

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.

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## United Kingdom - England

### Summer, Queen Mary University of London



### **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.

To get started, check out [this video](#) of UC students at Queen Mary!

## Advisor Contact Information

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

## 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) Complete an application directly to Queen Mary at the same time - all applications will be due on the UCB deadline. Within your UCEAP Portal you will find detailed instructions for the Queen Mary application.

## Selection Timeline and Terminology

Nomination to the program happens at the campus level. Your application is then forwarded to UCEAP and then finally on to the Study Center in the UK for further review. The Program Officer in the UK will select your application for "referral" to the university. The UCEAP office will then notify you via email to check your "referral" status in your UCEAP Portal.

After students complete all necessary pre-departure paperwork and procedures, their status will be changed to "accepted." In almost all instances, your "referral" equals your "acceptance." Acceptance at Queen Mary over the last couple years have come in mid-April for summer students. You can check this [chart](#) to see when students have been placed at your host university in the past.

## 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](#).

## 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.

### **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 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**

[English Universities Info Session | International Education Week 2020](#)

[Study Abroad in England, Ireland, and Scotland | UCEAP Virtual Study Abroad Fair 2021](#)

### **University of London, Queen Mary**

[Study Abroad at Queen Mary University of London](#)