

United Kingdom

English Universities and Scottish Universities

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>

Changes to UCEAP UK Immersion Programs for 2016-17

Brunel University London has been added as a new partner university as part of the English Universities Program. Brunel will offer Fall, Spring, and Year options, and will have a minimum GPA of 2.85. Brunel is a public research university located in Uxbridge, West London (about 45-60 minutes to Central London), and is considered an up and coming university. Academic offerings at Brunel will include courses in the following:

- College of Engineering, Design and Physical Sciences: Computer Science; Design; Electronic & Computer Engineering; Mathematics; Mechanical, Aerospace & Civil Engineering
- College of Business, Arts and Social Sciences: Anthropology; Economics & Finance; English; Film & Television; Politics & History; Sociology and Communications; Theatre
- College of Health & Life Sciences: Psych; Sport, Health & Exercise Sciences

The Universities of East Anglia and Sussex will now offer Spring Semester options, in addition to Fall and Year options.

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 for universities in England, access http://eap.ucop.edu/OurPrograms/United_Kingdom_England/Pages/English_universities.aspx?t=2

For universities in Scotland, access

http://eap.ucop.edu/OurPrograms/United_Kingdom_Scotland/Pages/Scottish_universities.aspx?t=2

Under “Host Universities” there are web links to specific host university course description pages. These are found on the “Courses and Credit” tab specific to each university.

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.

Special notes on availability of host university course work

Math courses at most U.K. host universities are year-long courses only. University of East Anglia and University of Edinburgh are the exceptions – one-semester Math courses are available.

Almost all law courses at U.K. host universities are year-long courses only. If you are a semester student and you want to take law courses, you can do so at the University of Manchester, and on a case-by-case basis at the University of Kent.

University specific course information below:

Bristol:

Courses in the following departments, faculties, and schools are not open to international students. Applied Community and Health Studies, Clinical Science, Clinical Veterinary Science, Community-Based Medicine, Drama (Theater), Exercise, Nutrition and Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Graduate School of Education, Oral and Dental Science, 2nd-year psychology lab courses, and some sociology courses.

Courses in the following departments and faculties are only open to year-long students: Aerospace Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Engineering Management Group, Engineering Mathematics, Faculty of Engineering, Geographic Sciences, Law, Physics, and Mechanical Engineering. Spring-only students cannot take courses in the School of Economics, Finance, and Management.

Fall is open to Humanities and Social Science majors only, due to lack of early assessment for other majors.

Edinburgh:

Honors (3rd and 4th year) courses in the humanities and social sciences have limited space, particularly in the fields of English literature, history, politics, psychology, and sociology. If you are interested in these areas, be prepared to be flexible about course choices.

View the [UCEAP flyer](#) for the School of Art program option. Note: The prerequisites for this program are not exactly specified, but participants are entering the UK third year level, and background knowledge is required. Contact your campus advisor for further information.

Glasgow:

With a few exceptions in veterinary bioscience and the medical humanities course, architecture, medicine, and nursing courses are not open to visiting students.

Computer Science does no longer arrange alternative assessment for the fall semester.

Education courses are open to visiting students but if a placement is involved (e.g. as a classroom assistant) you will need a Tier 4 visa. Please note that application for courses that include placements are reviewed by the University of Glasgow on a case-by-case basis.

Imperial:

Imperial College London is open to Engineering and Computer Science students only, and offers a unique and outstanding selection in Material Science and Computer Science, as well as Chemical, Civil, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering.

Access to Year 1 courses depends on your study plan and is determined by the academic adviser at Imperial College. Do not plan on taking Year 1 courses only.

Aeronautical engineering and math courses are not open to international students. Math courses within the Engineering department are open to UCEAP students.

Leeds:

Level 1 and Level 2 studio art classes within the School of Fine Art are permitted, but Level 3 classes are not. However, the following Level 3 studio art courses are available in the School of Design: DESN 3440 and DESN 3441. The School of Design also offers a variety of classes at different levels in drawing, printmaking, fashion and textiles, and digital media.

Manchester:

Courses in dentistry, medicine, midwifery, and pharmacy are not open to international students.

Honors (3rd year) courses in the humanities and social sciences have limited space, particularly in the fields of architecture, drama, English literature, history, politics, psychology, and sociology. If you are interested in these areas, prepare to be flexible about course choices.

Fall-only students may not take courses in economics and physics because these departments do not offer early assessment.

Royal Holloway:

Courses in Drama & Theater, Media Arts, and English are in high demand and places can be limited. As an alternative, consider taking excellent film and literature courses in Comparative Literature & Culture.

Psychology is available to psychology majors and minors; however, courses are popular and demanding, and only 1st year psychology courses are available. As elsewhere in the U.K., psychology is in the Science faculty and some background in the sciences and math is required.

You can take courses in up to three different departments. Taking courses in four departments would create scheduling conflicts.

University College London:

Students who are not admitted to the Economics department and have a GPA below 3.5 can take only the Economics classes listed on the [Elective Course Portfolio](#).

Architecture courses are only year-long. Planning classes are offered in either semester.

Courses in the English Language and Literature department are not open to you. The department of European Languages, Culture and Society, however, offers related courses.

In general, it is imperative that you check when a course/field of study is available. Not all fields of study are offered every term. (In the [catalog](#), select a field of study and see information/availability on the right.)

