

Study Abroad for Business Majors

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The Haas School of Business encourages all students to participate in international study programs as a means of broadening their education and developing a global view of business. International study can be enlightening and fulfilling on many levels but it requires organization and self-motivation. We believe the benefits are well worth the effort.



Why study abroad?

What better way to study the intricacies of a global economy than by immersing yourself in it? Business is an international language and by experiencing different cultural and economic systems in play, you will expand your coursework knowledge and your global awareness.

Key highlights to studying abroad:

- Rewarding experience
- Students gain confidence
- A greater sense of independence
- Cultural competency
- Increase language skills and self-awareness from being immersed in another culture for an extended period



When can I study abroad?

The particular semester or year that you study abroad depends on your individual progress in the major and what coursework you plan to complete abroad. Please be mindful of the following:

The Haas Undergraduate Program will review your academic standing before approving a semester or year abroad. You are required to have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and be making normal degree progress.

Cost: 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.

Plan ahead: Applications typically are due six months to a year prior to the program's start date, and some programs have course or language prerequisites that must be satisfied in advance. Please check the Berkeley Study Abroad website for application deadlines.



What classes can I take?

Before you choose an international program and begin to consider courses, it is important to think about Haas degree requirements.

While abroad you must enroll in at least 13 semester units of UC transferable work (or the EAP minimum if higher.) Units earned during Pre-ILP or ILP (EAP Intensive Language Programs) will NOT count toward the 13 required semester units. Please remember that the Haas International Study Advisor must review your course selections prior to finalizing your enrollment abroad.

On BSA or independent study, you can make normal degree progress and complete courses that fall into any or all of the following categories:

- Remaining Breadth Courses (See Breadth Guidelines)
 - Upper-Division Non-Business Courses
 - Upper-Division Business Elective Courses
- (All Business Core courses MUST be taken at UC Berkeley.)



I'm interested, what are my next steps?

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Steps to follow and information to review:

- Where and when do you want to go abroad?
- What courses do you want to take abroad? Business electives or non-business courses?
- Research program/country options through the Berkeley Study Abroad website
- Check application deadlines
- Apply to the program of your choice by the application due date

Once admitted into the BSA or independent study program, please contact the Haas Undergraduate Program Office at (510) 642- 1421 to make an appointment with the Haas Study Abroad advisor. Please note that all Haas majors need to meet with the Haas Study Abroad Advisor prior to departure. For newly admitted Haas students who are admitted into the Haas Undergraduate Program and will be going abroad the Summer prior to starting Haas please note that the Undergraduate Program Office will not be able to sign off on any planning forms for your abroad program. Students can take forms to L&S or respective department(s) for signatures.

Study abroad before admission into Haas

If you plan to study abroad the spring semester before your potential start at Haas, you must complete the minimum eligibility courses prior to time abroad. Courses taken abroad during the spring semester will not post to your Berkeley transcript in time to be considered for the admissions evaluation. prerequisites that must be satisfied in advance. Please check the Berkeley Study Abroad website for application deadlines.

The Berkeley Haas Defining Principles

Question the Status Quo
Confidence Without Attitude
Students Always
Beyond Yourself