

London School of Economics & Political Science

Summer School

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](#), as well as LSE's [Summer School](#) web site. 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 Information

LSE is a very large international summer school program of approximately 5,000 students; UCEAP-LSE is a very small sub-group of that total. Be aware that you will probably receive the same official messages as all the students applying to LSE independently. If you have questions about any email communication directly from LSE or are told something that appears confusing or seems to conflict with UCEAP policy, send an email to the [LSE Adviser at Berkeley Study Abroad](#).

Each LSE summer session is three weeks long and students participate in one 3.7 unit intensive course per session. Courses must be taken for a letter grade; Pass/No Pass is not an option. More information on courses, academic culture and expectations can be found in the [UCEAP Program Guide](#).

NOTE:

- The only UCEAP options at this time are Session 1 and Session 1+2.
- UCEAP students may NOT apply to Session 2 as a standalone session.
- **Session 3 is NOT a UCEAP option.**

Application Process

You will submit an online application to Berkeley Study Abroad, as well as an online application to the London School of Economics Summer School. Students must access the LSE Summer application link and instructions from the Berkeley Study Abroad application. Please take care to submit the appropriate application (Session 1 or Session 1+2) and follow the provided instructions carefully!

When filling out the LSE Summer application, you are essentially applying for admission to your course/s, so please choose your course/s carefully. LSE will get back to you within 10 business days of submitting your application to notify you of your admission. Berkeley Study Abroad will get back to you within 6 weeks of the *application deadline* to notify you of your selection. Therefore, it is likely that you will hear back from LSE Summer before you hear back from Berkeley Study Abroad.

Please see the [UCEAP Eligibility Tab](#) for complete eligibility information. If you do not meet the UCEAP GPA requirements for this UCEAP program, your application will not be accepted. Otherwise, this program is able to accommodate all qualified applicants who submit a complete and thoughtful application. Students are accepted into their requested LSE course on a first-come, first-served basis. Historically, courses typically start to fill up in March and beyond.

Financial Aid

To be eligible for summer aid, you must take at least 6 semester units. Therefore, if you apply to Session 1 alone, you will not qualify for financial aid. If you apply to Session 1+2 you will meet the minimum of 6 semester units.

THINGS TO REMEMBER AFTER YOU SUBMIT THE LSE HOST UNIVERSITY APPLICATION

1. **Do NOT pay tuition directly to LSE!** You should receive a selection notification directly from LSE two weeks after you submit the LSE host university application, including a demand for immediate payment of tuition fees. Although you will receive this generic email, LSE is aware that UCEAP students do not owe tuition at time of selection. As a UCEAP student, you have permission to ignore this tuition request email from LSE.
2. **When you receive an email from LSE about signing up for housing, you must sign up for LSE housing and pay for it in full.** The housing cost is a large, up-front payment that you will have to pay well before departure. There are no deposit or payment plan options. You must be prepared to pay the total payment soon after LSE selects you. Delay in paying for housing will not prevent you from registering for courses, but it may prevent you from getting the housing you want because the residence halls fill up quickly for the summer session. Housing costs should be anticipated to be at least \$2000 for Session 1 and around \$4000 for Session 1+2. **Financial aid students:** Your financial aid will not pay out in time for you to make this payment. Please plan accordingly. Advanced planning is key in making this work.

Travel & Entry Clearance/Visas

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.

U.S. Citizens: You will need to obtain an entry clearance called the Student Visitor Visa when you arrive in the U.K. from British immigration officers at the airport or at another port of entry. UCEAP will provide detailed information about this clearance. You need to show proper documentation of your student status and evidence of financial support for the coming term abroad.

Non- U.S. citizens: Check the [United Kingdom Visa and Immigration \(UKVI\) website](#) to determine the UK student visa process for your country of citizenship.