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UCEAP Advising Notes

Objective of the Advising Notes Document

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student's *decision to apply* for an EAP program. The document is *not* a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the [UCEAP Program Guide](#) from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

Advisor Contact Information

For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising>

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Course work

Admission to a host university is contingent upon acceptance into a particular department (usually the applicant's major department) at that university. Study within a small range of departments (one or two) is the norm.

To research host university course descriptions, access

http://eap.ucop.edu/OurPrograms/ireland/Pages/immersion_ireland_universities.aspx?t=2

Under the "Courses and Credit" tab there are web links to specific host university course description pages.

Special note to **Dramatic Art** students: Performance courses are limited. Please review course descriptions to determine if performance course work available at those locations will suit your needs. Dramatic Art departments at most universities offer theater history and theory only.

Host University Placement

Application to the EAP Irish Universities Program is application to an exchange program rather than independent application to a particular host university. As an exchange program applicant, be aware that space for you at your first choice preference host university is not guaranteed. If placement at any institution other than your first choice preference host university is not acceptable to you, please consider opportunities outside of the EAP exchange. Such opportunities include direct application to that particular host university, and/or application to a study-abroad program provider instead, in order to achieve that goal.

Minimum cumulative GPA

The minimum cumulative GPA for Ireland programs is 3.0 except for Trinity College Dublin. All applicants for Trinity College Dublin are required to have a 3.3 cumulative GPA. If Trinity College Dublin is of interest to you, make sure you have the appropriate cumulative GPA at the time of application. For all other host universities: if your cumulative GPA is below 3.0 at the time of application, your application will not be accepted.

Housing

If Trinity College Dublin is of interest to you, please be advised that it is quite likely that you will need to find your own housing in Dublin, as university housing is not guaranteed to UCEAP students.

How to decide if a particular program is a good match for you

After reviewing the program descriptions and considering your options, you are welcome to contact recent program participants to hear about their experiences abroad. Please email the Ireland Adviser, Katie Weibel at weibel@berkeley.edu and ask for email addresses of students who have done the program in the recent past. Additionally, UCEAP provides a helpful grid that compares the academic offerings amongst the Irish Universities, that you may find helpful:

http://eap.ucop.edu/Documents/OurPrograms/Ireland/UniversityCollegeDublin/Academic%20Offerings%20of%20Irish%20Univs_modified_06132017.pdf