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. 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

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
follow the provided instructions!

Competitiveness of the Program
Students who meet the minimum eligibility requirements and submit a well-prepared application with an
articulate Statement of Purpose will have a very good chance of being selected, but we cannot make
guarantees. To apply, go here: http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/uceap-how-apply

Exclusivity Clause for Summer Global Internship, Cape Town
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program independently.

Scholarships
All UCEAP students are encouraged to apply for the UCEAP Promise Award, which offers a $2000 award for
semester programs and a $1000 award for summer programs. For more information, visit the UCEAP
Scholarships page. For the summer program: CIEE offers scholarships and grants based on merit and financial
need. Students will have access to the CIEE online scholarship application once they begin their CIEE online
application. 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

South Africa
UCEAP Advising Notes
“Explore South Africa” is the name of the Fall and Spring UCEAP program at the University of Cape Town. The program takes place at The University of Cape Town. Visit the UCEAP Explore South Africa program page

“Summer Global Internship, Cape Town” is the name of the Summer UCEAP program in Cape Town. The program is administered on-site by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). For the most complete information, we recommend that you study the UCEAP and CIEE program pages together:

Visit the UCEAP Summer Global Internship, Cape Town program page
Visit the CIEE Summer Global Internship, Cape Town program page

NOTE: As a UCEAP participant, you should be referring to the UCEAP program page for eligibility, academic and financial information.

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University of Cape Town Curriculum
Universities in South Africa are based on British higher education in structure and method. For some courses, this may be more lecture-based instruction requiring effective note taking of lectures and the ability to demonstrate understanding of material based solely on lectures. Students must be prepared to assume more responsibility and independence in completing readings, be assessed for a course through a single paper or exam, and be able to seek out assistance from instructors and South African students. For more information about courses and academics, see the Program Guide.

South Africa is on the calendar year system; hence, their academic year begins spring (first) semester and continues through fall (second) semester. When reviewing courses, applicants should carefully note University of Cape Town course levels (100, 200, 300, 400, 500), required prerequisites, duration (year vs. semester), and term (first vs. second semester).

Information on courses is described further in the UCEAP Application Instructions for UCT. Refer to these documents for course information only and disregard any sections pertaining to Application for Admission and Applicant Admission Process at this time. Additional information on courses is available in the UCT Faculty Handbooks.

UCEAP students are required to take 1-2 courses in the school/faculty in which they are admitted.

Students interested in African Studies courses should be aware that such courses are highly popular with international students and UCT limits the numbers of international students in any class on campus to no more than 50% of class enrollment; therefore, African Studies courses cannot be the main objective of all UC student study. Students are recommended to consider general major coursework with community engagement opportunities in order to learn and experience issues impacting South Africa.

Students take courses with local and international students. Students interested in taking courses alongside South Africans should note that courses with topics on Africa and South Africa have generally been more popular with international students than South African students. Although not required, students may wish to consider a language course in one of the official languages of South Africa (e.g. Xhosa, Afrikaans).

Internships and Research
The opportunity to offer service to the disadvantaged communities of Cape Town is a highlight of many students’ study abroad experience in South Africa. Internships are arranged by UCT’s Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organization (SHAWCO) and will be secured once you are on-site. Students must complete a substantial paper or series of papers in addition to the internship in order to receive academic credit (Pass/No pass basis only). If interested in research for academic credit, students must enroll in a UCT class which has a
required research or fieldwork component. Students may also pursue community service and volunteer activities independently on a non-credit basis through local organizations.

**Housing**
Limited campus housing may be available. Otherwise, all students will live with other U.S. and international students in a shared apartment or house in a safe neighborhood arranged by Ida Cooper Associates. Ida Cooper Associates and the International Academic Programmes Office (IAPO) will arrange housing before your departure based on the housing preference questionnaire you will complete in the UCEAP Pre-Departure Checklist. The lodging and amenities will vary by each housing option, but you can easily buy things that meet your needs in Cape Town. Houses are not centrally heated, and you may want to purchase a heater for the winter months or a fan for the warmer months.

Unless otherwise instructed, you will make your housing payments directly to the landlord in local currency, even if you are on financial aid. In some cases, credit card payments may be accepted. Before leaving South Africa, you must pay the balance of any outstanding rent, library, gym, and other charges in full. If you leave unpaid fees behind, your grades will not be released to UC and you will be responsible for paying these fees directly to the host university even after returning to the U.S.

**Visa and Entry Clearance**
Travel after the UC term ends and before the official UCEAP program start date is not possible due to the visa application processing times. UCEAP is not able to accelerate the process for issuing acceptance letters and visas.

NOTE: Approximately 3-4 weeks before your program begins, all students must travel to the South African Embassy (Consulate) in Los Angeles to obtain their visa in-person.

For NorCal students: The BSA Adviser for this program can connect you via email with the other UC Berkeley students going to South Africa during your study abroad term. You may want to plan the trip to the South African Consulate in Los Angeles together - to make it more fun and to save on money (gas and possible overnight stay). You can return home after dropping off your visa application. You then need to wait for your passport to be mailed back to you with your student visa stamp inside, which will probably arrive immediately before departure.

The BSA Adviser for the program can also help connect you with other UC students going to South Africa. You will all be heading to the LA Consulate around the same time. Please note that consulates are closed over the weekend.

**Special Demands of the Program**
Health and safety remain primary issues of concern for study in South Africa, particularly crime/security, motor traffic, and HIV. Students should review the US Department of State South Africa Country Page, UCEAP Program Guide and Risk Assessment to familiarize themselves with risks associated with participation on the program.

Students should familiarize themselves with the role of race, gender, sexuality, and religion while studying in South Africa, and develop appropriate expectations according to personal backgrounds and self-identification. LGBTIQ students are invited to reference the UCEAP LGBTIQ Community Resource Page to learn about host country laws and norms.

Given the special demands of the program, it is highly recommended that applicants meet with the BSA adviser prior to submitting an application.