

UK - England

University of the Arts London

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 Option Eligibility

UAL is on the quarter system, therefore the UAL Fall only options are NOT open to Berkeley students. Participation in this program for Berkeley students will be limited due to the quarter structure of the UAL programs. Because the fall options at UAL will not provide Berkeley students with enough units, Berkeley students can only participate in the following UAL options through UCEAP:

- Camberwell College of Arts, Spring Semester
- London College of Communication, Year
- Wimbledon College of Arts, Spring Semester

Major Restrictions

UAL will only accept applicants with majors that closely match UAL's own majors and pre-requisites. Each of the UAL campuses will be open to the following majors:

- Camberwell: Fine Arts (Painting, Sculpture, Drawing, or Photography)
- Wimbledon: Costume Design, Theater Design, or Fine Arts (Painting, Sculpture, or Print and Time-Based Media)
- LCC: Literary Journalism, Media Communications, Media and Cultural Studies, or Game Design

Additional information for LCC: Majors suitable for this program are defined broadly and may include English Language, English Literature, Communication, Media Studies, History, Politics, International Relations, or Sociology. It is important that the applicant's personal statement demonstrates a strong academic/professional interest in journalism/media. This interest can be grounded in the major or minor, but it can also be enhanced by journalism experience outside formal education such as internships, project work, and work experience

Impacted Program

This program has a very limited number of spaces. In late February (for year applicants), or late June (for Spring applicants), you will be notified if you need to complete UAL's own online application. If you are not selected at that time you will be asked if you would like to submit documents to apply to another university in the UK. If you are interested in submitting an application for a 'back-up' option, please contact UAL Adviser Miracle Husband (miracle@berkeley.edu) before the application deadline.

Portfolio Required

In addition to submitting the standard application materials to the Berkeley Study Abroad Office, you will also need to submit a link to your portfolio.

2016-2017 Calendar Information

The information posted on the UAL Website does not reflect the appropriate dates for UCEAP students.

Year (3 quarters): September 26 - May 19

Spring Semester: February 8 - May 19

These dates do not yet include the official arrival date for the UCEAP orientation. Please do not make travel arrangements until the official calendar has been posted by UCEAP

Accommodation

Students are responsible for arranging their own housing. UAL accommodation is available to UCEAP students, but it is not guaranteed. Students should apply early for UAL housing. Additional information can be found here: <http://www.arts.ac.uk/study-at-ual/accommodation/>. In addition to UAL accommodation, UCEAP will provide students with information about external housing providers, or students can find their own accommodation.

Non-US Citizens

Non-US citizens may be required by the host university to submit an English Language Certificate (no more than 2 years old, showing your English language level of B2 or above). ETS tests such as the TOEFL are no longer accepted as evidence of English language ability. You should take a test with an alternative provider from this official list: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visaapproved-english-language-tests>.

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.