

Summer, London School of Economics

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 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, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the [UCEAP Program Guide](#), as well as LSE's [Summer School](#) web site. 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>

Program Information

LSE is a very large international summer school program of approximately 7,000 students and professionals; UCEAP-LSE is a very small sub-group of that total. You will receive the same official messages as all the students applying to LSE independently. 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 [LSE Adviser at Berkeley Study Abroad](#).

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. Each LSE Summer course is worth 3.7 UC semester units and must be taken for a letter grade; Pass/No Pass is not an option. More information on courses, academic culture and expectations can be found in the [UCEAP Program Guide](#). This program is fast-paced and academically rigorous. Students are in classes 5 days a week, morning to afternoon.

Competitiveness of the Program

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 February 4, 2019 Berkeley Study Abroad application deadline. This program is not competitive and doesn't not have space constraints.

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>

The Berkeley Study Abroad application instructions for the Summer, London School of Economics program will prompt you to submit an application to the LSE Summer School using instructions specific to UCEAP participants. Please take care to follow the provided instructions!

When filling out the LSE Summer School application, you will be prompted to choose courses. You are essentially applying for admission to these courses. Keep this in mind when completing the application.

Selection Process

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. Berkeley Study Abroad will get back to you within 6 weeks of the February 4 Berkeley Study Abroad application deadline to notify you of your selection. Therefore, please expect to hear back from LSE Summer before you hear back from Berkeley Study Abroad.

WARNING: DO NOT PAY TUITION TO LSE! When you receive your selection email from LSE, you will likely receive a request for immediate payment of tuition fees to confirm your spot on the program. As a UCEAP student, you have permission to ignore this tuition request email from LSE. Please contact Michelle Ayazi mayazi@berkeley.edu with any questions or concerns.

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 of 6 semester units.

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 probably be spent on transportation. The LSE housing cost is a large, up-front payment that you will have to pay well before departure. Be advised however that there is no deposit or payment plan options for LSE Housing. Delay in paying for housing may prevent you from getting the housing you want as all housing in London is first-come, first-served. LSE Housing costs should be anticipated to be at least \$2000 for Session 1 and around \$4000 for Session 1+2 or Session 2+3. **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 Pre-Departure Checklist.

Travel Restrictions

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.

Entry Clearance/Visas

U.S. Citizens: You will need to obtain an entry clearance called the Student Visitor Visa when you arrive in the U.K. from British immigration officers at the airport or at another port of entry. UCEAP will provide detailed information about this clearance. Non- U.S. Citizens: Check the [United Kingdom Visa and Immigration \(UKVI\) website](#) to determine the UK student visa process for your country of citizenship.