United Kingdom - England
Summer in Oxford
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.

Application
Important note for this program:

Qualified applicants are accepted on a first-come, first serve basis. Applications open on November 1, 2023 at 9am and the UCEAP application submission is the timestamp for consideration of admission to the program.

Students may review the UCEAP application instructions and start preparing any required documents for upload prior to the opening date, but cannot start the application until it opens on Nov 1st at 9am. **Be sure to submit the UCEAP application first,** immediately followed by the submission of the BSA application (within 24 hours) for all programs. Students may work on their BSA application in advance, but cannot submit until it opens on Nov 1st.

You can use this website [How to Apply for a UCEAP program](#) to assist you.

After official nomination, students will also need to complete an application directly to Oxford after they are selected.

❗ Important Financial Note Regarding this Program

If you withdraw prior to March 1st you will not be responsible for any withdrawal fees. If you withdraw between March 2nd and April 30th you will be responsible for 50% of the total program fee (£3,300). If you withdraw after April 30th you will be responsible for 100% of the total program fee (£6,600). *Fees are subject to change, see Exeter College's cancellation policy [here](#). **This is in addition to UCEAP withdrawal fees.**

Frequently Asked Questions about the Oxford Application

The application link and instructions will be able to be found in the Predeparture Requirements section of your UCEAP portal (available after nomination). UCEAP students **do not need to pay a fee** for this application.

Supporting Documents you will need for the Oxford application are:
1) **TRANSCRIPT** by mail or e-mail: Exeter College at Oxford Summer Program (ECSP) will only accept original transcripts sent by post, or .pdf copies e-mailed directly from your UC Registrar, or scanned copies certified by your Study Abroad Office and e-mailed from a recognized UC institutional email address
2) **REFERENCE** by mail or e-mail: Your referee should be someone who has taught you as part of your degree. References can be sent by post or e-mailed directly from the referee using their UC institutional email address to summer.programme@exeter.ox.ac.uk
3) **WRITING SAMPLE** email or upload with your application: ECSP will accept scanned .pdf copies uploaded with your application. The work should have been submitted and graded as part of your degree and include instructor comments. They are looking for evidence of your ability to express your ideas in written English.
4) **Certificate of English Language Proficiency.** This is only required for non-native English speakers studying at Universities whose language of instruction is not English.

Exclusivity Clause

Please note that UC students are only allowed to participate on this program via UCEAP. UC students cannot apply to this program independently.

Cohort

This program allows students to take courses alongside international and UC system-wide students. To see how big the UCB cohorts were per university, check out this chart.

Exeter Scholarship

Exeter offers six £1,000 GBP tuition fee scholarships assessed on both merit and need. Applications are only released to all selected students. The requirement to apply for the scholarship is a UC cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher. See the Exeter website for more details.

Curriculum

All students take two upper division courses worth 4 semester units each, for a total of 8 units.

The P/NP grading option is not available on this program.

The Exeter program offers students the unique opportunity to work closely with an Exeter faculty member or post-doctoral candidate by substituting a Oxford-style tutorial course (similar to an independent research project at UC) for one course. Students meet with a faculty member individually or in small groups once a week to complete a series of research-based papers in the subject area.

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

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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 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.

Media Resources
In order to aid with your study abroad process, the Study Abroad team has compiled media resources from UCEAP and Universities. These resources include YouTube videos that provide an overview of a location or university, and student blog posts and more. These resources can be used to give you a better understanding of what your study abroad experience may be like!

UCEAP Resources
Study Abroad in England, Ireland, and Scotland | UCEAP Virtual Study Abroad Fair 2021

Exeter College Oxford
Exeter College Meet ECSP Students
Welcome to Exeter College, Cambridge
A Brief Tour of Cohen Quad, Exeter College Cambridge