

Israel

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](#) websites. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website or in the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

Adviser Contact Information

The Berkeley Study Abroad Adviser for this program is Michelle Ayazi (mayazi@berkeley.edu). Please feel free to email Michelle with any questions and/or concerns you have about the program or your participation. You can make an advising appointment with Michelle [here](#).

Citizenship Restrictions

Students who were born in Israel, born to Israeli parents, were previously an Israeli citizen, or are a dual citizen, must contact an Israeli consulate or embassy as soon as possible regarding their plans to study in Israel. A military release may be required before departure.

Application Process

All UCEAP students must initiate their application through the Berkeley Study Abroad Portal to be considered for UCEAP participation: <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/uceap-how-apply>. Please take care to follow the provided instructions!

Competitiveness of the Israel Programs

Students who meet and maintain the minimum eligibility requirements and submit a complete and well-prepared application with an articulate Statement of Purpose by the Berkeley Study Abroad application deadline will have a very good chance of being selected.

Scholarships

All UCEAP students are encouraged to apply for a UCEAP Scholarship, which offers a \$2000 award for semester programs and a \$1000 award for summer programs. For more information, visit the [UCEAP Scholarships](#) page.

More information on financial aid and scholarships can be found on our website: <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/finances>

Financial aid students can request a financial aid estimate for the program here: <https://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/finances/financial-aid-advising>

Housing

All UCEAP students are required to live in campus housing for safety and security reasons.

Visa and Entry Clearance

Due to the late issuance of entry clearance documents and the time required for visa application processing, travel after the UC term ends and before the official program start date is not recommended.

West Bank and Gaza

UCEAP students may be prohibited from visiting the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, whether or not Israel has closed the border to one or both areas. If you travel to these areas you may be dismissed from the program.

Special Demands of the Program

Safety remains a primary issue of concern for study in Israel. Updated information about security conditions is available on the U.S. Department of State's Country Specific Information sheet for [Israel, the West Bank and Gaza](#). Students are responsible for reviewing this information carefully and familiarizing themselves with the risks associated with participation on the program. Students must be prepared to avoid travel to specified areas inside Israel and Jerusalem, and to follow all safety and security regulations and guidelines established by UCEAP, the partner institution, and the U.S. Department of State. Students should familiarize themselves with the role of race, gender, sexuality, and religion while studying in Israel, and develop appropriate expectations according to personal backgrounds and self-identification.