A Student Perspective...

"Studying abroad is hands down the best decision I've made as an undergraduate. I had the opportunity to live with a host family in Barcelona for ten months. I improved my Spanish, learned some Catalan, and really came to understand another culture by experiencing it firsthand. You might think a year abroad would be a setback academically, but it was the opposite. I'm a Spanish Language Studies major, so studying in Spain actually helped me. The University of Barcelona offered General Linguistics classes, but I had already taken many of those at UCSD. Using what I'd learned at UCSD, I was able to take Phonology of Spanish, Syntax of Spanish, and a class on the dialectology of American Spanish. I also took a Spanish Literature course on Don Quijote and a Linguistic Typology class. These classes expanded my knowledge of Spanish from merely speaking and reading to a broader understanding of the language as a whole, and I was able to petition them to apply to my major."

- Chris Eager, Linguistics 2011 graduate & 2009-10 EAP-Barcelona participant

Why Study Abroad?

Regardless of your future career choice, studying abroad will help you develop skills that are critical to a modern 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
- Developed self-confidence and independence
- Prepared for a career in an internationally competitive world
- Enriched your education for application to graduate school

What are my First Steps?

- Attend a First Steps session
- Review the study abroad page for Linguistics: http://ling.ucsd.edu/undergrad/study-abroad.html
- 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

100% of Linguistics students who took courses in their major abroad received or are in the process of receiving major credit.

Social Science Majors Who Studied Abroad Four-Year Graduation Rate

- 72%

Social Science Majors Who Did Not Study Abroad Four-Year Graduation Rate

- 61%
Some highlighted programs…for more programs in Linguistics, see pao.ucsd.edu

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 with the process of receiving 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
- 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
- Bring all course work from abroad to the Linguistics advisor (notes, tests, quizzes, syllabi, etc.)
- The Linguistics faculty advisor will review courses for final approval

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