

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.

Application Details

Important note for all programs in Scotland:

Qualified applicants are accepted on a first-come, first serve basis. Summer, Fall and Year applications open on November 1, 2024 at 9am and the UCEAP application submission is the timestamp for consideration of admission to the program.

The spring 2025 application opens on April 15, 2024 and again, 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.

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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 university offers via [UCEAP's academic guide](#) to determine which university is the best academic fit for you.

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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 caveats. 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!

Internship Option

Students who attend the University of Edinburgh have the opportunity to pursue an [internship](#), for which they can earn units.

Internship Placement

Internships are available at several organizations covering a wide area of interests:

Internship providers and job descriptions

Company	Areas of Interest	Terms available
*Euan's Guide	Communications, Marketing	Fall or Spring
Pitchbooking	Computer Science	Fall or Spring
Scottish Book Trust	English, Education, Communication, Marketing, Public Policy, Computer Science (for app development)	Fall or Spring
Turing Trust	Computer Science	Fall or Spring
UN House Scotland	Politics, Intl. Relations, Law, Sociology	Fall or Spring
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.

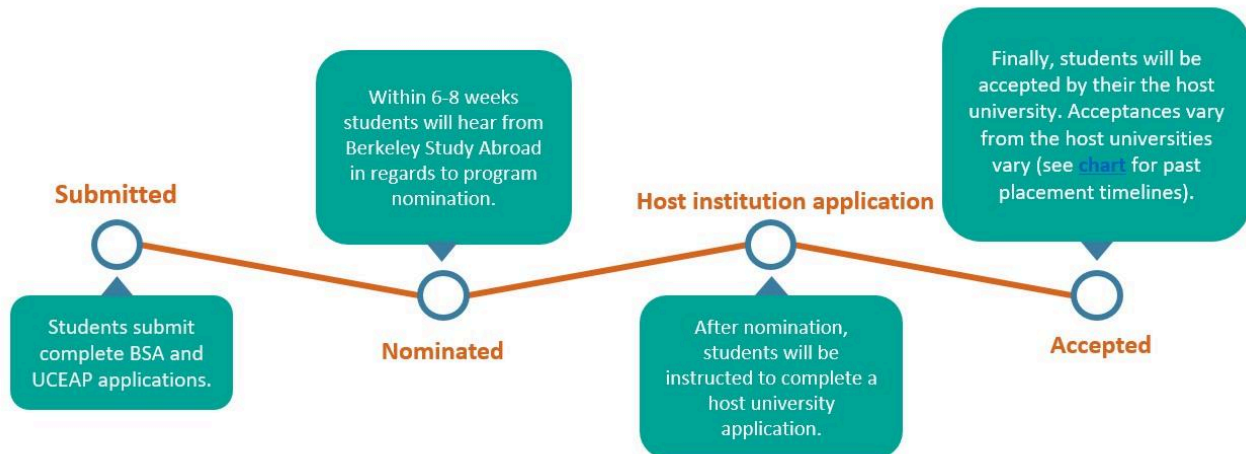
Setting Up Your Internship

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.



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:

Host institution	UK host institution units	UC semester units	Most common # of courses UC students take per term
University of Edinburgh	10/20/40	2.7/5.3/10.7	3-6
University of Glasgow	10/15/20/30/40/60	2.7/4/5.3/8/10.7/16	2-5
University of St Andrews	15/20/30	4/5.3/8	2-4

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.

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

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 application 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:

Accommodation	Known for...	Room Type	Proximity to George Square...
Pollock Halls (Baird House, Holland House, Turner House)	Brand new facilities, located very close to Arthur's Seat, also centrally located to both George Square and King's Buildings. Catering options.	Standard single, large single en-suite, standard single en-suite	0.9 miles (17 min walk)
Deaconess	Very close to central campus. Close to Arthur's Seat. Relatively new and modern. Known to be quiet accommodation. On the pricier side.	Singles	0.5 miles (11 min walk)
Riego Street	Close to Grassmarket (restaurant area) and very close to Edinburgh Castle. Known to have large kitchen spaces and living room space.	Singles	0.7 miles (15 min walk)
Hermit's Croft	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.	Standard Single	0.5 miles (11 min walk)
Warrender Park Crescent	Rooms are a good size, small kitchens, very close to Meadows, but on other side from George Square. Close to Bruntsfield and Marchmont.	Standard single, large single.	0.7 miles (15 min walk)

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

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.

Other Important Notes for All Programs

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.

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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 your BSA advisor 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. Example schedules and tips from students who've participated on these programs are included in this folder.

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!

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[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 \(YouTube\)](#)