



UCLA INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE

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# Study Abroad for Neuroscience Majors

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**UCLA** Study Abroad

# Welcome!

# Who We Are.

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- **UCLA International Education Office (IEO)**
  - One-stop-shop for study abroad.
  - Study abroad advisors and coordinators.
  - Connect with study abroad returnees!
- **The UCLA Neuroscience Interdepartmental Program**
  - Your major/minor department!



# Agenda Overview

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- Welcome
- Study Abroad 101 Refreshers
- How to Study Abroad in Your Major
- Sample Programs
- Words of Wisdom From Your Peers



# Study Abroad 101 Refreshers

# Webinars Distinction

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- **What's covered in Study Abroad 101?**

- Programs Types
- Credit Transfer
- Costs and Funding
- Application Process and Timeline

**Study Abroad 101**  
**@**  
**[ieo.ucla.edu/glow](https://ieo.ucla.edu/glow)**

- **What's covered in this session?**

- Discipline specific
- Programs with Focus or Strong Offerings in Neuroscience
- Student Returnee Advice
- Q&A

# Program Types (Refresher)

- **University Immersion** – Study at a local university with local students and other UC peers.
- **UCLA Faculty-Led** – Short-term experiential courses “on-the-go” with UCLA professors over the summer aka UCLA Travel Study
- **Intern/Research Abroad** – Intern or research abroad for credit!
- **Dozen Other Types!**





# Narrowing Down Programs (Refresher)

## How To Choose Your Program

UCLA Study Abroad

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GET STARTED | EXPLORE PROGRAMS | APPLY | FINANCES | CALENDAR | BLOG | RETURNEES | CONTACT | Q


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HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM

DIVERSITY AND IDENTITY ABROAD

FAQS

WEBINARS



When it comes to choosing a study abroad program, there is no "one-size fits all," nor is there only one program for you. There is likely more than one program that fits your personal and academic interests!

The first step in exploring these programs, is identifying your study abroad goals. Ask yourself, **"What do I want out of this? What are my goals?"** Consider the following questions:

- Are you interested in satisfying academic requirements? (i.e. major, minor, GE, elective and/or foreign language?)
- Would you like internship or research experience?
- Do you simply need units?

[bit.ly/HTCHYP](https://bit.ly/HTCHYP)



# Financial Aid (Refresher)

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**Can I use my UCLA Financial Aid  
for a study abroad program?**

**YES!**

**Are there scholarships?**

**YES!**





# When to Apply (Refresher)

- **As early as 9 months before start of the program.**
  - Deadlines vary by program.
- **Is it competitive?**
  - Generally no. Most are first-come, first-served.
- **Can I apply/register now?**
  - Most Summer/Fall 2024 programs are now open!
  - UCLA Travel Study opens Nov. 16



# Studying Abroad as a UCLA Neuroscience Major



# Studying Abroad Outside of Major

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- **Students are not obligated to “study abroad in their major.”**
  - GEs, minor, foreign language or tech breadth (if applicable), units, personal or professional development.
  - Still making progress toward degree.
- **Most programs are not designed around a major.**
- **Expand your search beyond “major programs!”**

But if you want to study  
abroad in your major...



# UCEAP Course Credit for Neuroscience Major

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- Best times to study abroad are any Summer or Fall of your 4th year.
- When considering taking courses for the Neuroscience major:
  - **Major Prep:** Work towards Physics 5ABC series
  - **Required Core Classes:** Recommend taking at UCLA
  - **Major Electives:** Can complete if syllabus is approved by the department and courses come back to UCLA as upper division.
  - **Capstone Research:**
    - NEUROSC M116A , NEUROSC 199A/B, and DOPA Team/Project Brainstorm must be taken at UCLA
    - The extra elective for the Laboratory Methods option can be taken abroad if syllabus is approved by the department.



## Additional Notes for Neuroscience Majors

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- Syllabus approval: should have course outline and indicate upper division content; send syllabus to Jaclyn Robbin or Aftin Whitten
- Thorough planning is the key to success! Meet with Academic counselor (Jaclyn Robbin & Aftin Whitten) and UCEAP Advisor to plan out your courses.
- Pre-Med Students: No guarantees if medical schools will accept courses from abroad.
- Maintain a grade of C- or higher; grades below a C- remain included in GPA even after retaking the equivalent course at UCLA.



