STUDY ABROAD

UCLA
UCLA IS COMMITTED to preparing students to be global leaders, and studying abroad is a powerful way to prepare for that leadership. Your perspective expands when you’re immersed in another culture and language, even if that language sounds similar to your own. Once you see the world through the eyes of people who might think and feel differently than you do, you can build relationships that impact the world.

WHY STUDY ABROAD WITH UCLA?

Those global leaders from UCLA become major players in the worldwide marketplace. Whether it’s Singapore, Paris, Rio de Janeiro or St. Petersburg, businesses rely increasingly on international economic opportunities, with corporate teams crossing continents. By studying and conducting research overseas, you grow more aware of opportunities abroad and your prospects in the global economy improve. A résumé with both UCLA and international experience stands out to employers everywhere, making you more marketable.
The UCLA study abroad programs feature strategic alliances with prestigious institutions abroad that are driven by common goals and research interests. This kind of global strategy ensures that students emerge in the job marketplace with the ability to examine business issues from every angle.

**International Education Office (IEO)**

This office is the one-stop shop for study abroad on the UCLA campus. Offerings include programs such as the University of California Education Abroad Program, UCLA travel study opportunities, non-UC programs and various student exchange agreements. Advisors can help you choose the best programs to meet your academic goals as well as funding options.
UCLA travel study opportunities
Whether you wish to study for two weeks or an entire year, you can find almost any kind of educational experience that meets your personal and academic goals.

University of California Education Abroad Program (UCEAP)

This office offers UC students the opportunity to study at almost 300 programs in more than 36 countries, such as China, India, Egypt and Russia. UCLA students can also exchange enrollment with students abroad at more than 100 institutions around the world.

Summer Sessions

Unique to UCLA, the summer sessions are taught by UCLA faculty both domestically and overseas. For those who would like to study abroad without interrupting the school year, summer sessions provide a convenient option with a shorter time commitment.

Short-term Study Abroad

Programs such as Silk Road to the Future and the UCLA Archaeology Field Program offer students the opportunity to travel overseas for brief yet life-changing cultural exchanges. These experiences may or may not offer credit toward a degree.
ACADEMIC CREDIT
Approved courses taken while studying abroad will transfer back to UCLA for credit toward your degree. Check with a travel study advisor to make sure that every course you plan to take abroad counts.

AFFORDABILITY
For many destinations, the total cost for travel study is typically no more than what you would pay while enrolled at UCLA. Your advisor in the Financial Aid Office can usually help you find scholarships and other resources in various departments and programs to cover your costs. An advisor in the IEO can also help you find funding and certify your application.

Students generally study abroad during their junior or senior year. Keep in mind, once you complete your degree requirements, you cannot apply for any further financial aid. Therefore, plan to complete any study abroad before finishing your course requirements.

STUDENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT
For both parent and student peace of mind, students are fully prepared for their time abroad with health and safety information about their destination, as well as cultural transition training. Travel and accident insurance is included in the program cost. Students are provided with the information needed to register with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in their host country.
“The UCLA–Peking University Joint Research Institute Summer Research Scholarship not only gave me the opportunity to perform research but also expanded my perspective of the world. Studying abroad in Beijing showed me the commonalities that bridge people from different backgrounds. I also established connections with overseas professors and graduate students, which spurred me on to apply to graduate school. Today, I’m a graduate student at Stanford collaborating with PKU professors. While I’m grateful for the abundant opportunities, the most treasured part of my experience abroad is still the relationships and memories made.”
“The political science Travel Study program was experiential learning at its finest. It opened doors of global possibilities that I have taken advantage of ever since. Immediately after graduating, I began working in the Office of Service-Learning at Lingnan University, Hong Kong. As a visiting service-learning tutor, I create cross-cultural platforms for local and non-local students to engage in internationally centered exchanges. In addition, I train and recruit faculty to adopt teaching methods that promote civic education and global citizenship. I especially love my job because I collaborate with stakeholders not only in Hong Kong but also in the Asia Pacific region. I believe my experience in Hong Kong will continue to be fruitful and lead to far more exciting opportunities in the future.”