Information Workshop
UCEAP Global Start Program

Jump Start Your College Experience!
Overview

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

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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!

UCI Passport Services
Vanessa Nguyen → vrlopez@uci.edu
Current passport processing time → 6-8 weeks
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

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 employers would consider offering a higher salary to a job candidate who has studied abroad.
- Nearly 97% of study abroad alumni secured a job 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 build job skills.
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 → ~ $18,579-19,579
You **CAN** afford it!

Financial aid available for this program:

- Apply for financial aid on-time (Visit [FAFSA webpage](#) to learn more)
- Visit the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (OFAS) [webpage](#) for any financial aid related questions.

UCI Study Abroad Center
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 16th 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

Admissions decisions released: Mid-March/Early April 2024

UCI & UCEAP Application opens: April 1st, 2024

UCI application 2-step process.

Confirm SIR By 11:59 (PST) at the latest: May 15, 2024

Submit UCI Housing application: May 16, 2024

UCI Application closes: May 17, 2024

UCEAP Application closes: May 22, 2024

Submit UCEAP application.
2-Step Process in UCIAbroad portal

1. 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
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Welcome to the UCIAbroad portal!

UCI students, click the blue button on the right labeled “UC Irvine Students: Click HERE to Log In” and login using your UCNetID and password.

Once you are logged in, complete the My Profile tab to receive targeted emails based on your global interests.

Finally, if you plan to participate in a global experience, find your program in the Apply Here tab and follow the directions from there. All UCI students must receive campus approval to participate, which is completed via this portal.

Announcements

There are no announcements at this time.
Connect with us!

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- 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