

CED's Recommended Steps to Study Abroad

I'm interested in studying abroad. What are my next steps?

The earlier you begin your research, the better! Below is CED's recommended list of next steps to explore studying abroad.

Step 1: Clarification of Personal Goals

- Reflect on your personal, academic and professional priorities and goals for your experience abroad using the Berkeley Study Abroad [Program Planning Worksheet](#). When and where you wish to study abroad, the duration of your stay, whether or not you wish to satisfy degree requirements abroad, and financial needs are all important factors to consider before researching your options. Clarity in regards to these factors will help you narrow down your options and provide you focus while exploring the vast array of study abroad options available.

Step 2: Program Exploration

- Explore your options using the Berkeley Study Abroad website. The [Study Abroad Search Tool](#) allows you to explore by term, location, language of instruction, and program provider. Each result includes a link to the corresponding program website for additional information. Be sure to review the detailed eligibility on each individual program listing. Program eligibility is determined by the program provider.
- Interested in a UCEAP program? Filter by discipline using the [UCEAP Search Tool](#).
- Join the [Berkeley Study Abroad mailing list](#) to stay up to date on events and deadlines.
- Attend [events](#) put on by the Berkeley Study Abroad Office including the Study Abroad Fair.
- Review our "Academic Planning" webpage to view a sample of programs related to the built environment, lists of pre-approved courses for degree requirements, and CED's policies regarding study abroad.

Step 3: Meet with your Advisors

- Meet with a CED Academic Advisor
 - Visit 250 Wurster Hall to discuss your study abroad interests with an advisor and create a graduation plan including the term you wish to study abroad. Ensure all degree requirements can be satisfied in time for graduation, including senior residency.
- Meet with a Berkeley Study Abroad Advisor and Financial Aid Counselor
 - Visit 160 Stephens Hall and meet with a Berkeley Study Abroad Advisor [during drop-in hours](#) to discuss your program interests, application requirements, applicable deadlines and required paperwork.
 - Meet with a counselor from the Berkeley Financial Aid and Scholarships Office to discuss and understand your funding options.

Step 4: Apply to a Program by the Deadline

- Application deadlines can be up to 10 months in advance of the program start date.

Step 5: If Accepted to a Program

- If you are accepted to a program, complete any next steps required by your program to complete the application process by the given deadlines.
- Meet with a CED academic advisor to finalize your graduation plan, and if necessary, adjust your expected graduation date in Cal Central. Confirm you will meet senior residency requirements with your program plan.

Step 6: Study Abroad!

- Enjoy your time abroad!

Step 7: Upon Returning

- Meet with a CED Academic Advisor to check in about your remaining graduation plan.
- If you took courses that were pre-approved to count for degree requirements, submit an Academic Progress Report (APR) Correction [form](#) to have your APR updated.
- If you enjoyed your experience and would recommend your program and classes to other CED students, speak with a CED advisor about adding your recommendations to the CED website and or tell us about your experience by submitting a testimonial [here](#).