# Additional Notes for Neuroscience Majors

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- Petition
  - <https://www.neurosci.ucla.edu/program/course-planning/>
- Study Abroad for Neuroscience Majors
  - <https://www.neurosci.ucla.edu/opportunities/study-abroad/>



# Sample Programs

# UCLA Travel Study

3-5 week summer-only  
programs with UCLA faculty



# UCLA Travel Study

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## Spanish - Taking it to the Streets in Buenos Aires

**Location:** Buenos Aires, Argentina

- **Timeframe:** Summer, 4 weeks
- **Coursework:**
  - SPAN M165XP: Rethinking the City, Urban Numbness and the Healing Medicine of Caring Cultures
  - SPAN 170: Activism and Gender in Argentina
- **Highlights**
  - Great for Spanish minors!
  - Prerequisite: SPAN 25 or 27, and SPAN 119
  - Homestay with local Argentine families





# UCLA Travel Study

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## Dante, Shakespeare, and Opera in Milan & Verona

- **Location:** Milan, Verona - Italy
- **Timeframe:** Summer, 4 weeks
- **Coursework:**
  - ITALIAN 42A: Italy Through Ages in English: Dante and Shakespeare's Verona
  - ITALIAN 125: Italian through Opera: Opera in Verona
- **Highlights**
  - Multisite program
  - Walking Tour of Milan
  - A performance of Aida at Verona's Arena





# UCLA Travel Study

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## History: Ancient Greece

- **Location:** Greece
- **Timeframe:** Summer, 3 weeks
- **Coursework:**
  - HIST 112BD: History of Ancient Mediterranean World
  - HIST 112D: History and Monuments of Ancient Greece
- **Highlights**
  - Field trips to sites and museums
  - Cruise excursion to Royal Tombs of Vergina
  - Visit to Santorini and Mykonos
  - Diversity requirement for CL&S, SOM, PA





# UCLA Travel Study

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Social Science IDP - Social Science in Context -  
Understanding New Zealand

**Location:** Wellington, New Zealand

- **Timeframe:** Summer, 4 weeks
- **Coursework:**
  - SOC SC 110A: Social Science in Context: Perspectives and Methods in the Study of Culture and Society
  - SOC SC 110B: Social Science in Context: Understanding New Zealand from Colonialism to Neoliberalism
- **Highlights**
  - 3-4 group meals included as part of excursions
  - Local guest speakers as part of curriculum



# UCLA Global Internship Program

summer-only internships for  
UCLA students



# Global Health Internship Opportunities

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**Oaxaca, Mexico**  
*(Clinical Rotations)*



**La Paz, Bolivia**  
*(Clinical Rotations)*

**APPLICATION OPEN:**  
October 23 – Nov 27, 2023





# Timeline and Academics

[www.ieo.ucla.edu/globalinternships](http://www.ieo.ucla.edu/globalinternships)

- **Timeline:** Late June – Late August
- **Program Length:** 8 Weeks in-country / 10 Weeks online courses
- **Program Requirements:**
  - 3.0 GPA and Good Academic Standing
  - 90 Units completed by Spring 2024
  - Intermediate Spanish
- **Units:** 4-to-8 units
  - **IA STD 195CE** Internship course (*mandatory*). May fulfill electives for Global Health minor by petition
  - **CESC 130:** Intercultural communication the Global Workplace (*optional*)
- **Type of Internship:** Academic (unpaid)
- **Internship Hours:** Approximately 32 hours per week

# UCEAP Programs

Summer, Fall, Spring, and Year  
options via the UC system



# UCEAP: Physics Summer Abroad

- **Timeframe:** Summer, 8 weeks
- **Credit:** Major or Minor
- **Highlights:**
  - Satisfy Physics 5A and 5B, or 1A and 1B (Glasgow only)
  - 2 destinations: Ireland, Scotland

**More Info:** [ieo.ucla.edu/uceap/summerphysics/](https://ieo.ucla.edu/uceap/summerphysics/)





# UCEAP: University of Sussex, UK

- **Timeframe:** Fall, Spring Sem, Year
- **Credit:** Major, minor, GE via petition
- **Highlights:**
  - Take courses in English alongside local students with local professors.
  - Coastal vibrant city; SF of UK.
- **Sample Courses in LS & PSYCH:**
  - Cognitive Neuroscience (advanced)
  - Social Cognitive Development
  - Psychology of Cognitive Processes
  - Drugs, Brain and Behavior
  - Attention: Distraction, Daydreaming and Diversity

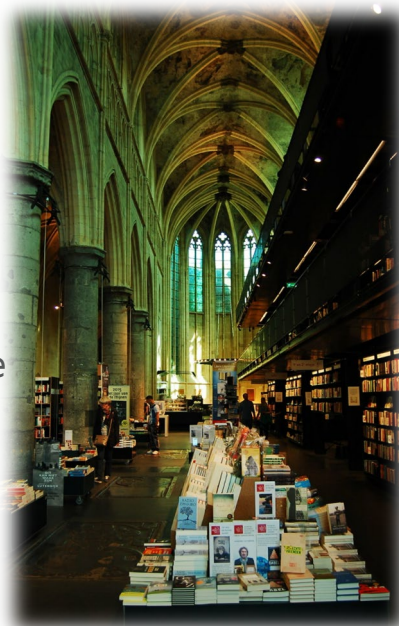


The School of Psychology is one of the largest psychology units in the UK with world-leading researchers and excellent facilities



