

# GLOBAL LEARNING HUB

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Through the Global Learning Hub, each and every UC Davis student can find global learning opportunities available on campus, in the region, virtually and internationally. The Hub offers global learning programs, workshops, and resources that enhance all UC Davis students' academic and career pursuits through four broad areas of opportunities: Community Engagement, Global Skills & Leadership, Internships & Research, and Study Abroad. UC Davis is committed to preparing the next generation of global problem-solvers and change-makers. As such, we aim to prepare our undergraduate, graduate, and professional students to solve global challenges collaboratively, equitably and sustainably.

The Global Learning Hub helps students navigate global learning opportunities that fit their academic, personal, and professional interests, including fit with academic schedules and requirements. Additionally, the Hub provides students with programmatic and funding resources, including two online search tools and financial aid workshops. The Global Learning Hub also administers the Global Studies minor.

## Community Engagement

Through community-engaged global learning programs, students develop skills to work with communities in person or remotely to deepen their understanding of a local context, history, and complexities of local challenges that have a global impact. The communities and local leaders are the drivers of the projects. Students work with and learn from the local community and help develop long-term sustainable solutions. These programs stand-alone or can be found within study abroad, internship, and research opportunities.

## Global Skills & Leadership

Global skills and leadership programs provide students with the opportunity to develop professional skills and career readiness important for students' post-academic endeavors. Intercultural learning is also weaved throughout these opportunities, offering students a chance to self-reflect on their own identities and individual experiences.

## Internships & Research

The internship and research programs offered through the Global Learning Hub provide students with the opportunity to apply global concepts learned through experience and help students develop career enhancement skills they can apply on a resume, LinkedIn profile, and during interviews. In addition to for-credit and funded internships and research, the Global Learning Hub provides resources and support for students to continue global engagement after graduation.

## Study Abroad

UC Davis Study Abroad integrates global opportunities into the academic experience, supporting students each year in studying across 30 countries, exploring the world, and gaining valuable skills and networks.

In the quest for Global Education for All, Study Abroad goes beyond traditional programs to meet the academic, personal and professional needs of UC Davis' diverse and driven student body.

Financial aid and scholarships apply. Applicants must have a 2.000 GPA, be in good academic and disciplinary standing, and must fulfill any prerequisites specific to the program courses.

## Types of Study Abroad Programs

### UC Davis Quarter Abroad

#### Academic Focus

Students can earn 12-20 UC Davis quarter units through 3-6 courses taught abroad or away. Academic focus varies by program and may include subject area courses, lab work, internship/field work, and/or practical training experience. Programs range in length from 10 to 11 weeks. UC Davis faculty leaders teach one or more of the courses of the program, while other courses may be taught or co-taught by faculty of the host country, under supervision by UC Davis faculty. Students may be able to apply earned units towards their major, minor, language, or general education requirements.

### UC Davis Summer Abroad

#### Academic Focus

Students earn 8 UC Davis quarter units through two courses taught abroad or away. All courses are taught by UC Davis faculty, sometimes with select supplemental lectures provided by local experts, or by local faculty in Partnership programs. Planned group activities and field trips enhance classroom instruction. Students may be able to apply earned units towards their major, minor, or general education requirements. Programs allow students to complete coursework in English in a wide variety of non-English-speaking locations.

### UC Davis Internships Abroad

#### Academic Focus

Students earn 6 or more UC Davis units for internship hours and supplemental instruction. Internship programs are structured around thematic areas of study such as Global Health, Engineering, Business and Communication, and many others. Placements are a collaboration between international organizations, the Global Learning Hub, and the UC Davis Career Center to ensure the internships meet requirements for credit and relevance to the subject area. In addition to internship hours worked, students will take an online course taught by UC Davis faculty that places their internship in a broader social and cultural context. Planned group activities and field trips enhance the formal internship work. Students may be able to apply earned units towards their major, minor, or general education requirements. Most placements are in English-speaking environments; some programs require language proficiency.

