French Polynesia
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 websites. 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.

Applications 2019-20
Berkeley Study Abroad uses a portal called myapp.berkeley.edu (often referred to as “Slate”) UCEAP applications. The portal opened in October for 2019-20 UCEAP applications. Students applying to spring 2020 will be able to start an application to see specific requirements relevant to your program of interest but will not be able to submit until March 4, 2019. The link below will provide detailed information about preparing for submitting a UCEAP application.
http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/uceap-how-apply

RESOURCES

Advisor Contact Information
For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising

Readings & Recommended Coursework
The more informed you are about the history and current affairs of French Polynesia and Oceania in general, the more fulfilling your study abroad experience will likely be. Coursework in Oceania, Pacific Islands studies, Environmental Sciences, ESPM and Development Studies by the time of departure is strongly recommended in addition to the required coursework. Such classes will allow you to become familiar with the context in which issues are discussed, and will help you to understand the unique relationships that Pacific Island nations have with the rest of the world.

Please see the some suggested resources below:
https://cgph.globalhealth.berkeley.edu/category/research/oceaniaresearch/

PROGRAM
New! ISLAND SUSTAINABILITY - SPRING
Updated 3/19/19- This program is a brand new UCEAP option, set to be offered for the first time in spring 2020. Please visit the UCEAP Island Sustainability: French Polynesia program page for the most up to date information.
http://eap.ucop.edu/OurPrograms/french_polynesia/Pages/island_sustainability.aspx
Similar offering through UC Berkeley
Students may be aware of a similar option offered through UC Berkeley’s Integrative Biology and ESPM departments in the fall semester. Please note that while the programs occur in the same location and students use the same facilities, these two options are offered during different terms and have different application process, coursework, logistical details and etc. Please be careful about the program you decide to pursue and follow the appropriate procedures for applications, etc.UC Berkeley program (Fall):
http://www.moorea-ucb.org/

Space Limitations
This program is an impacted option. Berkeley was granted only 3 spaces for qualifying students.

Students interested in this option are highly encouraged to speak with the adviser prior to applying and are encouraged to speak with relevant adviser(s) to obtain permission to apply to a back-up choice that is not impacted.

Because this program is impacted, applicants need to think very carefully whether this program is the right fit.

The selection criteria we will use for this program include:

- Student’s coursework background and training in relevant areas
- Student’s completion of at least one lower division class from the following: biology, ecology, environmental studies, or environmental science.
- Whether the courses abroad are relevant for major related requirements
- GPA
- Class Standing
- Statement of Purpose: priority will be given to students who successfully convey why the Environmental & Community Health program in particular is a good fit for them and how the program will benefit them academically, professionally, and/or personally.
- Completeness and thoroughness of application. Incomplete applications without sufficient reason could be denied immediately.

Please check UCEAP’s Program Page for the most up-to-date information.