Canada
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 a UCEAP 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. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

Adviser Contact Information
For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit our website.

Spring Semester/Year Program Ending Date: The Canada spring and year programs end in April. Grades are usually available by the end of spring semester at Berkeley. Seniors can go on the Year or Spring Semester programs and return to Berkeley for graduation ceremonies at the end of the spring semester.

McGill University
The 3.0 GPA requirement is firm at time of application, no exceptions. There is a limit to the number of Berkeley students who can study at McGill each year so apply early and talk with the Canada Adviser about a back-up option if needed.

Located within the predominantly Francophone province of Quebec, studies at McGill University are a particularly excellent choice for students pursuing French language and culture, both within classroom settings and outside the classroom. Both French and English are widely spoken throughout the city. UCEAP students can access a full range of departments and majors, from anthropology to business, including French and many other fields of study.

University of British Columbia
The University of British Columbia is the second-largest university in Canada with an enrollment of over 32,000. It has over 100 departments and offers courses in a wide-range of subject areas. Some areas of study in both undergraduate and graduate fields are off-limits because of limited enrollment for Canadian students and some have only limited course availability. Find more in the Academic Section of the UCEAP website.

Bamfield Marine Research Station: The Bamfield fall semester in marine biology program is a rigorous program for serious students who have graduate school in marine biology in mind. The Bamfield Marine Research Station is located on the remote west coast of Vancouver Island. The Bamfield option requires a commitment to a full semester of 5 courses. You will be enrolled at the Univ. of British Columbia while on the program but will not have any contact with the UBC campus for orientation or instruction: everything happens at Bamfield on Vancouver Island, and you live at Bamfield the entire semester.
The Killam Fellowship for Undergraduates funds a Canada Fulbright exchange for U.S. students who want to study abroad for a year or a semester in Canada.

The Killam Fellowships Program provides an opportunity for exceptional undergraduate students from universities in the United States to spend either one semester or a full academic year as an exchange student in Canada. The program provides a cash award of $10,000 ($5,000 per semester) as well as an allowance of $500 to offset health insurance costs. In addition, all Fellows are eligible to apply for a mobility (travel) grant in an amount not to exceed $800.

You must be a U.S. Citizen with a U.S. passport, have junior standing by departure for your study abroad program, have a good GPA and possess certain ambassadorial qualities. Students need to identify 4 Canadian universities they wish to apply for and rank-order them. Your first choice should be either McGill University or University of British Columbia on UCEAP. Send a copy of the Killam Scholarship to the Canada Adviser. On your UCEAP program, you will be expected to engage in research or an internship and community service. Students must participate in an Orientation in fall and a Field Trip to Washington in spring. Semester only students must attend both the fall Orientation and the spring trip to Washington.

Summer Global Internship, Toronto
This is a new program to UCEAP and is run by CIEE, a partner institution. It is very similar to the UC Berkeley Global Internships, Toronto program.