

Study Abroad in Psychology

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<http://psy.ucsd.edu/undergraduate/introduction.html>



The Department of Psychology encourages you to study abroad. You will find programs worldwide in which to take classes that will complement your study of experimental psychology at UC San Diego. Through the University of California's Education Abroad Program (EAP), UCSD's Opportunities Abroad Program (OAP), or UCSD's Global Seminars, you will find hundreds of programs of varying lengths and levels of cultural and language immersion, one of which is sure to suit your individual needs.

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Why study abroad?

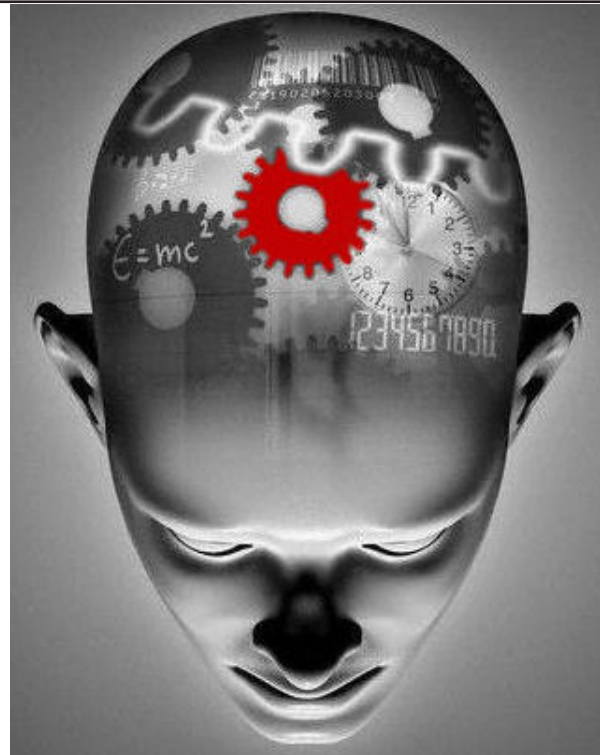
Regardless of your future career choice, study abroad will help you develop skills that are critical to a liberal arts education. Former UC San Diego Psychology students are currently enrolled in graduate studies in such areas as public administration, political science and forced migration studies. They are in student affairs positions in higher education, working for nonprofit organizations around the world, and in such diverse fields as business, medicine, government, education...you name it!

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://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 Hermila Torres, (htorres@ucsd.edu), the study abroad faculty advisor in Psychology
7. Visit your college advising office



Requirements

Students are advised to complete three of five core courses before going abroad and should plan to chart their major course requirements well in advance with a psychology advisor. This is particularly important for students who must graduate in little more than four years, as well as those who anticipate participating in the Psychology Department's Honors Program. The department transfers no more than five classes towards the Psychology Major, and no more than three classes towards the Psychology Minor. For exact course substitution, the course needs to be equivalent.

Students wishing to enroll in the Psychology Honors Program should aim to study abroad before the winter quarter of their junior year.

When should I study abroad?

While it is possible for psychology 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. Psychology students are encouraged to study abroad before their senior year. Students are advised to take one to three upper division courses at UCSD before they leave. See Requirements section below for more information.

What will it cost?

Study on EAP/OAP/GS 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://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/funding.htm>

What classes should I take?

Psychology's undergraduate advisor will help students 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. 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 3 years. EAP/OAP students can 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.

In addition to EAP and OAP, UC San Diego has [Global Seminars](http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/GSHome.html) (GS) (<http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/GSHome.html>) 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.

What happens when I return?

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

Where should I study abroad?

You will find coursework relevant to your major in Psychology 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.

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/>.

Here are just a few of the universities where Psychology majors and minors have studied:

- Maastricht University, Utrecht, Netherlands
- University of London, Royal Holloway
- University of Sussex, United Kingdom
- University of York, United Kingdom
- National University of Cork, Ireland
- National University of Galway, Ireland
- University of Adelaide, Australia
- University of Melbourne, Australia
- University of Sydney, Australia
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
- University of Grenoble, France
- Lund University, Sweden
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- National University of Singapore

"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."



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