

United Kingdom – England

Sotheby's Fall

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>

Application

Sotheby's Institute of Art will make the final acceptance decision. UCEAP students are exempt from completing the Sotheby's Institute online application and do not pay the Sotheby's Institute application fee. In addition to the letter of recommendation, you should submit a resume or curriculum vitae (CV) to strengthen your application.

Curriculum

You take one of three tracks (combining courses from different tracks is not possible):

1. Art of Business
2. Art Museums, Galleries and Curating
3. Internship Program

You will take a full-time course of study, which is 16 semester UC units for this program.

Housing

You will live in private housing in London. You will be responsible for finding and arranging your own accommodation, although Sotheby's Institute will assist you by providing an extensive list of properties including flats and bed-sits (studios) throughout the city. Private housing is scarce in some locales and you may be in competition with other students for the available spaces. Therefore, you may want to consider traveling to England one to two weeks before the Official Start Date of the program (check UK visa regulations) to secure housing.

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.

All Sotheby's **Internship** students MUST obtain the Tier 4 Student Visa before departure from the US. The visa application fee is approximately £400 (~\$600 USD) + postage. ***All Internship students must be financially prepared to pay the Tier 4 visa application fee well before receiving their financial aid refund (if applicable).***

Due to lengthy Tier 4 visa processing times, travel after the UC term ends and before this EAP program begins is **strongly discouraged** for Internship students. Internship students should discuss any potential pre-program travel plans with the BSA Adviser. Additional instructions on travel and entry clearance will be provided in your UCEAP Pre-Departure Checklist, which will be available to you after you have been selected for the program.

Notes for Non-US Citizens: See this [UKVI tool](#) for non-US citizens to find out if there are any restrictions or additional requirements for your country of citizenship. Non-US citizens may be required by the host university or program provider to submit an English Language Certificate (no more than 2 years old, showing your English language level of B2 or above), before they will issue the CAS number needed for the Tier 4 Student Visa. The UKVI is no longer accepting ETS tests (TOEFL) as evidence of English language ability. You should take a test with an alternative provider from this [official list](#).