

# Study Abroad in Theatre & Dance

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The Theatre and Dance department encourages you to study abroad at one of the many universities around the world offering dance and theater courses. Through this experience, you can enrich your overall artistic development by learning how other cultures explore various dance idioms and approach different components of theater. In addition, you may increase your proficiency in another language through everyday, practical use. You will find programs in which to study theater and dance through the University of California's Education Abroad Program (EAP), UCSD's Opportunities Abroad Program (OAP), or UCSD's Global Seminars program.

"By far the best thing that I have ever done. Traveling is the experience of getting away from what you are trying to become to find who you really are. Going to Spain opened up doors and horizons for me that I never knew existed." --Henia Belalia, Theatre and Dance major, '05

"Immeasurable value." --Allan Havis, Professor of Playwriting

## Why study abroad?

Regardless of your future career choice, study abroad will help you develop skills that are critical to a liberal arts education. Studying abroad will allow you the opportunity to train your critical eye, so necessary in the field of Theatre and Dance, in a way that would not be possible by studying at a single institution.

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 the advisor in Theatre & Dance ([umeyer@ucsd.edu](mailto:umeyer@ucsd.edu)).
7. Visit your college advising office

## When should I study abroad?

While it is possible for Theatre and Dance 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. Students are advised to take one to three upper division courses at UCSD before they leave.



Indian dancers at the Cathedral at el Zócalo, Mexico City

## What classes should I take?

The undergraduate advisor in Theatre and Dance selects 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/GS 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.

### 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 happens when I return?

Students must bring all coursework material from their abroad program to the Theatre and Dance undergraduate coordinator 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.

### Requirements

Theatre and Dance allows a maximum of six courses taken outside of UCSD to count towards major requirements.



A Scene from the Thai national epic, Ramakien

*“Everyone needs to study abroad! No matter your financial situation, major requirements, ties to home/friends/family, your life will only improve by an international study experience. Figure out a way to do it and go! “*

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*- UC San Diego alum*

### Where should I study abroad?

You will find coursework relevant to your major in Theatre and Dance. 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.

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 Theatre and Dance students have studied:

#### Dance

- University of Ghana, Legon
- University of Brighton, England
- University of Hull, England
- University of London, Royal Holloway, England
- University of Lancaster, England
- San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
- University of Limerick, Ireland (Modern Dance)
- University Iberoamerica, Puebla, Mexico
- Dance Abroad Argentina

#### Theatre

- University of Exeter - England
- Royal Holloway, University of London, England
- Queen Mary, University of London, England
- University of Sussex, England
- University of Hull, England
- Central College, London Metropolitan University, England
- Marymount College of Fordham University, London
- University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- University of Costa Rica
- University of Ghana, Legon
- Studio Marguerite, Paris, France
- British American Drama Academy (BADA), London
- Academia dell'Arte Arezzo, Italy
- University of St. Andrews, Scotland



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