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. UCEAP has been updating their website’s Coronavirus Notice with up-to-date information on program cancellations for the 2021-2022 cycle. The program described in this Advising Notes document is scheduled to proceed at this time, and UCEAP will inform campus offices if there are any updates.

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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.

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

Spring Semester Program
The UCEAP Global Cities Urban Realities Programs are only available in the SPRING semester.

Application Process
All UCEAP students must initiate their application through the Berkeley Study Abroad Applicant Portal to be considered for UCEAP participation: http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/uceap-how-apply. Please take care to apply to the correct program option (see below).

Global Cities Urban Realities Program Options Available to UC Berkeley Students
  London to Paris Semester no internship
  Paris to London Semester with Internship
UC Berkeley students are NOT eligible for the Quarter program. There are no exceptions

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 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 sustain 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 right around the time your program is beginning. 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 (i.e. November 2022).

Program Location and Structure

- **This program is NOT half in Paris and half in London.** Rather, you will spend 5 weeks in the first city and 10 weeks in the second city.
- **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.**
  - **For Paris to London Semester with Internship option:** You will take a Culture Course and Elective Course in Paris for the first 5 weeks, and a Culture Course and Elective Course in London for the second 5 weeks. The final 5 weeks of the program, you will be doing an Internship and a Workforce Course. Students are required to take ALL of their courses for a letter grade, except for the Internship + Workforce course which is offered on a P/NP basis only.
  - **For London to Paris Semester without Internship option:** You will take a Culture Course and Elective Course in London for the first 5 weeks, and a Culture Course and 2 Elective Courses in Paris for the last 10 weeks. Students are required to take all of their courses for a letter grade. No exceptions.

Paris to London Semester with Internship ADVISORY
Students applying to the Paris to London Semester with Internship program option MUST obtain the Tier 4 Student Visa before departure from the US. UCEAP will provide you with instructions in Fall 2021, after your selection. Please be advised that the UK Tier 4 Visa application fee is approximately $600. 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.

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 2021. 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 2021.

**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 the UCEAP Promise Award, 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.

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