richard Russo

Director of Berkeley Study Abroad: Darin Menlove

Associate Director, Study Abroad and PreCollegiate Programs: Tracy Weber

Assistant Director of Advising: Barbara Tassielli

Berkeley Study Abroad Offices

There are two offices designated for study abroad:

1. *160 Stephens Hall* – the central Berkeley Study Abroad office for study abroad advising that houses all of the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) advisors.
2. *1995 University Ave* – the Summer Sessions & Study Abroad office that houses all of the Summer Sessions, Berkeley Abroad, and Affiliate programs staff.

Berkeley Study Abroad Advising

Berkeley Study Abroad offers a range of advising services on a drop-in basis. Our types of advising are designed for the stage of planning a student is currently engaged with, the specific program they are applying to, or the types of questions they have.

Students consult the [BSA Advising Schedule](#) to determine the drop-in hours that correspond with their advising needs.

Peer Advising / Peer to Career Advising

Study abroad participants serving as Peer Advisers are available to answer questions about choosing, applying, and preparing for study abroad. Best for first time visitors, general and process oriented questions, and student to student perspective. Specially trained Peer to Career Advisers can also assist with choosing a program based on career goals, and incorporating study abroad into networking, resumes, cover letters, and job interviews.

General Advising

Staff members are available to answer study abroad questions on a world-wide basis. Best for general questions that cannot be addressed by a peer adviser, and general programmatic, academic planning, and financial questions.

UCEAP Advising

Staff members specializing in a country/program are available to answer UCEAP country/program specific questions. Students should review the list of UCEAP portfolio advisers on the advising schedule. If a student is unable to visit a specific UCEAP Adviser during their drop-in hours, they can send an email request for an appointment. Best for students who have questions related to a specific UCEAP country or program, in any stage of participation.

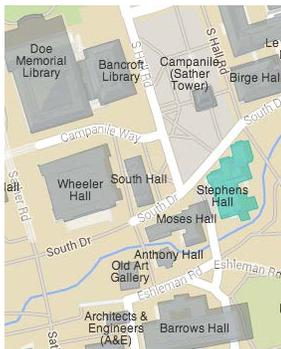
Berkeley Global Internships and Berkeley Summer Abroad Advising

Staff members specializing in Berkeley Global Internships and Berkeley Summer Abroad programs are available to answer specific questions. If a student is unable to visit an adviser during drop-in hours, they can send an email request for an appointment. Questions about Global Internships and Summer Abroad may also be addressed in peer and general advising.

Financial Aid Advising

Counselors from the Berkeley Financial Aid and Scholarships Office are available to answer financial-aid specific questions on a worldwide basis. Best for students who want an estimate of financial aid for a specific study abroad option. The student must bring the program's detailed budget and Cal ID for this service.

Advising Office Hours and Contact Information



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9-12, 1-5; Wednesday 1-5; Friday 9-12, 1-4
Hours subject to change during campus holidays and recess periods

See <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising> for the current open hours and advising schedule.

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Advising Staff and Portfolios

Advising portfolios are subject to change depending on new or cancelled programs each year, and student demand for programs. You can [“meet” our dedicated advising team](#) on our website, or the [BSA Advising Schedule](#) lists advisers by program and country (see page 1 for UCEAP, and page 2 for Berkeley, Affiliate, and Independent programs).

Berkeley Study Abroad Programs

There are various types of study abroad programs that are administered through BSA. The major ones include those listed below. Please visit studyabroad.berkeley.edu for detailed program information.

You can also compare Berkeley Summer Abroad, Berkeley Global Internships, UCEAP, other UC programs, Affiliate, and Independent programs in greater detail on our [Program Providers at a Glance](#) handout.

	UC Education Abroad Program	Berkeley Administered Programs	
		Summer Abroad	Global Internships
Description	University of California system program offering study, research, and internship options to UC students in over 45 countries.	Intensive UC Berkeley summer courses taught by Berkeley faculty abroad.	UC Berkeley academic internship program with placements in several international cities.
Duration	Summer, Semester, Year	Summer	Summer
Application Deadlines	Summer/Fall: Dec/Jan/Feb Spring: April	Mid-March	Late February
Best For:	-Studying with UC students -Widest program selection -Academic & cultural immersion -UC credit	-Studying with Berkeley students -Instructed by UC Berkeley faculty -Shorter options -UC Berkeley credit	-Studying with Berkeley students -Practical Internship experience -UC Berkeley credit

Additional Study Abroad Programs (Affiliate, UC Campus, and Independent)

Affiliate Programs

Summer exclusive programs offered by institutional partners of UC Berkeley. Examples include:

IARU Global Summer Programs	Allows students to study intensive, residential summer courses at one of ten of the world’s leading research universities. Partial scholarships available.
Ruhr Fellowship	A fully funded program where students take intensive German language and culture for one month and participate in a business, science or engineering internship during the second month in the Ruhr Area.

Tohoku University Summer Programs	Short-term summer programs at Tohoku University in Japan that combine in-class lectures with academic activities such as group work sessions, presentations, cultural activities, field trips, and facility tours. Scholarships are available.
University of Tokyo Innovation Summer Program	A two-week summer program of classes, workshops, and field research in Tokyo and the Tohoku regions of Japan. Scholarships are available.

