

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 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 website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. 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.

Advisor Contact Information

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

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.

Scholarships

There are a number of merit-based and need-based scholarships available for study abroad in Israel. Please consult the [UCEAP Program Guide](#) for your program, under the Financial Information section. US Citizen Pell Grant recipients are encouraged to apply for the Gilman Scholarship, which offers a possible award of up to \$8000. For more information, visit gilmanscholarship.org. All UCEAP students are encouraged to apply for the UCEAP Promise Award, which offers a \$2000 award for semester programs and \$1000 award for summer programs. For more information, visit <http://eap.ucop.edu/Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx?src=sp-nav-scholarships>

Housing

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

West Bank and Gaza

UCEAP students are 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.