Business and Entrepreneurship in London
United Kingdom - England - UC Center London
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 website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. 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

The BSA Adviser for England is Amy Veramay (averamay@berkeley.edu). Amy has spent time travelling around England and would be happy to discuss and help you compare cities and universities.

Application

You can use this website "Preparing for the UCEAP application" to assist you.

There are two applications for this program:
1) Berkeley students will start their application via the Berkeley Study Abroad website.
2) Students will then complete a second application in the UCEAP Portal.

Academics

This program currently offers 6 course options. As of November 2021, the Haas School of Business has indicated that all courses in this meet business major elective requirements **except** "Data Analytics and Storytelling" because of overlap with a Haas Core (UGBA 104).

As of April 2022, the Econ department has approved the International Economics course as an upper-division elective outside the department.

Please reach out to either Haas or Econ for further questions.

❗An Important Note about the Program

The Business and Entrepreneurship in London Program is not an immersion program because you are living and studying with other UC students at the UC Study Center in London. If you are interested in diverse coursework, studying at a British university, meeting Brits, or having more of an "immersion" study abroad experience, check out the host university programs on the UCEAP website and speak with Amy.

Selection Timeline and Terminology

Selection into the Business and Entrepreneurship in London program happens at the campus level. Your application is then forwarded to UCEAP and the UK for further review. After students complete all necessary pre-departure paperwork and procedures, their status will be changed to "accepted."

Scholarship Opportunity

The Founder's Prize in Entrepreneurship: one $5,000 scholarship will be awarded annual. Please see this website for more information, application deadline and to access the application.

Academics

Students in this program are required to take a full course load. See the three UCEAP academics tab of this program for more information.

This program is open to all majors, you don't need to have a business or econ background to participate as the courses will generally be of an introductory level and therefore suitable for all. Learning about Business and Entrepreneurship in the UK will be new for every student regardless of major! The professors will be aware of the mix of students and the fact that (aside from International Economics*) no prerequisites are in place.

*The International Economics course will require some background knowledge. The syllabus for states: "students should be familiar with basic calculus and microeconomics, including the concepts of supply and demand, elasticity and imperfect competition. Basic knowledge of macroeconomics is helpful although not necessary".

Internship Option
❗ Internship option is only available only to students at the junior or senior class level.

The internships are all entry-level positions and do not require previous experience or specific skills. These are not decision-making positions of responsibility but are an opportunity for students to learn more about the UK, work in the UK, and gain experience in their field of interest. Students are placed into internships based on their interests, major, and experience. Students are able to work with Accent and the internship coordinator to find an internship placement that would be a good fit.

On the Spring Semester with Internship package you will work 8-10 hours a week for the first 10 weeks, then work 30 hours per week for the final 5 weeks of the program. Students placed in an internship will be assessed an additional fee. Students will be on site at their internship 1 day per week (a standard work day here is usually about 8.5 hours, which will be an 8-10 hour day with commute time), scheduled on a day the student does not have any classes.

Internships may require an additional visa process, and students will need to pay the visa application fee before receiving any financial aid refund (if applicable).

Students who chose the internship option will be required to take the Internship Workforce course during the first 10 weeks of the program.

Approximately 25% of students opt to participate in the internship option.

Other Important Notes
Delayed Grades from Abroad: Important for Seniors
Depending on the host institution, UCEAP will transmit your UCEAP courses, units, and grades to Berkeley up to 90 days after your program officially ends. You cannot be administratively graduated until your UCEAP grades are reported to Berkeley, are posted to your transcript, and a degree audit is conducted.

The Berkeley Office of the Registrar only administratively graduates students (a.k.a. degrees are "posted" to transcripts) three times per year: October for students with a summer anticipated graduation date, February for students with a Fall anticipated graduation date, and July for students with a Spring anticipated graduation date. If your EAP grades arrive after degrees are posted for your term of participation, your degree will be processed and posted to your transcript with the next term's degree list.

You can review this chart to see when students at your host university in the past have had their UCEAP grades transmitted to the Berkeley Office of the Registrar. Factoring in a 1 to 4-week delay for grades to appear on your Berkeley transcript, determine when your degree is likely to be posted by the Berkeley Office of the Registrar (October, July or February).

If you determine that your grades are likely to arrive later than the term you need to graduate from Berkeley to stay eligible for your graduate program or another post-graduation opportunity, contact the program/employer you are applying to as early as possible. Ask about their policy on delayed graduation due to study abroad participation. Find out how long they can wait for UCEAP grades to be recorded on your official Berkeley transcript and for your degree to be posted by the Berkeley Office of the Registrar.

Ask your graduate program or employer if you can provide some academic information while waiting for your UCEAP grades or Berkeley diploma. If courses and grades do not yet appear on your Berkeley transcript,

ask the program/employer if it will accept an official "Verification of UCEAP Coursework." This is a letter from UCEAP verifying dates of UCEAP attendance and giving the estimated dates of arrival for course titles, units, and grades. You can get this letter from your BSA Campus Adviser or from your UCEAP Academic Specialist for your program. If your UCEAP grades already appear on your Berkeley transcript but you are waiting for your degree to be posted, you can also request a Certificate of Completion. Read more about Transcripts and Diplomas on the Office of the Registrar website.

EAP Alums
EAP alumni are one of your best resources for information about the program. If you would like to be put in touch with alums, simply send the BSA Adviser an email with your list of questions and the contact information of returnees who have agreed to be contacted will be shared.

EAP Alum-Created Resources
Some of our returnees have created presentations to share with others. You can look at their work through the Student Created Resource Google Drive folder that we will continually update with tips, example schedules and presentations from students who have participated in this program.