The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present challenges related to health concerns and international travel. UCEAP has been updating their website’s Coronavirus Notice with up-to-date information. Please check this website for the most up to date information about which programs are running in the 2022-23 academic year.

Updated August 2021.

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.
Advisor Contact Information
The BSA Adviser for England is Amy Veramay (averamay@berkeley.edu). Amy has spent time travelling around England and would be happy to discuss and help you compare cities and universities.

❗ Important Financial Note Regarding this Program
If you withdraw after March 15th you are responsible for 100% of the tuition and will be charged $4,579.00 (£3,600)

Application
You can use this website “Preparing for the UCEAP application” to assist you.

There are three applications for this program:
1) Berkeley students will start their application via the Berkeley Study Abroad website.
2) Students will then complete a second application in the UCEAP Portal.
3) After official nomination on/around 5th February, students will also need to complete an application directly to Oxford after they are selected.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Oxford Application
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
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
UCB has **30 spots** at Oxford. Students are chosen based on academic standing. It is important that you submit a complete and thoughtful application as soon as possible. Applications for Summer open mid-October and students can submit an application until the deadline on the Explore Grid. Check the Explore Grid on our website for the application.

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-February.

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.

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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 3.6 or higher. See the Exeter website for more details. The deadline is typically around March 8th (Note: deadline has not yet been set for 2021 as time of updating this document - Sept 2020 - so please check the website.)

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 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.

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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.