

## UCEAP October 2017 Advisories

**October 17, 2017**

Dear UCEAP Student,

Below are your UCEAP advisories for October 2017. Please take time now to read this message completely and print out a copy for your records. Visit <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/eap/pre-departure/spring-2018-and-off-cycle-year-2018> to reference these advisories in the future.

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### **1) Expected Graduation Date**

If you are planning for UCEAP to be your last term at UC, please be advised that you cannot participate in UCEAP, or be packaged for financial aid, if your "Expected Graduation Date" in CalCentral is for a term prior to your UCEAP participation (e.g. you are participating on a Spring 2018 UCEAP program and you have an Expected Graduation date of Fall 2017 in CalCentral). You must work with your Berkeley college for approval to change your expected graduation date.

### **2) Course Enrollment for Spring 2018**

*Do not* use CalCentral to register for classes that you will take during your UCEAP term(s). Do not enroll in UC courses located on the Berkeley campus or online (including UCB Extension), that take place during the same term in which your UCEAP program is taking place. The approval of your School or College Dean is required for concurrent enrollment (i.e. non-UC courses, including online courses) during your term of UCEAP enrollment.

If you are considering withdrawing from UCEAP and register for Spring 2018 classes through CalCentral, but later decide to continue with UCEAP, you will need to drop all on-campus courses.

More information about registration is detailed under Item #6 of your Campus Pre-Departure checklist at: <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/eap/pre-departure/spring-2018-and-off-cycle-year-2018>

### **3) Clear Registration Holds in CalCentral**

Some departments place Academic holds on declared majors prior to each registration period. Berkeley Colleges also place Academic holds, for instance, on students who have not declared a major by their senior year, or students who will exceed their unit or semester ceiling prior to a given term.

Though you are registering for courses through your host institution and MyEAP, you are also enrolled in a placeholder course in CalCentral until your UCEAP courses and grades are reported to Berkeley. To become properly registered in CalCentral, you must clear all Academic holds for your UCEAP term even though you aren't taking classes on campus.

More information about clearing registration holds is detailed under Item #7 of your Campus Pre-Departure checklist at: <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/eap/pre-departure/spring-2018-and-off-cycle-year-2018>

#### **4) Orientation & Campus Pre-Departure Checklist**

Pre-departure orientation comes in the form of written materials and an in-person meeting. Orientation is divided into "general" and "country/program specific" areas.

Country/program specific orientation addresses matters which are specific to an individual country/program. In October, November, and/or December there will be a specific country/program orientation meeting so that you can meet the UCEAP Berkeley participants and hear from students recently returned from your program. Your BSA adviser will email you when the date and time are set.

General orientation addresses matters which are common to all Berkeley UCEAP participants regardless of country/specific program. These topics are covered under the various "Read and Complete" items in your Campus Pre-Departure Checklist: <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/eap/pre-departure/spring-2017-and-off-cycle-year-2017>

Because you are responsible for the information contained in the Campus Pre-Departure Checklist, we expect that you will review this information at your earliest convenience. Make sure that you have completed the requirements to-date, and plan to complete the remaining requirements on time.

#### **5) UCEAP Health Clearance Process/Deadlines**

The deadline by which your completed Health Clearance paperwork must arrive at the UCEAP Systemwide Office in Goleta (near Santa Barbara) can be found on your UCEAP Pre-Departure Checklist:

<http://eap.ucop.edu/Participants/Pages/default.aspx>

Instructions on how to complete your Health Clearance for your UCEAP country/program can be found under #5 of your Campus Pre-Departure Checklist: <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/eap/pre-departure/spring-2018-and-off-cycle-year-2018>. Be sure to start your Health Clearance *at least* 4 weeks before the UCEAP Health Clearance deadline.

#### **6) Online Travel Health Course due December 1st**

By December 1st, Berkeley EAP participants for all locations abroad are required to complete the UC Abroad Online Travel Course. Instructions and access can be found under item #9 of your Campus Pre-Departure Checklist: <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/eap/pre-departure/spring-2018-and-off-cycle-year-2018>. It should take 60-90 minutes to complete.

#### **7) Academic Planning Form due December 1st**

See Item #10 of your Campus Pre-Departure Checklist at <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/eap/pre-departure/spring-2018-and-off-cycle-year-2018> for your Academic Planning Form (APF) and instructions on how to complete the form. This form requires a signature by your major adviser(s). It is a more detailed version of the Preliminary Academic Planning Form that was required with your initial UCEAP application.

If you have an Academic hold on your UCEAP term placed by your major department (usually called an "Advisor Hold – name of department"), we recommend that you request it be released when you meet with your major adviser to sign your UCEAP Academic Planning Form.

You can submit your Academic Planning Form to the Berkeley Study Abroad Office by mail or in-person. If the office is closed when you visit, we will accept your form under the door. Our mailing address is 160 Stephens Hall #2302, University of California, Berkeley CA 94720.

## 8) UCEAP & BSA Scholarships

There are two different types of scholarships which are sometimes referred to as "UCEAP Scholarships". One is campus-based, and one is systemwide-based.

Systemwide UCEAP scholarships, also known as [Promise Awards](#), require an application which is accessed through your MyEAP account (applications closed on September 15th).

The Berkeley campus-based scholarship, also known as the [Berkeley Study Abroad Scholarship](#), does not require an application: all FAFSA and CA Dream Act-filers are automatically considered for it. BSA scholarships will be allocated to Spring 2018 participants, and a list of recipients will be sent to the Berkeley Financial Aid & Scholarships Office. Our office will notify you in writing if you have been given a BSA Scholarship. You will be asked to send us an acknowledgement email or letter, and there is a service commitment required. Participants who filed a FAFSA for 2017-2018 will have their financial aid awards adjusted to reflect the appropriate UCEAP program budget. Both UCEAP and BSA scholarships will be reflected in the final financial aid package.

