# Information Workshop UCEAP Global Start Program

Jump Start Your College Experience!



#### **Overview**

UC EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM

GLOBAL

START

Learn the Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of studying abroad as a first-year student at UCI

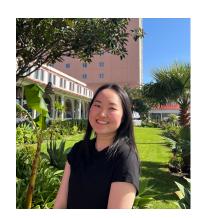




### **Staff Introductions**







Christina Choe
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### **Passport**



Do you have a passport? Have you been outside of CA?



Have you traveled outside of the U.S.A?



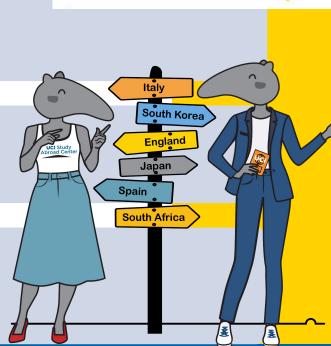
It is never too early to start the process!

<u>UCI Passport Services</u>

Vanessa Nguyen → <u>vrlopez@uci.edu</u>

Current passport <u>processing time</u> → 6-8 weeks





#### **VISA**





US passport holders do not need a visa for this program. If you have a passport from another country, you can check the European Union visa requirements to determine if you will need a Schengen visa in order to participate.

## What is study abroad?







Living and learning in a different country and gaining valuable skills for your future.

## Benefits of study abroad

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#### **ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL**

- Engage in active learning
- Gain a global perspective in your field of study
- Make lifelong friendships and build a global network
- Develop problem-solving & multicultural communication skills
- Expand your knowledge of possible career paths
- Foster your self-confidence and independence
- Increase your employability



## Did you know that?

- Over 41% of <u>employers would consider</u> offering a higher salary to a job candidate who has studied abroad.
- Nearly 97% of study abroad alumni <u>secured a job</u> within the first six months after graduation.
- Higher acceptance into Grad school, where 90% of returnees got into their 1st/ 2nd school.
- Nearly 85% felt that studying abroad helped them <u>build job</u> <u>skills</u>.





# Location, Term and Housing for the Global Start Program

- Summer Orientation
- Location
  - Syracuse, Italy
- Term
  - Fall Quarter 2024
  - Supported every step of the way by:
    - University of California Education Abroad Programs (UCEAP)
    - University of California Irvine (UCI)
- Housing
  - Arranged housing
  - Housing preference form prior to departure





# Academic Uniqueness & Cost

- Small classes with newly admitted students from UCLA.
- Opportunity to fulfill General Education (GE) requirements toward your UCI degree.
- Every class earns UC credits (units).
  - You will receive *UC credit* (units, course titles, and grades will post on your UCI transcript).
  - Grades will average into your UCI GPA.
- Estimate Cost  $\rightarrow$  ~ \$18,579-19,579



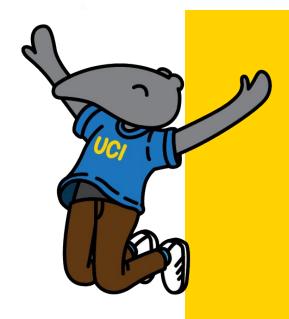


## You <u>CAN</u> afford it!

Financial aid available for this program:

- Apply for financial aid on-time (Visit <u>FAFSA webpage</u> to learn more)
- Visit the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (OFAS) webpage for any financial aid related questions.





## Safety & Health

#### #1 priority!

- UCI has a dedicated Global Risk Manager (GRM)
  - Monitors what is happening around the world, reviews programs, prepares students, responds in emergency situations, and more.
- Approval and pre-departure preparation is required to participate on any global experience.





## **Housing at UCI**

- First-year students are guaranteed 2 years of on-campus housing if they meet application and contract deadlines. Housing applications must be submitted by the May 16<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- Once participation in the Global Start Program is confirmed, first year housing offer will be deferred until students return to campus.
- Students who live on-campus for the remainder of their first year will be prioritized for a housing offer for their second year if they meet application and contract return deadlines.





#### **Timeline**







## **Application Process**

#### 2-Step Process in UCIAbroad portal

- Request UCI Campus approval through UCIAbroad portal.
  - a. Due by May 17
- 2. Submit UCEAP application through UCEAP portal.
  - a. Due by May 22



# How to apply?

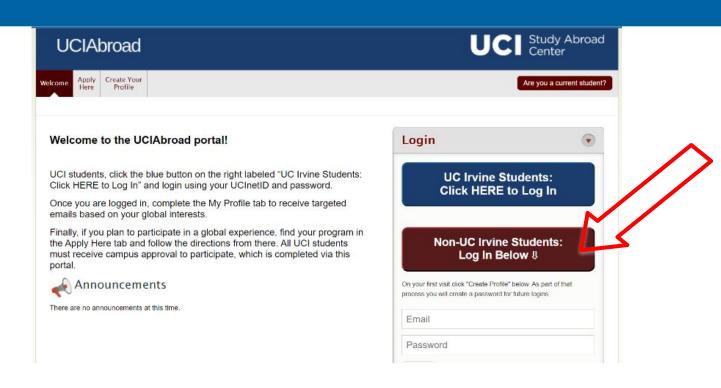


**UCIAbroad portal** 









## Connect with us!



#### Follow us! @uciabroad

 Suite 1100 in Student Services II Building (across Ring Road from the UCI Bookstore & Starbucks)



Takeovers, events, photos, Q&A, and more!



#### Video library and playlist including:

- Getting started with Study Abroad
- Study Abroad Returnee Stories
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Identity-based resources and more!



## Questions



For further questions, email Christina Choe (Interim Inbound and Custom Program Advisor): choecs@uci.edu

