Q&A: Education Abroad

Are there specific majors that can’t study abroad?

All majors can study abroad.

What does UCEAP mean?

University of California Education Abroad Program.

Who can I talk to/email if I want to plan my courses and 4yr plan? I really want to include study abroad, but I want to know how I incorporate it into my schedule

Start with your academic advisor. Study abroad advisors can help you identify how to find courses.

How do major classes work in study abroad? Is an entire series like physics completed abroad?

In the summer we offer a 1 year Physics track.

When studying abroad, do you travel with a group or by yourself? Are all the classes online based?

You travel on your own but may be with other UC students or on your own for a program.

Does UCR offer summer internships abroad?

Yes there are some.

Is my UCR academic advisor specific to my major?

Yes. You will meet with your academic advisor during Highlander Orientation this summer.

If we study abroad, do we have to know the language? like if I go to Italy, should I know Italian?

It will depend on the program. Many programs are taught in English and will not have a language requirement. But it depends on the program.

When is it an appropriate time to go study abroad?

It will depend on your study plan. You want to work this out with your academic advisor.

Because the study abroad program is so small in percentage is it likely that you will be the only UCR student in your international country of choice?

It is possible depending on the location.

How many different countries are offered in the FLEAP program?

It changes every year.

Depending on what the faculty offer. It will vary every summer.

Does everyone who applies for study abroad get to do it?
No. However we do our best to stir students to programs that they are eligible for so we can accept all students.

When abroad are there opportunities to connect with other UCEAP students from different UC campuses?

Yes definitely!

Where do students stay? (ie. host families, hostels, etc.)

Host families, dorms, hotels, apartments. It depends on the program.

Are specific majors only offered at certain study abroad locations?

It depends on the program. Some are major-specific and others are more broad.

Do units earned in UCEAP and FLEAP affect GPA?

Yes because it is UC coursework.

Can undocumented students without a visa apply?

Currently undocumented student cannot go abroad. However we do have domestic program options.

Where can you find scholarships for the different programs?

ea.ucr.edu

What are the additional costs to studying abroad than studying at the UCR campus? (ie. flights)

It depends on the program, but housing, airfare, and other pre-departure costs and program/admin costs.

How exactly does financial aid work?

Financial aid applies as it normally would here at UCR. Depending on the program, your program costs might be more or less than your fin aid pkg.

What domestic locations are available?

I have about 15 states you can go to.

How long do you go abroad?

From one week to a year. Up to you!

Can anyone do the domestic program?

Yes.

So FLEAP is only during the summer?

Yes.
Do you need to apply for the scholarships? and are they directed towards a specific program?

No you do not need to apply for scholarships; however, they are HIGHLY recommended. We encourage you to always start saving and applying for scholarships. Some may be program-specific. Please check out our webpage ea.ucr.edu

About how many professors lead FLEAP programs each summer?

It changes every year based on faculty interest & availability.

When can we begin studying abroad?

The summer after your freshman year.

Can you study abroad during the school year?

Yes. Summer through spring.

Is there a limit on how many times students can go study abroad?

No.

Are the classes online or in a classroom for studying abroad?

It depends but it may be a mix. Just like at UCR.

Will we still be on track for credits if we study abroad?

Yes you can remain on track. You meet with your academic advisor as part of the application process to see how the course fit into your degree.

If I have relatives I can stay with in the country where I study abroad, would that be ok?

It depends on the program, but we have had students able to stay with friends/relatives.

Can you get a part time job while studying abroad?

It might be possible, but students would have to seek out these opportunities on their own.

Is the course load the same for a student if they were to study abroad rather than at the UCR campus?

It will depend on the program.

If I have veteran dependent tuition waiver does that apply to study abroad?

It would only be applied to the UCR tuition/costs, not the abroad-related fees.

Is it mandatory to live in the housing the program provides? Or students can find the housing themselves?

It depends on the program, the housing options.

Does studying abroad mean we would be absent from UCR for a whole year, or can I go for a couple of months?
Students can go as little as one week to a year. It's up to you and your academic plan.

**Do people have to be in the same kind of major to go study abroad at the same place?**

no. Some programs may have a variety of majors participating.

**How do I know who my financial aid advisor is?**

You should be able to see who this is in your R'Web. or just contact directly the fin aid office

**Do you choose your classes before you go where you study abroad?**

Yes, but like at UCR, always have a backup plan in case your first choices are not available.

yes and no. you plan on what you want to take and may sign up for course once on site.

**Can you apply as a freshman to study abroad during your junior year?**

No you would apply during your sophomore year

**Where can I find information about the different study abroad programs?**

https://ucr-horizons.symplicity.com

**When you apply to study abroad, do you only apply to one program or is it open to all?**

You can only apply to one program per term.

**Is it easy to back out of a program you’ve been accepted to if you change your mind?**

Yes.

**Can we stay in the same dorm/hotel as someone else who is also studying abroad?**

It might be possible. It depends.

**Are there classes offered for theater students?**

There are classes for any major.

**Do you have to go abroad as your major or can you go to learn something new? For example a business major going to learn about art**

Yes you can do both or something major specific

**Where are study abroad classes held?**

It depends on the program.

**We could even go study abroad as a sophomore?**

Yes

**How will I know if the FLEAP or UCEAP program I am looking at will fulfill the credits I need to graduate?**
You must consult with your UCR academic advisor after researching the courses abroad.

I saw a Teaching English study abroad program available last year— but if I’m a bio major, will I still be able to go?

Yes, it depends on your academic plan. Work with your academic advisor to see when would be the best term for you to go abroad.

Can you study abroad more than once?

Yes.