## 9) Financial Aid Packaging

Prior to your UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) start date, the UC Berkeley Financial Aid & Scholarships Office will package financial aid awards in CalCentral according to the budget specific to each UCEAP program. Almost all Spring 2018 budgets are now available through the UCEAP Participants portal (Money Matters tab of your program's UCEAP Pre-Departure Checklist):

<http://eap.ucop.edu/Participants/Pages/default.aspx>

Beginning in November, the packaging process will be prioritized according to program start date and will continue until packaging has been completed. Prior to this, you may also visit 160 Stephens Hall for drop-in Financial Aid Advising, with Financial Aid Counselors Richard Hardenbrook and Ka Yan Chan. Richard and Ka Yan can provide advice specific to your individual financial aid award for study abroad -- be sure to bring your student ID card for this advising service. Please call [510-642-1356](tel:510-642-1356) to inquire about current drop-in hours.

For additional information on how Finances and Financial Aid work for UCEAP, please see Item #8 of your Campus Pre-Departure Checklist at: <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/eap/pre-departure/spring-2018-and-off-cycle-year-2018>

## 10) First Payment Deadlines

First payment of \$950.00 is due to UCEAP according to the schedule below. See <http://eap.ucop.edu/Participants/Pages/default.aspx> for country/program budgets on the Money Matters tab of your UCEAP Pre-Departure Checklist.

The first payment is automatically deferred for Financial Aid recipients. If you are expecting \$950 or more in financial aid from UC Berkeley, you do not need to submit the first payment.

November 1, 2017

Australia: Spring and Year

Barbados: Spring

Brazil: Spring and Year

Canada: Spring

Chile: Spring and Year

China: Spring

Czech Republic: Spring

Denmark: Spring

France: Spring (except ENS)

Germany: Berlin BEST Spring

Germany: Berlin ILP + Spring, Berlin Pre-ILP + Spring - Free Univ, Technical, and Humboldt

Ghana: Spring

Hong Kong: Spring

Ireland: Spring

Israel: Spring

Italy: Spring

Jordan: Spring  
Korea: Spring  
Mexico: Spring  
Netherlands: Spring  
New Zealand: Spring and Year  
Norway: Spring  
Russia: Spring  
Singapore: Spring  
South Africa: Spring  
Spain: Spring  
Sweden: Spring  
Switzerland: Spring and Spring + Summer Internship  
Taiwan: Spring  
Tanzania: Spring  
Thailand: Spring  
UK: Spring

December 1, 2017

Argentina: Spring  
Costa Rica: Spring  
Germany: Spring Berlin (advanced only) Free Univ, Technical, and Humboldt  
Japan: Spring  
Multi-Site (Australia/Solomon Islands): Spring  
Multi-Site (London/Paris): Spring  
Multi-Site (Madrid/Rome): Spring

### **11) Withdrawal Deadlines**

The deadline to withdraw without the \$500.00 non-refundable EAP withdrawal fee is as follows.

November 1st first payment programs = November 1st withdrawal deadline.

December 1st first payment programs = December 1st withdrawal deadline.

There is a \$500.00 non-refundable withdrawal fee if you cancel your UCEAP participation after this date. Depending on your program, other third-party non-refundable fees may also apply (these are noted on your UCEAP Student Budget). If you are thinking about withdrawing, please discuss your situation with your BSA adviser who may be able to offer suggestions for addressing any obstacles to your participation. Withdrawals must be submitted in writing (email acceptable) to your campus BSA Adviser.

### **12) Deferred Airline Payment, and \$25 coupon**

STA Travel is offering study abroad students a special airfare deposit program which allows you to pay a minimal non-refundable deposit on your airfare to lock in your ticket price, then pay the balance up until 7 days before departure. Conditions apply.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.statravel.com/airfare-deposit-program.htm> <http://www.statravel.com/berkeley-university.htm>

Please call [\(800\) 535-7172](tel:8005357172) or email [programs@statravel.com](mailto:programs@statravel.com) for additional details and to make your booking with STA Travel.

Do not make any travel arrangements until the dates for your program option are posted to the Calendars tab of your UCEAP Pre-Departure Checklist and your orientation and arrival instructions have been posted to the Travel Requirements tab of your UCEAP Pre-Departure Checklist. Late arrivals are not permitted.

STA Coupon for UCEAP participants: Save \$25 by using the promo code CAMPUS5\* when booking any time before December 31, 2017.

### **13) Join the UC Berkeley Study Abroad Group on Facebook**

Do you want to connect with other Berkeley UCEAP students? Join the Study Abroad group on Facebook and message with Cal students planning to go, currently abroad, or returned from UCEAP. To join, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/266901200071427/>. Please note that you must have a [berkeley.edu](https://www.berkeley.edu) email address affiliated with your Facebook account in order to join this group.

#### **14) IIS Merit Scholarship**

Institute of International Studies (IIS) Undergraduate Merit Scholarship, application deadline November 13, 2017. The scholarship supports undergraduate research in any area of international studies. Research may be conducted independently, in congruence with an honors thesis, or while studying abroad. Eligibility and application information is available at <https://iis.berkeley.edu/funding-opportunities/undergraduate-merit-scholarship>

Sincerely,  
The BSA Staff  
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