

Multi Site: Australia & Solomon Islands

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>

NEW! Pacific Island Environmental & Community Health

A new 11-week multisite program in Pacific Island Environmental & Community Health will be offered in Brisbane, Australia and Honiara, Solomon Islands starting spring 2017. Students will be spending 6 weeks at the University of Queensland before moving to the Solomon Islands. In Brisbane, students will be studying at the University of Queensland and in Honiara, students will be studying at Solomon Islands National University. During the five weeks' time in the Solomon Islands, students will be conducting field studies in additional locations outside of the capital.

In addition to time in Honiara, students on the program will be traveling to remote communities where there may not be many modern facilities students are used to.

Please keep in mind the additional cautions UCEAP states in the Eligibility tab of the program:

"As field activities are a major component of the program and are very physically demanding, participants must be physically fit, able to swim, and free of serious medical conditions that would require on-going medical supervision. There is little development of infrastructure in the Solomon Islands and access to many of the field sites is via hiking/climbing. Students must be prepared to participate in long-distance walks over extremely rough, remote terrain and bush land. Students must be prepared to swim and snorkel and will be using boats to gain access to field sites. Students must be willing to abide by the water safety regulations presented and enforced by the program supervisors. In addition, students must be flexible, open to the local culture, and tolerant of local religious practices."

The program will focus on areas of marine science, environmental studies, sustainability, community health and cultural studies. The prerequisite is to have at least one lower division class in statistics and one lower division class from the following: biology, ecology, environmental studies, or environmental science completed prior to departure.

Space Limitations

This program is an impacted option. For the spring 2018 program, Berkeley has been granted 5 spaces.

Students interested in this option are highly encouraged to speak with the adviser prior to applying. You may be able to obtain permission to apply to a back-up choice.

Because this program is impacted, applicants need to think very carefully whether this program is the right fit.

The selection criteria we will use for this program include:

- Student's coursework background and training in relevant areas
- Student's completion of at least one lower division class in statistics and one lower division class from the following: biology, ecology, environmental studies, or environmental science.
- Whether the courses abroad are relevant for major related requirements
- GPA
- Class Standing
- Statement of Purpose: priority will be given to students who successfully convey why the Environmental & Community Health program in particular is a good fit for them and how the program will benefit them academically, professionally, and/or personally.

Please check [UCEAP's Program Page](#) for the most up-to-date information.