# UCEAP: Psychology & Neuroscience, Maastricht

- **Timeframe:** Fall or Spring Qtr
- **Credit:** Major or GE via petition
- **Highlights:**
  - Courses in English with int'l students in a college town; centrally located.
  - PBL academic system.
- **Sample Coursework:**
  - Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience
  - Child Neuropsychology
  - Cognitive Neuroscience of Language
  - Social Neuroscience
  - Roaring 20s, Nazi Terrors, & Cold War
  - Dutch Art History







# UCEAP: Yonsei University, Korea

- **Timeframe:** Fall, Spring Sem, Year
- **Credit:** Major, minor, GE's, language via petition
- **Highlights:**
  - Content courses in English (or Korean) with locals.
  - Optional Korean language study
  - Few excursions and cultural activities for program.
- **Possible NEURO Coursework:**
  - Social Neuroscience
  - Neuroscience: Exploring the Brain
  - Neurodegenerative Disorders
  - Neuroscience of Interpersonal Relationships
  - Cognition and Emotion Regulation





# UCEAP: University of Melbourne, Australia

- **Timeframe:** Fall, Spring Sem, Year
- **Credit:** Major, minor, GE's, language via petition
- **Highlights:**
  - Courses in English with locals.
  - Studying in coastal cosmopolitan city in the southern hemisphere!
  - Optional excursions offered by university.
- **Possible NEURO Coursework:**
  - Behavioral & Cognitive Neuroscience
  - Complex Functions in Neuroscience
  - Trends in Personality & Social Psychology
  - Neuroscience and the Mind





# UCEAP: Psych & Cognitive Science, Padua (Italy)

- **Timeframe:** Spring Sem (FEB-JUL), Year
- **Credit:** Major/minor, foreign language progress
- **Highlights:**
  - Coursework in English alongside local and international students
  - Italian language study available
- **Sample Courses:**
  - Affective Neuroscience and Psychopathology
  - Neuropsychology of Aging
  - Neurology
  - Statistics for Brain and Cognitive Sciences





There are dozens of other options for  
Neuroscience majors on UCEAP.  
These were just a few.



# UCEAP: Made in Italy, Florence

- **Timeframe:** Summer (Jun-Aug), Fall (Aug-Dec), Winter (Jan-Mar), Spring (Jan-Apr)
- **Potential Credit:** General Education (GEs)
- **Highlights:**
  - Take non-engineering courses with UC peers; live in homestay or apt.
- **Sample Coursework Varies by Term:**
  - Summer = 2 courses, Fall/Spring = 4 courses, Winter = 3 courses
  - Genius and Innovation in Renaissance Art
  - Unity in Diversity: The Making of Italian Identity Through Food
  - Entrepreneurship: The Italian Way
  - Made in Italy: Marketing the Italian Style
  - Fashion and Media in Italy
  - Florence Overexposed: Photograph, Cinema, and Urban Development
  - Bread, Wine & Olive Oil: A Culinary History of Italy





# Neuroscience Returnee Advice



Casey, Sweden  
UCEAP Lund University  
Fall 2019

“Plan ahead. When I decided I wanted to study abroad, I mapped out what classes I still needed to take and when I should take them. I found out that I had quite a bit of wiggle room for taking fun classes while abroad.”

“If you wanna go to Lund, Sweden, take Sensory Biology! I was able to get credit for the Systems and Integrative Neuroscience requirement with it, and it's a super interesting graduate course where you study the sensory systems of various different animals. The professors are great and take mercy on you for being an exchange student.”



# Neuroscience Returnee Advice



- 1) Plan as early as possible (apply early, save money early, purchase your flight early, exchange your currency early, apply to study abroad scholarships early)
- 2) Apply to the Gilman International Scholarship!
- 3) Check out [The Bruin Abroad](#) to check out blog posts of fellow returnees to check out their highlights/tips/sites to visit.

- 4) Research the country's weather for that season, pack appropriate clothes.
- 5) Bring with you a portable charger for your phone! Trust me, this will save you a lot of headache.
- 6) Travel light. It is much easier to get around this way and this gives you space to bring back goodies/souvenirs from your trip.
- 7) Resist the temptation to sleep in! Now is your time to explore, take full advantage of it.
- 8) Most importantly, soak it all in! Live in the moment, don't experience your entire study abroad experience behind a camera (take a mental snapshot instead :))



Lupita, Ireland  
UCEAP Summer Physics  
Summer 2019

Questions?

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# Thank You

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