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.

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**United Kingdom - Scotland**

All Programs

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 Scotland is Amy Veramay (averamay@berkeley.edu). Amy has spent time visiting and traveling around Scotland and would be happy to help you compare cities and universities.

Application
You can use this website How to Apply for a UCEAP program to assist you.

There are two applications for these programs:
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 (accessible via the orange Apply now button on the UCEAP program page)

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This document does not reference the Glasgow Summer Physics program as the physics programs are no longer available for UC Berkeley students.

University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow and University of St. Andrews

There are three outstanding Scottish institutions for you to choose from for your fall, spring or year study abroad. Each has ample course selection, so be sure to review which courses each
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university offers via UCEAP’s academic guide to determine which university is the best academic fit for you.

Please check out the video links at the bottom of this document under Media Resources to see and learn more about each individual university.

When completing the BSA application, you will complete a preliminary Academic Planning Form (APF). This is a thoughtful wishlist of the courses you hope to take at your host university. When completing this form, please refer to these helpful planning resources in helping you select your classes:

First, the Academic Offerings Guide provides a great overview to all the universities and what departments are available to you. It also highlights unique opportunities and any cavates. This is a great place to start.

Next, please visit the individual host universities’ module sites as these will be the most up to date resources:
- University of Edinburgh module site
- University of Glasgow module site
- University of St. Andrews module site

Lastly, the UCEAP Course Catalog can also be a useful reference, but please note that if you use this tool to identify classes of interest, please double check that the courses are still available through the host university’s module sites (listed above). The Catalog contains many years of past UCEAP participants’ courses, and some of the courses may no longer be on offer.

**Additional Application Details**
Later on in the process, not at the time of your initial applications, students will also apply directly to their host university. You will be prompted for this application, so don’t worry!

St. Andrews has an additional minimum requirement for upper division major courses: students are required to have 3.2 GPA.

**Internship Option**
Students who attend the University of Edinburgh have the opportunity to pursue an internship, for which they can earn 5.3 units.

**Internship Placement**
Internships are available at several organizations covering a wide area of interests:
Internship providers and job descriptions

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<th>Company</th>
<th>Areas of Interest</th>
<th>Terms available</th>
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<td>“Euan’s Guide”</td>
<td>Communications, Marketing</td>
<td>Fall or Spring</td>
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<td>Pitchbooking</td>
<td>Computer Science</td>
<td>Fall or Spring</td>
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<td>Scottish Book Trust</td>
<td>English, Education, Communication, Marketing, Public Policy, Computer Science</td>
<td>Fall or Spring</td>
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<td>Computer Science</td>
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<td>UN House Scotland</td>
<td>Politics, Intl. Relations, Law, Sociology</td>
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The Scottish Parliament has suspended its internship program.

*Tech Start-Up based in CodeBase, an organization that provides a space to tech startups and scaleups and helps them build their business.

**Note:** You do not necessarily need to major in a particular subject area to qualify for an internship.

To review full descriptions of internship options, please check out this UCEAP Internship Provider and Job Description resource.

To avoid placement delays or rejection, you are encouraged to put the time into developing a strong cover letter and CV with your initial application. Although rare in occurrence, the Parliament reserves the right not to accept a student based on the quality of their cover letter and/or CV. The Career Center offers excellent resources and support, which all students are encouraged to take advantage of.

**Setting Up Your Internship**

Students will indicate their preliminary internship interest within their UCEAP application. At a later point in the process, students will submit their CV and cover letter (and unofficial transcript for CS students) to the Edinburgh Study Centre for consideration. Employers will then review applications, conduct interviews and select students for internships.

**Selection Timeline and Terminology**

Nomination to the Scottish Universities program happens at the campus level. Your application is then forwarded to UCEAP for further review. After students have applied and been accepted by their host university, their status will be changed to “Accepted.” Acceptance at a Scottish university over the last couple years have come in September/October for spring students and May for fall students.

You can check this chart to see when students have been placed at your host university in the past.

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

Academics
Flexibility is important. Keep in mind that the courses you find in the UCEAP Course Catalog or on the host university’s web site may not be offered the semester(s) you will be abroad. Oftentimes you will not have concrete information about what courses will be offered until a couple months before departure or even until upon arrival in Scotland. Be prepared for the possibility that you will have to modify your plans.

Here’s how you convert host institution units to UC Berkeley semester units:

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<th>Host institution</th>
<th>UK host institution units</th>
<th>UC semester units</th>
<th>Most common # of courses UC students take per term</th>
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<td>University of Edinburgh</td>
<td>10/20/40</td>
<td>2.7/5.3/10.7</td>
<td>3-6</td>
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<tr>
<td>University of Glasgow</td>
<td>10/15/20/30/40/60</td>
<td>2.7/4/5.3/8/10.7/16</td>
<td>2-5</td>
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<tr>
<td>University of St Andrews</td>
<td>15/20/30</td>
<td>4/5.3/8</td>
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Note: Bold indicates the most common number of units per one-term course. Higher unit numbers tend to be for year-long courses, but not necessarily.
How many courses/units will I take?

