

# Multi Site: London & Paris

## Global Cities Urban Realities

### UCEAP Advising Notes

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present challenges related to health concerns and international travel. Please check UCEAP's [Pandemic Updates](#) page for the most up-to-date information about UCEAP program cancellations for the 2023-24 academic year and additional resources and information. *Updated 08/2022.*

#### 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](mailto: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](#).

#### Spring Semester Program

The UCEAP *Global Cities Urban Realities* Program is only available in the SPRING semester. UC Berkeley students are *NOT eligible* for the Spring Quarter program. There are no exceptions.

You can learn more about the program by visiting the [UCEAP Global Cities Urban Realities](#) program page. Please pay close attention to the program calendar (found under the Dates & Eligibility tab) and the academic structure and course offerings (found under the Academics tab).

#### 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>.

#### Competitiveness of Program

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.

#### Calendar Issues

Please note that this program begins in **late-March** and ends in **late-July**. Because of the relatively late start date, there are a few things to alert you to:

1. You will not be in class from the end of the fall term at UC Berkeley until your late-March UCEAP program start date. It is advised that you think about and develop a plan (early on) for how you will spend those months/weeks, where you will live, and how you will support yourself financially.
2. Financial Aid students: The earliest your financial aid can be released from Berkeley to UCEAP is 10 days before the program officially begins in late-March. If a financial aid refund is due to you after your financial aid has been applied to your UCEAP program fees, it is very possible that you may not have access to those funds until shortly after your program has begun. Please plan accordingly.
3. Graduating students: It can take around 3 months (90 days) after your program ends for your grades from UCEAP to post to your UC Berkeley transcript.

### Program Location and Structure

- This program is NOT half in Paris and half in London. Rather, you will spend the first five weeks in Paris city and your final ten weeks in London. You'll be enrolled in classes your first five weeks in London; during your final five weeks in London, you will be engaged in a full-time internship for academic credit.
- This program does NOT take place at a university in London or Paris. Rather, you will be taking classes with other UC students on the program at a Study Center in [London](#) and [Paris](#). You will be taking classes with other UC students only.
- The housing for this program is pre-arranged. You will be living in an apartment with other UC students on the program only.
- This program offers a very limited menu of courses to choose from.

### Internship Advisory

Your internship placement (where you will be working, what you will be doing, your schedule) will not be known until a possibly a few days before your internship begins. Some students might learn of their placement sooner, but most usually find out shortly before the internship begins. It is very unlikely that you will know where you will be interning prior to departure on your program.

Your internship application will become available in late-October. Once the application instructions and deadlines are made available to you, please operate on the assumption that deadline reminders will not be sent, and deadline extensions will not be granted. We have had cases where students were administratively withdrawn from this UCEAP program because they missed the deadline to apply for the internship or were missing internship application documents. The Internship Coordinator at the UC Study Center staff in London will help facilitate the internship placement process. More information on the internship application process will become available in October.

### Visa Advisory

Students MUST obtain the UK Tier 4 Student Visa before departure from the US in order to participate in this program. UCEAP will provide you with instructions in the Fall semester, after your acceptance to the program. Please be advised that the UK Tier 4 Visa application fee is approximately \$700. All students must be financially prepared to pay the visa application fee around January, which is well before financial aid pays out.

Due to visa processing times, travelling internationally between the end of the fall term at Berkeley and the start of this UCEAP program is strongly discouraged. Please discuss any potential pre-program travel plans with Berkeley Study Abroad Adviser, Michelle Ayazi.

**Non-US citizens, please contact the BSA Adviser before applying to this program due to special visa considerations.**

### **Scholarships**

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

US Citizen Pell Grant recipients are encouraged to apply for the Gilman Scholarship, which offers a possible award of up to \$5000. For more information, visit [gilmanscholarship.org](http://gilmanscholarship.org).

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>