Length of Program

Year-long options are available at English Universities and Scottish Universities:

England:

All host universities

Scotland:

All host universities

Academic and financial consequences will result if you withdraw from the Year program after one semester. If you are seeking a one-semester option, consider either the EAP Arts/Politics/Society & Space Fall Semester in London or the EAP UK locations which offer a one-semester option.

Fall semester options are available at English Universities and Scottish Universities:

<u>England:</u>	<u>Scotland:</u>
Bristol	Edinburgh
Brunel University London*	Glasgow
East Anglia	St. Andrews
Kent	
King's College London*	
Queen Mary London*	
Manchester	
Sussex	
Royal Holloway London*	
University College London*	

Spring semester options are available at English Universities and Scottish Universities:

<u>England:</u>	<u>Scotland:</u>
Bristol	Edinburgh
Brunel University London*	Glasgow
East Anglia	St. Andrews
Kent	
King's College London*	
Queen Mary London*	
Leeds	
Manchester	
Sussex	
Royal Holloway London*	
University College London*	

* **Space is limited on King's, Queen Mary, Royal Holloway, and UCL semester options. Priority will be given to year-long applicants.**

Minimum cumulative GPA

The minimum cumulative GPA at the time of application and maintained through the end of the last term prior to departure for the EAP UK Immersion programs is **3.00 for all universities except:**

Brunel:	2.85 cumulative GPA required
East Anglia:	2.85 cumulative GPA required
Edinburgh:	Students with a 2.85 cumulative GPA may apply to the College of Science and Engineering
Glasgow:	2.85 cumulative GPA required
Imperial:	Students with a GPA in the 2.85-2.99 range should submit a letter explaining the GPA and how the student plans to increase it to Imperial's preferred 3.0 GPA
Kent:	Students with a GPA in the 2.95-2.99 range should submit a letter explaining the GPA and how the student plans to increase it to Kent's preferred 3.0 GPA
King's College:	3.3 cumulative GPA required
Leeds:	Students with a 2.85 cumulative GPA may apply. English majors seeking placement in the Leeds English Department - 3.3 GPA within all courses you have taken at university-level in the English major

Manchester:	Students with a GPA in the 2.95-2.99 range should submit a letter explaining the GPA and how the student plans to increase it to Manchester's preferred 3.0 GPA
Royal Holloway:	3.3 cumulative GPA required for Drama and History
St. Andrews:	3.2 cumulative GPA required
Sussex:	2.85 cumulative GPA required
Univ. College London:	3.3 cumulative GPA is required for all subjects. Economics will not consider applications with GPA below 3.5.

If Bristol, Edinburgh, King's, Leeds, Queen Mary, St. Andrews, or University College London are of interest to you, make sure you have the appropriate cumulative GPA at the time of application.

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 UK Immersion adviser and ask for email addresses of students who have done the program in the recent past.

Host University Placement

Application to the EAP UK English/Scottish Universities (Immersion) Programs 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 of host university is not guaranteed. If placement at any institution other than your first choice preference of 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.

Placement Process and Timeline

Your application is forwarded to UCEAP from your campus EAP office, then further forwarded to the appropriate UCEAP Study Center in either London or Edinburgh, according to the host institution you have listed as your first choice. Study Center staff then very carefully read the applications. Staff note your academic strengths and needs; your wishes for placement location; special needs relating to access to specific services; etc. Although you have indicated your top choices of host institution, we cannot guarantee that your application will be sent to your first choice. However, the majority of the applications are sent to the first choice institution. There may be more student applications than spaces available at a specific institution, especially if the location is London. Some applications may be placed on a waitlist from which to draw as students withdraw from the program.

The institutions circulate the applications among the appropriate departments. Each department retains the autonomy to admit or not admit each student and may have questions that need to be answered before they make their decision. The host institution notifies the Study Center of which students have been admitted. In most cases, staff have done such a thorough job of matching applications to host institutions, that few applications are rejected. The rejections are usually due to lack of space in impacted programs, or noncompetitive GPA. Occasionally, an institution will reject an application because the student has not met the prerequisites for the courses he or she needs to take, or the courses, as they are taught, are not appropriate for the student's academic emphasis (such as art history vs. studio art or drama theory vs. performance).

Staff code the MyEAP database with host institution acceptances; you can see your own acceptance status in your MyEAP account. “Referred” means that host institution is looking at your application; “Placed” means that institution has accepted you. Acceptances can occur as early as March and as late as August, but the overwhelming majority occur by the end of May for Fall and Year students. Acceptances for Spring students usually begin in September. Since decisions can occur department-by-department, date of notification is extremely variable even within one host institution.

Considerations for LGBT Students

UCEAP categorizes the level of risk for LGBT students studying abroad in the UK as minimal.

The law prohibits discrimination and harassment based on sexual orientation, although individuals report sporadic incidents of homophobic violence. It encourages judges to impose a greater sentence in assault cases where the victim’s sexual orientation is a motive for the hostility, and many local police forces demonstrate an increasing awareness of the problem and train officers to identify and moderate these attacks.

In Scotland, racial, sexual, or other discriminatory motivation can be an “aggravating factor” in crimes. Scottish law also criminalizes behavior that is threatening, hateful, or otherwise offensive at a regulated soccer match and penalizes any threat of serious violence and threats to incite religious hatred through the mail or the Internet.

In March 2012, the UK government published [Challenge it, Report it, Stop it](#), a new strategy to combat hate crime through more effective prevention, reporting, and response.