### UC Davis Summer Virtual Internships

#### Academic Focus

Students earn 6 or more UC Davis units for internship hours and supplemental instruction. Virtual internship programs are structured around thematic areas of study such as Business and Communication, Engineering and Computer Science, Environment, Green Tech, and Sustainability, and many others. Virtual internships allow students to earn UC Davis internship credit while also gaining cross-cultural and professional work experience in diverse fields without the need to travel. In addition to internship hours worked, students will take an online course taught by UC Davis faculty that places their internship in a broader social and cultural context. Students may be able to apply earned units towards

their major, minor, or general education requirements. Most placements are in English-speaking environments.

### **UC Davis Intensives Abroad**

#### **Academic Focus**

Students earn 2-8 UC Davis units through one or more courses. These courses are taught by UC Davis faculty and may be offered as 3-week stand alone programs abroad or with a 2-3-week international component to a course taught during a regular term on campus. A heavy focus on field trips, onsite projects and group activities enhances classroom instruction. Students may be able to apply earned units toward their major, minor, or general education requirements. Travel components are typically offered in the summer or during the winter break, in some cases linked to fall or spring on-campus courses.

### **UC Davis Exchanges**

#### **Academic Focus**

UC Davis Exchanges are department-based undergraduate exchanges that leverage new or preexisting working/research relationships among faculty to promote student mobility between institutions. UC Davis faculty and departments identify courses at the partner institution that are taught in English and can be converted into course equivalents at UC Davis. Students enroll in at least 12-15 units of advisor-approved course equivalents for each quarter they are on UC Davis Exchanges. Exchanges may be for 1, 2, or 3 academic quarters and are built around a specific thematic academic program.

### **UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP)**

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The UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) is one of the premier study abroad programs in the nation. UCEAP offers international study programs in association with nearly 140 host universities and institutions in some 32 countries around the world. Participating students remain registered at UC while studying abroad and receive full academic credit for their work. UCEAP students maintain their financial aid and scholarship eligibility while abroad. UCEAP has study abroad opportunities for undergraduates at all class levels as well as for qualified graduate students who have completed at least one full year of graduate work and have the support of their graduate program and graduate dean.

UCEAP offers year, semester, quarter and summer programs for all majors. Over 50% of the programs are offered in English, while several programs allow students to learn a language while experiencing the culture first hand. Some programs include the possibility of internships or field research. In most cases, students attend courses taught by the faculty of the host institution.

UC faculty members serve as directors at most Study Centers abroad, providing in-country academic advising to students during their program. Full UC credit is granted for courses satisfactorily completed, and courses and grades are recorded on official UC transcripts. With careful planning, most UCEAP students make normal progress toward their UC degrees, even those students who study abroad for a full year. With approval of their major or college advisors, students may earn credit towards their major, minor and general education requirements.

Graduation Requirements: UCEAP prospective applicants, particularly students who intend to study abroad during their senior year, should

carefully plan their course programs for Davis and abroad in order to satisfy university, college, and major/minor requirements for their degree.

Although units and grade points earned while studying abroad through UCEAP are incorporated into the University transcript and GPA, departments and majors retain the right to determine which UCEAP courses will be accepted in satisfaction of major and minor requirements.

All degree candidates must meet the University residence requirement. Recognizing the special value of study abroad, the faculty have approved two exceptions to the usual residence requirement for students participating on UCEAP.

- Students planning to graduate immediately upon completion of their UCEAP program may satisfy the University residence requirement by completing at least 35 of their final 45 units on the Davis campus preceding entry into UCEAP,
- or**
- Students should consult with their college Dean's office early during the UCEAP planning process for information on the university residence requirement.

Students may satisfy GE requirements while on UCEAP, but should consult with the Global Learning Hub and their college Dean's office prior to departure for information on the certification process.

Participants may only return to campus from UCEAP to complete any outstanding degree requirements. Participants who satisfy all degree requirements while abroad and expect to graduate upon completion of the term abroad should file for candidacy to receive their degree the term following program participation; candidacy filing dates are established by the Office of the University Registrar. In most cases, transcripts from abroad may not be received in time to be posted on the students' Davis transcript for UCEAP returnees to be included on the degree list for the term they are abroad. Such returning students may register to participate in the commencement ceremony; however, their graduation date will be listed as the following term.

- Global Studies, Minor (<https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/departments-programs-degrees/global-learning-hub/global-studies-minor/>)