

UK - England

Summer at London School of Economics (LSE)

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](#) 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.

Program Options Available to UC Students

The LSE Summer School offers over 100 intensive three-week courses taught in three consecutive sessions. As a UCEAP student, you enroll in ONE of these options:

- Session 1 (3 weeks)
- Session 1 + 2 (6 weeks)
- Session 2 + 3 (6 weeks)

UCEAP students may NOT apply to Session 2 as a standalone session, Session 3 as a standalone session or Session 1+3.

Program Information

For the most complete information, we recommend that you study the UCEAP and the LSE websites together:

- [Visit the UCEAP Summer at LSE program page](#)
- [Visit the LSE Summer School Courses web page](#)
- [Visit the LSE Summer School Accommodation \(Housing\) web page](#)

As a UCEAP participant, you should be referring to the UCEAP Summer at LSE program page for eligibility, academic policy, and program cost information.

Financial Aid

To be eligible for summer aid, you must take at least 6 semester units. Therefore, if you apply to Session 1 alone, you will not qualify for financial aid. If you apply to Session 1+2 or Session 2+3 you will meet the minimum units required to qualify for summer financial aid.

Financial aid students can request a financial aid estimate for the program [here](#).

Scholarships

More information on financial aid and scholarships can be found on our [website](#).

All UCEAP students are encouraged to apply for a UCEAP Scholarship, which offers a \$1000 award for summer 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.

Academics, Units and Grades

Each LSE Summer course is worth 3.7 UC semester units and must be taken for a letter grade; taking a class for P/NP is not an option. This program is fast-paced and very academically rigorous. Students are in classes 5 days a week, morning to afternoon. Given the intensive nature of the program and the class schedule, we recommend that you do any long-distance travel before the program starts and/or after the program ends – not during the program.

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>. The application instructions will prompt you to submit an application to the LSE Summer School using instructions specific to UCEAP participants. Please take care to follow the instructions specific to UCEAP participants! Keep in mind that when you are filling out the LSE application, you are applying for admission to the specific courses and sessions you select on your application.

Competitiveness of the Program

This UCEAP program is not competitive and doesn't not have space constraints. If you do not meet the 2.85 UCEAP GPA requirements for this UCEAP program, your application will not be considered for UCEAP participation. Otherwise, this program is able to accommodate *all qualified applicants who submit a complete and thoughtful application* on or before the Berkeley Study Abroad application deadline. You can

ignore messaging from LSE regarding their first-come, first-served admission. Our application deadline is early enough in the LSE application period that all UCEAP applicants that apply by the Berkeley Study Abroad deadline should be able to get into their requested courses.

Selection Timeline

Berkeley Study Abroad will get back to you within 6 weeks of the Berkeley Study Abroad application deadline to notify you of your nomination. LSE will get back to you anywhere from 2 to 10 business days of submitting your LSE Summer School online application to notify you of your admission to your chosen courses. Therefore, please expect to hear back from LSE Summer before you hear back from Berkeley Study Abroad.

Communication from LSE

LSE is a very large international summer school program of approximately 7,000 students and professionals; UCEAP students are a very small sub-group of that total. If you have questions about any email communication directly from LSE or are told something that appears confusing or seems to conflict with UCEAP policy, send an email to the BSA advisor. **DO NOT PAY TUITION TO LSE!** If you are being asked to pay tuition to LSE to confirm your spot, it may be because you did not complete the LSE application using the instructions provided to you by UCEAP and have been coded incorrectly in their system as a result. As a UCEAP student, you (or your financial aid) pay tuition and fees to UCEAP, not to LSE. Please contact your BSA advisor with any questions or concerns.

Housing

We strongly encourage that all students sign up for [LSE Housing](#) to ensure housing security for the program duration. To find six consecutive weeks of decent, affordable housing in central London over the summer is quite a challenge. The further you live from LSE, the more money and time you'll spend on transportation, so the money you might save in housing will likely be spent on transportation. The LSE housing cost is a large, up-front payment that you will have to pay in-full well before departure. Be advised that there is no deposit or payment plan options for LSE Housing. Delay in paying for housing may prevent you from getting housing as all housing in London is first-come, first-served. See [here](#) for LSE Accommodation prices. **Financial aid students:** Your financial aid will not pay out in time for you to make this payment. Please plan accordingly. Advanced planning is key in making this work.

Flights

Do NOT purchase your flight until you have been selected by both LSE and Berkeley Study Abroad to participate AND your Official UCEAP Calendar and Arrival Instructions have been posted to your UCEAP Portal. Do NOT travel to or through the Republic of Ireland on your way to the United Kingdom. Do not book your flight on Aer Lingus, as it will make a stop in Dublin on its way to the U.K.

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.

UCEAP 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.

UCEAP 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 folder](#) that we will continually update with tips, example schedules, photos of housing and presentations from students who have participated in this program.

Making friends with locals

When students are able to make friends with locals while studying abroad, their experience is enriched. The recent post [How to Make Friends with Locals While Abroad](#) by UCEAP student Elizabeth Lemerand (UCLA) offers advice for students to make meaningful connections while they travel.