

Multi Site: London & Paris

Global Cities Urban Realities

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>

Program

UC Berkeley students may only apply to the semester-length program. UC Berkeley students are not eligible for the quarter-length program. There are no exceptions.

You are applying to being the program in either London or Paris. Please take care to complete the appropriate application.

Although you are applying to begin the program in either London or Paris, applicants may be re-assigned due to numbers, housing imbalances, or internship placement opportunities. Do not purchase airline tickets until your assignment is confirmed, which will likely be in January 2017.

Calendar Issues

This EAP Multi Site London/Paris with Internship program begins in **late-March and ends in late-July**. Because of the relatively late start date, there are a few things to alert you to:

1. You will not be in class from the end of the fall term at UC Berkeley until your late-March UCEAP program start date. It is advised that you develop a plan for how you will spend those months/weeks, where you will live, and how you will sustain yourself financially.

2. Financial Aid students: The earliest your financial aid can be released from Berkeley to UCEAP is 10 days before the program begins in late March. If a financial aid refund is due to you after your financial aid has been applied to your UCEAP program fees, it is very possible that you may not receive your refund until 1-2 days before your program begins, perhaps even later. Please plan accordingly. This can especially present an issue for students who rely on financial aid to pay their SHIP bill. Your Spring SHIP bill will likely be due before your Spring financial aid pays out. Past students have used their savings, a credit card and/or borrowed from friends/family to pay their SHIP bill in the meantime. We recommend that you start planning now for how you will pay for your pre-departure expenses while you wait for your Spring 2018 financial aid to pay out. Financial Aid advising is available in 160 Stephens Hall. Please call us for availability.

Travel and Entry Clearance

You may not travel to or through the Republic of Ireland on your way to the United Kingdom. Do not book your flight on Aer Lingus, as it will make a stop in Dublin on its way to the U.K.

Non-US citizens, please contact the BSA Adviser before applying to this program due to special visa considerations.

If your internship will take place in London:

Both US citizens and non-US citizens MUST obtain the Tier 4 Student Visa before departure from the US. The visa application fee is approximately £400 (~\$600 USD) + postage. ***Students must be financially prepared to pay the visa application fee well before receiving their financial aid refund (if applicable).***

Due to UK Tier 4 visa processing times, travel after the UC term ends in December and before this EAP program begins in late-March is **not recommended**. Please discuss any potential pre-program travel plans with me. Additional instructions on travel and entry clearance will be provided in your [UCEAP Pre-Departure Checklist](#), which will be available this fall.

Non-US citizens applying to complete their internship in the UK are required to submit an English Language Certificate that is no more than 2 years old, showing a level of B2 or above to ACCENT in San Francisco ASAP. ETS tests (TOEFL) are not accepted. If you are unable to obtain the English Language Certificate, then you will not be able participate in the London Internship - this is a Visa regulation. Students in this situation are encouraged to apply for the London TO Paris direction. [Click here for more information.](#)

Pre-Departure Preparations

Just to head off any potential confusion in advance, there are three (3) main entities that you will be working with after selection through departure:

1. [UCEAP Pre-Departure Checklist](#), plus emails from UCEAP Systemwide Office in Goleta, California.
2. [Berkeley Campus Pre-Departure Checklist](#), plus emails from me (your UC Berkeley study abroad adviser) and studyabroad@berkeley.edu
3. ACCENT London or ACCENT Paris, depending on your internship location.