UC Campus Programs

Other UC campuses offer summer faculty-led study abroad programs. Most of these programs offer 8 quarter units, and UC Berkeley students must enroll in a minimum of 9 quarter (6 semester) units to receive summer financial aid. Some programs allow UC Berkeley students to add an Independent study unit through the program, while others require a student enroll in an additional online summer course through that UC. UC credit is automatically transferable (going into the UC GPA) as long as there is no duplication of credit.

Independent Programs

There are hundreds of study, internship, volunteer, and teaching programs from non-UC institutions and providers. Currently UC Berkeley is an official partner of AIFS, CEA, CIEE, and IES Abroad, typically offering some financial benefit to students. However, students can choose any program that suits their academic, personal, and financial needs. In many cases these programs are in locations or offer study opportunities not available through BSA. Students may go on planned leave of absence while they participate in an independent program, allowing students to maintain student status while abroad (semester only, not needed for summer).

Course Credit (Berkeley, UC, and Transfer)

Depending on the program provider, a student can receive Berkeley, UC, or transfer credit for participation in study abroad.

All courses taken on Berkeley Summer Abroad and Berkeley Global Internships programs are accredited UC Berkeley courses. The course numbers, titles, units, and grades will post to the Berkeley transcript and are calculated into the cumulative UC GPA like an on-campus course. If approved by the department and/or college, the courses may fulfill major, minor, breadth, and general education requirements.

All UCEAP courses, units and grades will automatically transfer back to Berkeley and post to the transcript as UC credit. UCEAP grades are calculated into the cumulative UC GPA. UCEAP assigns a course subject, number and title to every enrolled course. These UCEAP course numbers do not correlate with any specific UC Berkeley course numbers. However, if approved by the department and/or college, the courses may fulfill major, minor, breadth, and general education requirements.

Students who choose to participate in affiliate and independent programs are not guaranteed credit, but if the program and courses are eligible, may receive transfer credit through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Approved courses can be applied towards breadth, major or minor requirements when applicable. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions no longer evaluates or pre-approves course credit for Independent programs. All credit is evaluated and posted after receipt of the student’s official transcript, as outlined in the BSA Independent Study Abroad Guide (new URL pending).

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid and Scholarships office can provide the same federal, state, and campus funds to eligible UC Berkeley students enrolled in university-approved study abroad programs. As of Summer 2017, Affiliate and Independent programs are not eligible for financial aid, but the programs may provide significant subsidies or scholarships to Berkeley students.

Students are encouraged to bring their detailed program budget and Cal ID card to the Financial Aid Counselors at 160 Stephens Hall to receive individualized advice on a financial aid package for their prospective study abroad program. They may come to [financial aid drop in hours](#), or email travelaid@berkeley.edu with questions.

Berkeley Study Abroad Scholarship

The *Berkeley Study Abroad Scholarship* is available to a broad range of students. Awards of \$1,500 for summer to \$3,000 for the academic year are made to qualified students—no application is necessary. Students who participate in multiple terms abroad are eligible for scholarships in every term.

To qualify, students must:

- Be a current Berkeley student eligible for financial aid
- Be a participant in a Berkeley Abroad or UCEAP summer, semester or year-long program
- Have an EFC of \$50,000 or less
- Have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the appropriate year
- Have remaining financial need after all other eligible gift aid and scholarships have been calculated towards your program's cost of attendance
- Have not already received a study abroad specific scholarship of \$1500 or more per semester, or \$3000 or more per academic year (does not apply to summer)

UCEAP students who receive the award must also commit to three hours of service to Berkeley Study Abroad after completion of their study abroad program. This service can be completed remotely.

Other scholarships

Study abroad scholarships are widely available through a number of sources. Our website includes comprehensive listings on the [Scholarships](#) and [Additional Funding](#) pages.

Campus Advising Roles and Responsibilities

Contrasting the roles/responsibilities for study abroad advising with other advising roles on campus, as reference we have the following definitions.

College Advisor

- College graduation requirements and breadth requirements
- How and when to declare a major
- Unit ceilings for graduation
- Late adds/drops of courses, unit ceiling waivers, appeal processes for study abroad issues

Departmental Undergraduate (Major) Advisor or Faculty Advisor in some colleges

- Course requirements for major/minor
- Declaration of major/minor
- Help with concentrations
- Course substitutions, course approvals; regarding study abroad: course substitutions for the major & minor, study abroad credit evaluation/transfer to the major & minor

Professional Study Abroad Advisor

- References study abroad program details and information, regarding both what is printed in brochures and on the web and beyond, to facilitate a student's application to a study abroad program.
- Compares program options in one country or in a series of countries in regards to the student's background and qualifications.
- Grants permission to apply if requirements are not met (i.e. overall GPA, language GPA, etc.)
- Helps to resolve personal or academic problems that prevent a student from qualifying for a program.
- Helps student navigate other campus entities: college or school, major department, registrar, financial aid, etc.
- Regarding returned Berkeley Study Abroad students: Gives advice on how to write a retroactive petition to appeal course/grading issues on programs.

Peer Study Abroad Advisor

- Refers students who have questions on how to receive credit for major, minor and breadth requirements for study abroad courses to appropriate advisors or campus entities.
- Talks about the pros and cons of different program designs.
- Gives advice about life in the host country, including social, academic, cross-cultural, and preparation tips.