Students are required to take a minimum of 14-16 units each semester. The usual course load is about four classes per semester, but this can vary by university and the specific courses selected. Check out the chart below to see how many courses students took in the past and how many semester units they were.

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<th>Edinburgh</th>
<th>St. Andrews</th>
<th>Glasgow</th>
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<td>Typical amount of courses students take</td>
<td>3-5</td>
<td>2-3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Typical semester unit per course</td>
<td>2.66-5.33</td>
<td>4-8</td>
<td>2.66-5.33</td>
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<td>Typical total semester unit count for term</td>
<td>15-16</td>
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Housing

Housing for the Scottish Universities programs could be found via the school’s housing website. Students may choose to go through with the University’s housing which consists of residence halls or privately in a flat or home. For each program, the student must make their own housing arrangements when they apply to the university. After you’ve received notification of acceptance, the university should send you housing information and applications forms. Forums and direct contact with the housing office are the best ways to see what housing situation would work for you. For the University of Glasgow and University of St. Andrews, more information about housing can be found on the UCEAP program webpage. In addition to the information on the UCEAP webpage, specialized information for University of Edinburgh is below.

Housing - University of Edinburgh

The University of Edinburgh’s accommodations are spread throughout the city. Many factors may go into housing such as proximity to your classes, distance from the city center, and your own personal preferences. When you receive acceptance to the program, you can apply for housing ranking your top choices and you will soon receive a housing offer back from the university.

A quick table to some of Edinburgh’s popular residence halls:
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<th>Accommodation</th>
<th>Known for...</th>
<th>Room Type</th>
<th>Proximity to George Square...</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pollock Halls (Baird House, Holland House, Turner House)</td>
<td>Brand new facilities, located very close to Arthur’s Seat, also centrally located to both George Square and King’s Buildings. Catering options.</td>
<td>Standard single, large single en-suite, standard single en-suite</td>
<td>0.9 miles (17 min walk)</td>
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<td>Deaconess</td>
<td>Very close to central campus. Close to Arthur’s Seat. Relatively new and modern. Known to be quiet accommodation. On the pricier side.</td>
<td>Singles</td>
<td>0.5 miles (11 min walk)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Riego Street</td>
<td>Close to Grassmarket (restaurant area) and very close to Edinburgh Castle. Known to have large kitchen spaces and living room space.</td>
<td>Singles</td>
<td>0.7 miles (15 min walk)</td>
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<td>Hermit’s Croft</td>
<td>Probably the most central, best of both worlds. Quiet and busy at the same time. Good kitchen sizes and room for living room lounging. Some issues with laundry service. Arthur’s Seat is in your backyard.</td>
<td>Standard Single</td>
<td>0.5 miles (11 min walk)</td>
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<td>Warrender Park Crescent</td>
<td>Rooms are a good size, small kitchens, very close to Meadows, but on other side from George Square. Close to Bruntsfield and Marchmont.</td>
<td>Standard single, large single.</td>
<td>0.7 miles (15 min walk)</td>
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Sciennes | Close to the Meadows, quiet area and pretty quiet dorm, and very bare bones. Affordable but would avoid if possible. | Standard Single Room, Shared Room | 0.5 miles (11 min walk)

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### Summer Research in Glasgow

**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. Within the UCEAP portal, students rank the top 3 programs of interest, and will provide a 250 word supporting statement regarding your ranking.
3) Later on in the process, not at the time of your initial applications, students will also apply directly to their host university.

**Students are encouraged to apply for this program as soon as possible, and research spots will be granted on a first come first served basis.**

**Academics**

The University of Glasgow Summer Research in Glasgow program offers students an opportunity to focus on a single research topic in *life science, chemistry or history*. You’ll work one on one with a mentor with experience in your field. You’ll take a 6 unit class for a letter grade. This is a new program for Summer 2022.

You can see some examples of previous research projects [here](#).

Here are the lists of the Summer 2022 research projects in:

- Life Sciences
- Chemistry
- History

**Program Information**

This program includes airport pickups, excursions and meal plan at no extra cost! Please [review this PDF](#) of a recent webinar with additional information about the program.

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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 the bottom of the Academics tab for a given program to see when grades are typically reported. 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.

UCEAP Alums
UCEAP 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 Amy an email (averamay@berkeley.edu) 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. Example schedules and tips from students who’ve participated on these programs are included in this folder.

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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
St. Andrews University Info Session | International Education Week 2021
13 Free things to do in Edinburgh, Scotland
University of Glasgow Info Session | International Education Week 2020
3-minute travel guide: Edinburgh, Scotland
3-minute travel guide: Glasgow, Scotland
3-minute travel guide: St Andrews, Scotland

University of Edinburgh
Recorded Information Session
Student Abroad Blog
Studying abroad at the University of Edinburgh

University of Glasgow
UofG Visiting Students Blog
World Changing Glasgow (YouTube)

University of St. Andrews
What will your St Andrews be? (YouTube)
A Student Tour of St Andrews
St Andrews from Above (YouTube)