

# United Kingdom - England

## Summer, Exeter College, Oxford University

### 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](#) from the prior academic cycle. 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 Katie Weibel ([weibel@berkeley.edu](mailto:weibel@berkeley.edu)). Katie has spent time traveling England and would be happy to help you compare universities/cities in this program. Her drop-in hours are Tuesdays 10-12, Thursdays 1-2, Fridays 2-3, or by appointment.

### Applications 2019-20

You can use the document, "Preparing for the UCEAP application" to assist you.  
<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/uceap-how-apply>

### Application Process

Berkeley students will start their application via the Berkeley Study Abroad website. From within this interactive application, students will be instructed to complete a secondary application in the MyEAP system. At a later time, students will also need to complete an application directly to Oxford after they are selected. This is three applications in total. You will receive information about the Oxford application directly from UCEAP if you are selected.

### Frequently Asked Questions about the Oxford application:

EAP 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: 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
- (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.
- (4) PHOTO email or upload with your application: A photo of yourself from the shoulders up which is a .jpg file, 300dpi, and 3 ½ x 4 ½ cm can be uploaded with your application.

## Competitiveness of the Program

For summer 2019, UCB has 7 spots at Oxford. Students are chosen on a first come, first served basis. It is important that you submit a complete and thoughtful application as soon as possible. The summer 2019 applications opened on October 1st, 2018 and students can submit an application until the deadline of January 7, 2019.

Students are advised to apply as early as possible within the application window to increase their chances of getting their first choice of courses.

## Acceptance

Exeter College at the University of Oxford reserves the right to select students. **Exeter will email their acceptance decision to you by mid-March.**

## 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](#).

## Scholarships

- Exeter offers six 1000 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 3.6 or higher. See the [Exeter website](#) for more details. The deadline is March 8th, 2019.
- The [Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship Program](#) will offer summer scholarships.
- UCEAP offers [Promise Award Scholarships](#).

## 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.

## Travel & Entry Clearance/Visas

You may 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.

U.S. Citizens: You will 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. You need to show proper documentation of your student status and evidence of financial support for the coming term abroad.

If you are not a U.S. citizen, check the [United Kingdom Visa and Immigration \(UKVI\) website](#) to determine the visa process for your country of citizenship.

## Brexit

[Matt Beech – Brexit and its Aftershocks](#)

[Brexit: Your simple guide to the UK leaving the EU](#)

**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 EAP 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 folder](#) that we will continually update with tips, example schedules and presentations from students who have participated on this program.