

STUDY ABROAD IN RHETORIC



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"My literature and cinema class counted towards my rhetoric major and was a unique glimpse into how other countries take in media and how they view Hollywood..."

*Erika Alexander,
Rhetoric major,
U. of Sydney, AU
Fall program, 2014*

"I was only in China for a couple of days and seeing the Great Wall was a priority. It was there that I really appreciated traveling in the winter ... it was so empty on the Great Wall that I really got to sit in silence to appreciate the landscape."

Ahn Van, UCB Rhetoric major, U. of Hong Kong, Fall program 2013

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The Rhetoric department encourages its students to study abroad! The faculty recognizes the value of students taking some time to study abroad, allowing them to immerse themselves in other cultures and academic systems while exploring differing perspectives that challenge and enhance their own. By studying abroad, students have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to apply their studies to exciting new contexts. We believe that a liberal arts education is strengthened exponentially when our students can see their own role in a broader, more global light – as citizens of the world. Don't miss the opportunity to study abroad!

WHY STUDY ABROAD?

There are so many ways your study abroad experience is important. It offers you a unique opportunity to:

- Participate in a different educational system and get a comparative perspective in Rhetoric
- Live in a new country, learn a new language
- Expand your world view by experiencing another culture
- Tour amazing sites
- Make an invaluable investment in your future



*Ahn Van, Rhetoric major
Great Wall of China, 2013*

WHEN CAN I STUDY ABROAD?

While it is possible for Rhetoric students to go abroad at almost any point in their academic careers, the particular semester, summer or year that you study abroad depends on what courses you plan to take. Meet with your departmental advisor to determine when would be the best time to fit study abroad into your academic schedule.

Transfer students are eligible to participate as soon as they arrive at Berkeley. Please note that application deadlines are quite early.

For more information:
<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/transfer-students>

Graduate students may apply to study or pursue research at most BSA-affiliated host institutions, and may participate in the short-term language programs. For more information:

<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/graduate-students>

• PLAN AHEAD! •

Applications typically are due six months to a year prior to the program's start date and some programs have academic or linguistic prerequisites that must be satisfied in advance. Please check the BSA website for guidance on "how to apply":

<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/how-to-apply>

• THE COST OF BSA •

Study on BSA can be comparable to the cost of study at UC. In some cases, it is less. BSA participants pay UC fees and continue to receive UC financial aid while abroad. Furthermore, BSA students are eligible for special grants and scholarships from UC, the host country, and other sources.

WHERE CAN I STUDY ABROAD?

Many of BSA's partner universities have specific Rhetoric departments/programs or offer applicable courses through related departments. The following list provides some examples of just a few of the universities where our students have taken relevant courses:

Osaka University (Japan)

University of Cambridge (England)

UC Center Paris (France)

Irish Universities (Ireland)

UC Center Madrid (Spain)

Thammasat University (Thailand)

University of Hong Kong (China)

University of Turkey (Turkey)

University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)



The Louvre Museum, Paris. Photo by UCB student, Josephine Ung, 2014

I'M INTERESTED, WHAT ARE MY NEXT STEPS?

Students interested in study abroad through BSA should first research program options on the BSA website: (<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu>), then meet with the Rhetoric advisor to discuss departmental regulations and the academic planning process.

Application information and BSA advising are available at the Berkeley Study Abroad office, 160 Stephens Hall.

Students will earn UC credit for BSA courses they complete abroad. However, application of credit to major requirements is subject to the discretion of the department.

To search for program and course options, go to the BSA website:

<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/programs> and follow the links to courses offered through UCEAP and Berkeley Abroad.

Meet with your advisor to determine whether your study abroad courses will satisfy major requirements or electives. Even if your courses will not fulfill requirements, this experience may be well worth your time!

You will have many options to take courses all over the world. Some examples are: "Rhetoric and Criticism" offered at Complutense University, Madrid; "Cross Cultural Rhetoric" at Lund University, Sweden; "Chinese Rhetoric" at Peking University, Beijing. The latter is just one example of numerous language immersion courses that are available through Berkeley Study Abroad.

Hint:

If you plan to conduct research for your senior thesis while studying abroad, talk with a faculty member in your field before you leave, and take detailed notes on your research while you're away.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I RETURN?

Hints:

- Bring back course materials such as syllabi, reading lists and exams, as these will help when petitioning for major or GE credit.
- If you took courses in another language while abroad, have your proficiency tested immediately upon return.