Study Abroad in
Computer Science & Engineering
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What are my First Steps?

- Attend a First Steps session
- Research the program that is right for you
- Meet with a Programs Abroad advisor
- Search for courses you can take abroad that may fulfill major/minor/GE requirements to add to your Academic Planning Form
- Meet with your major/minor advisor
- Meet with your college advisor

"Major engineering projects have international scope and a global impact. To be successful, today’s engineer must have an understanding of and appreciation for other cultures and societies. Studying abroad on EAP is an ideal means to achieve that goal.” – Prof. Kiureghian, UC Berkeley

99% of CSE students who took courses in their major abroad received or are in the process of receiving major credit.

Plan early!
Begin planning at least 9 months and preferably a year or more in advance of your study abroad in order to stick to your graduation plans!

Did you know?
92% of engineering majors at UCSD graduate in 4.5 years if they go abroad, compared to only 77% who graduate in 4.5 years if they don’t!

Picture yourself here!

At Imperial College London, you’re happy that the university offers such a wide range of computer science courses. You have the choice of taking computer science and software engineering courses, computer architecture, systems development, databases, and/or programming classes. But when you’ve decided that you’re tired from spending 30 hours on the computer, you take a break and watch a Shakespeare play at the Globe, refresh your history archive at the Imperial War Museum, pay tribute to the Beatles at Abbey Road, or hang out in one of the many trendy cafes in Soho!

Today after class, you and your friends are heading out to Hyde Park and checking out the famous Speakers’ Corner, where open air public speaking, debates, and discussions take place. You guys have planned a light picnic: tea, cucumber sandwiches, and scones –doing English afternoon tea right!

Why Study Abroad?
Regardless of your future career choice, studying abroad will help you develop skills that are critical to an engineering education. Consider your value to an employer or a graduate program if you’ve:
- Participated in a different educational system
- Increased your proficiency in another language
- Improved your critical thinking skills
- Expanded your worldview by experiencing another culture firsthand
- Prepared for a career in an internationally competitive world
- Enhanced resumes and/or applications for graduate school
Some highlighted programs…for more programs in CSE, see pao.ucsd.edu

United Kingdom
Topic: Computer Science
Program: Imperial College, London
Date: Year
Info: eap.ucop.edu

Hong Kong
Topic: Computer Science
Program: University of Hong Kong
Date: Fall/Spring/Year
Info: eap.ucop.edu

South Korea
Topic: Computer Science
Program: Pohang University of Science and Technology
Date: Semester and Year
Info: www.postech.ac.kr/e/

Australia
Topic: Computer Science
Program: University of Newcastle
Date: Fall/Spring/Year
Info: globalinksabroad.org

How Much Does it Cost?

Study abroad may be more affordable than you think. The cost of studying abroad can be comparable to staying at UCSD and may even be less expensive.

Financial Aid

In almost all instances, students can use most or all of their financial aid packages for study abroad. Over half of UCSD’s study abroad participants are financial aid recipients.

Scholarships

UCSD students were awarded about $500,000 in study abroad scholarships last year. The Programs Abroad Office offers regular workshops to help students prepare a competitive scholarship essay.

Visit Our Website to Learn More:
http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/funding.htm

What Happens When I Return?

The support of the Programs Abroad Office does not end when you return. We continue to help you get credit for your classes and also provide opportunities to reflect on your time abroad and connect with other returnees and prospective students.

To Petition Courses for Major Credit

□ Bring all course work from abroad to the CSE advisor (notes, tests, quizzes, syllabi, etc.)
□ Wait for courses taken abroad to post to your UCSD transcript
□ Fill out an undergraduate student petition for each course you would like to satisfy a major requirement
□ The CSE faculty advisor will review courses for final approval

To Use What You’ve Learned Abroad:
http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/uponreturn.html