Summer at London School of Economics
UCEAP Advising Notes

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present challenges related to health concerns and international travel. Please check UCEAP’s Pandemic Updates page for the most up-to-date information about UCEAP program cancellations for the 2023-24 academic year and additional resources and information. Updated 08/2022.

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
The Berkeley Study Abroad Adviser for this program is Michelle Ayazi (mayazi@berkeley.edu). Please feel free to email Michelle with any questions and/or concerns you have about the program or your participation. You can make an advising appointment with Michelle here.

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: [https://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/finances/financial-aid-advising](https://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/finances/financial-aid-advising)

**Scholarships**

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

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](http://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](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 Berkeley Study Abroad Adviser, Michelle Ayazi [mayazi@berkeley.edu](mailto:mayazi@berkeley.edu). **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 Michelle Ayazi [mayazi@berkeley.edu](mailto:mayazi@berkeley.edu) with any questions or concerns.

**Housing**

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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.

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.