

Study Abroad in Cognitive Science

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The Department of Cognitive Science strongly encourages you to study abroad. While polishing your foreign language skills in a native environment, take advantage of the opportunity to gain exposure to how the academic field of cognitive science is taught in other countries and cultures through the University of California's Education Abroad Program (EAP), UC San Diego's Opportunity Abroad Program (OAP), or UC San Diego's new Global Seminars (GS). Summer language programs, semester, and year-long programs are available.

"Cognitive science occurs when one studies human behavior from a variety of view points. There is nothing like going abroad to broaden one's parochial views and realize that there are other ways of seeing and experiencing life. That in itself is singularly useful for a cognitive science education." - **Dr. Jaime Pineda, Professor of Cognitive Science, UCSD**

Why study abroad?

"Today's workplace requires you to be quick on your feet and highly adaptable. You will work for, and with, professionals from diverse backgrounds whose personal styles may be quite different from your own. Study Abroad is an outstanding way to build your skills, to see the world through another's eyes, and to demonstrate to employers that you are tested and ready to pursue the global workplace"

--**Andrew T. Ceperley, Director, Career Services Center, UCSD**

Consider your value to an employer or a graduate program if you've:

- Participated in a different educational system and gained a new cultural perspective
- Increased your proficiency in another language
- Improved your critical thinking skills
- Expanded your worldview by experiencing another culture firsthand
- Developed self-confidence and independence
- Prepared for a career in an internationally competitive world
- Enhanced résumés and/or applications for graduate school

What are my first steps?

1. Attend a [First Steps](#) session. Sign up at: <http://pao.ucsd.edu>
2. Visit <http://pao.ucsd.edu>
3. Start your research in the Programs Abroad Library
4. Meet with a Programs Abroad Advisor
5. Schedule a visit with the Advisor in Cog Sci (pineda@cogsci.ucsd.edu)
6. Visit your college advising office

When should I study abroad?

While it is possible for Cognitive Science majors to go at almost any point in their academic careers, the particular quarter, semester, summer or year that you study abroad depends on your individual progress in your major and what courses you plan to take while abroad. See Requirements section below for more information.



Les Halles, Paris

What will it cost?

Study on EAP/OAP/GS can be comparable to the cost of study at UC. In some cases, it can cost less. EAP participants pay UC fees and continue to receive UC financial aid while abroad. Furthermore, EAP students are eligible for special grants and scholarships from UC, the host country, and other sources. GS students are eligible for scholarships and summer aid.

OAP students may retain all or some of their funding while abroad, including special study abroad scholarships, but because of the variety of the programs found through OAP, costs for individual programs can vary greatly.

Check here for specific information about scholarships and financial aid: <http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/funding.htm>

Where should I study abroad?

You will find coursework relevant to your major in Cog Sci at many EAP study centers. [Course Catalog](https://myeap.eap.ucop.edu/Galileo/Service/CourseCatalog/CourseCatalog.aspx) (https://myeap.eap.ucop.edu/Galileo/Service/CourseCatalog/CourseCatalog.aspx) can help you find programs that meet your needs.

If you can't find a program, university or country that suits your needs through EAP, try OAP! Two sites that will help you in your search are <http://www.goabroad.com/> and <http://www.studyabroad.com/>.

In addition to EAP and OAP, UC San Diego has **Global Seminars** (GS) in various countries throughout the world. Every GS consists of two courses taught by a UCSD professor. You are required to take both classes for a letter grade. These courses transfer automatically to your UCSD transcript as though you took these courses on campus over the summer

Here are just a few of the programs and universities where Cognitive Science majors may study:

- University of Queensland, Australia
- Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Peking University, Beijing
- University of London, Queen Mary, England
- University of Lyon, France
- Georg-August University, Göttingen, Germany
- University College Dublin, Ireland
- University of Padova, Italy
- National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico City
- University of Maastricht, the Netherlands
- University of Otago, New Zealand
- University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
- University of Granada, Spain
- Lund University, Sweden

What classes should I take?

The key to success is planning and pre-approval! The Cognitive Science Department's undergraduate advisor will help students select courses that can meet major and minor requirements. Be sure to take your completed Academic Planning Form with you to your meeting.

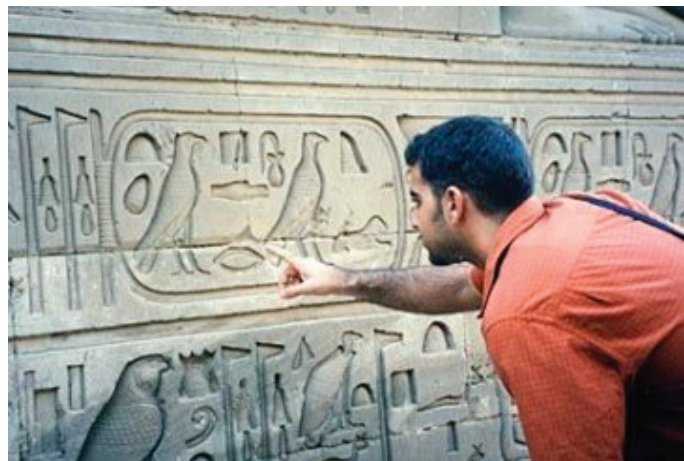
The EAP Course Catalog lets you search courses taken by UC students over the last 5 years. Additionally, you can find courses that have been previously approved for Cognitive Science majors here. EAP and GS students automatically earn UC credit for the work they complete abroad. Application of credit to major requirements is subject to the discretion of the department.

OAP students earn transfer credit for the work they complete abroad, and application of credit to major requirements is also subject to the discretion of the department.



Requirements

The Cognitive Science Department allows a maximum of 3 courses to be taken outside the department for a B.S. degree and a maximum of 1 course to be taken outside the department for a B.A. degree.



Hieroglyphics at a pyramid in Luxor, Egypt

HINT: If you took courses in another language while abroad, have your proficiency tested immediately upon return.

"I learned a great deal about cross-cultural sensitivity, which is critical to both my work as a psychologist and also simply participating in the multicultural society in which we live."

- UC San Diego alum

What happens when I return?

Students must bring all coursework material from their abroad program to the Cognitive Science advisor with a general petition for each course. The Faculty advisor of the program will review the petitions and make final approval on coursework - if courses are approved the information will be transferred to the appropriate colleges.



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