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 on program cancellations for the 2021-2022 cycle. The program described in this Advising Notes document is scheduled to proceed at this time, and UCEAP will inform campus offices if there are any updates.

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United Kingdom - England
Summer, University College 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.

**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.

**New Program**
This is a new program that was set to run for the first time via UCEAP in summer 2020. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, this first year was suspended.

**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 UCL at the same time - all applications will be due on the UCB deadline. Within your UCEAP Portal you will find detailed instructions for the UCL application.

**Upfront Payment**
This program requires students to pay for their accomodations at UCL within two weeks of their acceptance into the program. It is important to keep this in mind when applying since summer financial aid would not be available that early in the process. Acceptances for the summer 2020 program came in early February. That means if you’re accepted, you’d need to put down a non-refundable housing payment by mid-February. If you have concerns about this, please reach out to Amy.

**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 UCEAP 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.

This program has not ran before so we don’t have any data on when grades come back, but looking at similar summer programs in the UK, we expect: 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).

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 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 Lemierand (UCLA) offers advice for students to make meaningful connections while they travel.