

Study Abroad in Chinese Studies

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The Department of Chinese Studies strongly encourages you to study abroad. Rapidly developing economies combined with centuries of tradition and history make China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Taiwan top destinations for students studying Chinese languages or cultures. Asia is a living laboratory in which you can observe the political and social consequences of fast but uneven economic development, urban ecological problems, demographic and environmental change and complex international relations. Chinese Studies majors and minors can study through the University of California's Education Abroad Program (EAP), UCSD's Opportunities Abroad Program (OAP), or UC San Diego's Global Seminars (GS). Intensive summer language programs, fall semester, spring semester, and academic year programs are available.

"Studying abroad in China is an experience I would never trade for anything. Besides being able to speak the language more fluently, understand the views of the Chinese culture in depth, and enjoy the warmth and hospitality as well as to learn how to deal with their criticisms, it has all been a positive and rewarding experience. It also teaches me independence, emotional growth, and many self-revelations about our society in this globalized world." Anna Huynh, Beijing Normal University

Why study abroad?

Regardless of your future career choice, study abroad will help you develop skills that are critical to a liberal arts education.

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 world view 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](#) meeting at the International Center (call 534-1123)
2. Visit <http://programsabroad.ucsd.edu/> to find out more!
3. Start your research in the Programs Abroad Library
4. Meet with a Programs Abroad advisor
5. Complete your Academic Planning Form
6. Schedule a visit with the advisor in Chinese Studies (yinzhang@ucsd.edu or 858-534-5991)
7. Visit your college advising office

Requirements

Subject to final approval by the program chair, EAP and OAP credits may be transferred back to UCSD to coordinate with on-campus offerings. However, at least six of the upper-division courses for the major must be taken at UCSD. Chinese studies minors are encouraged to talk with the program advisor for information on the number of courses they may petition.



New Year's Dragon, Singapore

What classes should I take?

As with many things in life, careful planning is the key to success! The EAP [Course Catalog](https://myeap.eap.ucop.edu/Galileo/Service/CourseCatalog/CourseCatalog.aspx) (<https://myeap.eap.ucop.edu/Galileo/Service/CourseCatalog/CourseCatalog.aspx>) lets you search courses taken by UC students over the last 5 years. The department's undergraduate advisor will help you select courses that can meet major and minor requirements.

EAP students automatically earn UC credit for the work they complete abroad. However, 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.

Classes continued

In addition to EAP and OAP, UC San Diego has **Global Seminars** in various countries throughout the world. Each Global Seminar 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.

When should I study abroad?

While it is possible for Chinese Studies students to go abroad 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. Chinese Studies students must take a certain number of Chinese language courses before going abroad, depending upon the specific study center and program. See Requirements section for more information.

Where should I study abroad?

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

Locations for Global Seminars vary every summer. For complete information on programs being offered for summer 2009, visit the GS website at <http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/GSHome.html>

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

Here are the universities where Chinese Studies majors and minors have studied:

Programs in English:

National University of Singapore
Chinese University of Hong Kong
University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
UC-Fudan University Joint Program in International Studies, Shanghai

Programs in Chinese:

National Taiwan University
East China Normal University, Shanghai
Beijing Normal University--intensive language study
Peking University, Beijing

What happens when I return?

Students must bring all coursework material from their abroad program to the Chinese Studies 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.

Hint: Language testing in Mandarin only happens at the beginning of each quarter, so please plan appropriately.

What will it cost?

Study on EAP/OAP can be comparable to the cost of study at UC. In some cases, it is 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.

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://programsabroad.ucsd.edu/pao/funding.htm>

"Just by learning a foreign language, I learned to think more logically, which helped me on grad school admissions test. I got a great deal of self-confidence from having to learn to live in a different society, that has translated into a general ability to adopt to changes and think creatively. It was a great resume booster, a great talking point during interviews, and it has personally enriched me in many ways, from getting the opportunity of a lifetime to live abroad to being able to enjoy foreign language literature." - UC San Diego alum



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