

Study Abroad in Communication

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The Department of Communication at UCSD encourages its majors and minors to study abroad and explore important communication questions and issues from an international perspective. Students will find programs to integrate themselves into one of the many different cultures and countries through the University of California's Education Abroad Program (EAP), UC San Diego's Opportunities Abroad Program (OAP), or UC San Diego's new Global Seminars (GS).

"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

Why study abroad?

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](#) meeting at the International Center (call 534-1123)
2. Visit <http://pao.ucsd.edu/>
3. Start your research in the Programs Abroad Library
4. Meet with a Programs Abroad Advisor
5. Complete your academic planning form
6. Prepare and print detailed course descriptions
7. Schedule a visit with an advisor in Communication (jllloyd@weber.ucsd.edu or 858-534-4410. Please allow a minimum of two weeks for advisors to review your academic planning form
8. Visit your college advising office

When should I study abroad?

While it is possible for students of Communication 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. It is advisable for you to take COCU 100, COSF 100, and COHI 100 before you go as these courses are only offered once per year.

Requirements

The department of Communication allows a maximum of six courses taken outside of UC San Diego to count towards major requirements. Planning is the key to success! While Communication advisors will do their best to pre-approve your course choices, there is no guarantee that your chosen courses will be taught at your host university, nor that your courses from abroad will be applicable to the major upon your return. It is in your best interest to be in touch with the Comm advisors, by email, while you are abroad.



Prince George Park, National University of Singapore

What will it cost?

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

For financial aid and scholarship questions, please visit <http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/funding.htm>

What happens when I return?

Students must bring all coursework material (reading lists, exams, syllabi, etc) from their abroad program to the Communication advisors 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.

Where should I study abroad?

You will find coursework relevant to your major in Communications 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 Communications majors may study:

La Trobe University: Melbourne, Australia

The Department of Media Studies at La Trobe University has a unique approach that combines the study of the media with the development of practical mass communications skills. The department offers a wide range of subjects that allows students to explore historical, political, and cultural aspects of the media. Courses in media studies are supplemented by the study of related topics in politics, history, English, sociology, cinema studies, and drama.

American University: Cairo, Egypt

EAP students have a unique opportunity to enroll in a wide range of communication studies courses with students from Egypt and other Middle Eastern countries at AUC. The Journalism and Mass Communications Program includes course work in media history, ethics, and responsibility.

University of Lyon 2: France

The Institute of Communication at Lyon 2 focuses on the theories and social phenomena of communication; communication law and economics; and new technologies and media.

Georg August University: Göttingen, Germany

Recent developments affecting Germany, including reunification and European integration, present numerous opportunities for studies in the field of communication. Georg-August University's Institute of Communications provides a solid foundation in the history of mass communication and the political, social, and economic aspects of communication theory. International and intercultural mass communication is a major research emphasis.



Yonsei University: Seoul, Korea

At Yonsei University, engage in stimulating academic work with students from around the world and gain unique perspectives on Asian media, international politics, and society, including current South-North Korean relations and Korean popular culture. Set within a spacious, quiet, and wooded environment in western Seoul on the former site of a Yi Dynasty royal palace, Yonsei is one of the most internationalized and open universities within Korea.

Tec de Monterrey: Mexico

At Tec de Monterrey the Communications Department offers a wide variety of courses concerned with the practical, technological, and theoretical aspects of communication.

National University of Singapore

The interdisciplinary program in Information and Communications Management draws on both the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the School of Computing to offer courses that develop the skills needed for the analysis and processing of various forms of information, the management of its dissemination, the effective use of information technology, and communication processes. Two concentrations are available: one focuses on the development, impacts, and policy issues associated with information and communication technologies; the other deals with the creation and communication of content, and relates to design, writing, and project management in new media.

University of KwaZulu-Natal: Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

The Department of Media and Communication offers courses in which students study conceptual issues related to the media, society, and cultural identities; explore the understanding of visual signs from diverse sources; and combine critical perspectives with practical aspects of writing and publishing.

University of Birmingham: United Kingdom

The Media, Culture, and Society Program at the University of Birmingham is housed within the Department of Cultural Studies and Sociology. The program provides ways of understanding contemporary culture and society, with a primary focus on Britain. Students may deepen their knowledge in social and cultural history; contemporary media, arts, and cultural policy; comparative studies with other cultures; and political theories and debate over central cultural issues.



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