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“In an age of increasing movement across borders, the exciting and rigorous EAP programs will help UCSB Chicana and Chicano Studies majors develop the global consciousness necessary to thrive in today’s complex cross-cultural reality.”

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STUDY ABROAD FOR CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES MAJORS

The Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies encourages its students to complete a portion of their undergraduate study through the University’s Education Abroad Program. Chicana/o Studies majors can deepen their understanding of indigenous cultures, globalization, community building, and grassroots organizing by spending time in other parts of the Americas. By studying in countries like Mexico, Chile, Costa Rica and even Spain, students can enrich their college experience and add an international dimension to their undergraduate education.

Why study abroad?

Studying abroad can have two overarching benefits for Chicana/o Studies majors: (1) achieving an understanding of how Latin American history and culture connect with the Chicano experience and (2) acquiring proficiency in Spanish, thus helping them fulfill the major’s language requirement.

Spending time in Latin America will enable students to gain a more global appreciation of the local realities that affect the Chicana/o community in the United States. For students interested in issues of colonization and post-colonization, living in Latin America will enhance their knowledge of these complex, historical dynamics; students will get a sense of how colonial legacies emerge on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border.

Chicana/o studies majors will find that a term, or better yet, a year in a foreign university not only enhances their critical thinking and writing skills, but that the experience of adapting to another academic and cultural world expands their self-understanding and gives them a keen sense of the political and social differences in today’s world. The personal and intellectual growth of study abroad provides further advantages when it comes to the challenges of graduate and professional study.

The Cost of EAP

Studying abroad through EAP is comparable to the cost of study at UCSB. In some cases, the cost is even less! EAP participants pay UC fees and continue to receive UC financial aid while abroad. EAP students are also eligible for special grants and scholarships from UC, the host country, and other sources.

Where should I study abroad?

EAP offers a variety of short-term and year-long programs in various locations in Mexico, Costa Rica, Chile and Spain. There are programs for students with every level of Spanish, from those who wish to begin study of the language to those who are fluent speakers. Spanish language programs include:

Immersion Programs

(Two years Spanish or its equivalent required)

- Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, Spain

Special Focus Program

(Two years Spanish required)

- Mexico/US Comparative Perspectives Program, Mexico City

Intensive Language and Culture

(One year Spanish required)

- Chile, Mexico, Spain

No Previous Spanish

- Madrid, Spain

Any Amount of Spanish

- Monterrey, Mexico

All of the EAP programs above can work in conjunction with the UCSB summer Querétaro program in Chicana/o Studies, a potential starting point to further pursue studies abroad.

Of particular interest to Chicana/o Studies majors is the Mexico/US Perspectives Program which is offered in the fall semester. Students on this program can take 24 units of upper-division classes, all of which can be petitioned to count toward Chicana/o major requirements like area A, B, and C. Classes may include History and Culture of Migration; Mexico-US Economic Relations; and Cities in Transition: Urbanization, Globalization, and Inequality in Mexico City and Los Angeles.

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Go Virtually Anywhere!

The UC Education Abroad Program provides students the opportunity to study in one of 35 countries located on six different continents with 150 universities to choose from!

Graduate Students

It is possible for graduate students to use the Education Abroad Program to take courses and do directed research at some EAP exchange universities. Interested students should research the programs available and discuss the options with their advisors. For more information, visit: www.eap.ucop.edu/eap/graduate/

Program Wizard

To browse EAP programs by Major, Country, Program Length, and Language of Instruction, go to: <http://eap.ucop.edu/programwizard>

Additionally, the Language and Culture Program at the University of Concepción, Chile, offered in the fall, will particularly interest students who are seeking to fulfill their language requirements and learn about indigenous cultures in the Americas. Concepción is a gateway to La Araucanía, the region most heavily settled by Chile's indigenous Mapuche communities. This location makes it possible to study indigenous communities and their political activism from academic and more experiential perspectives.

When should I study abroad?

While it is possible for students to go abroad at almost any point in their academic careers, the particular quarter, semester, summer or year that they study abroad depends on what courses they plan to take. Students interested in Language and Culture programs, or in fulfilling major preparation and General Education requirements, can participate as early as their sophomore year.

Students wanting to fulfill upper-division major requirements should study abroad during their junior or senior year and take classes that are taught in Spanish if possible.

Transfer students are eligible to participate as early as their first term at UCSB. For more information, please visit: <http://eap.uop.edu/transfer>.

Plan Ahead!

Applications are typically due six months to a year prior to the program's start date and some programs have academic or language prerequisites that must be satisfied in advance. Please check the EAP website for application deadlines: www.eap.ucsb.edu

Course Finder

To search courses taken by EAP students over the last 5 years by subject, language and/or location, go to: <http://eap.ucop.edu/coursefinder>

What classes should I take?

All EAP students automatically earn UC credit for the work they complete abroad. However, the application of credit to major requirements is subject to the discretion of the department.

Keep in mind that at least 20 units of upper-division major coursework (or 12 upper-division minor units) must be completed in residence at UCSB along with other residence requirements. Consult an advisor in the College of Letters & Science for more information.

How do I get started?

Consult the EAP web pages to see what programs best suit you. In addition to using Course Finder and Program Wizard, navigate to host universities' websites on the available links.

Drop by the EAP office at 2431 South Hall. Peer advisors who have recently returned from studying abroad as well as staff advisors are eager to answer your questions.

Go see the Chicana/o Studies Undergraduate Advisor. Then make an appointment with an advisor in the College of Letters & Science to discuss general education, residence and other requirements.

Still Unsure?

Dispel the myths about EAP! Go to: www.eap.ucsb.edu/mythsfaqs/index. Need to convince your parents? Refer them to: www.eap.ucsb.edu/parents/index.html.

What happens when I return?

If you go abroad in your junior year, you should seriously consider doing a senior thesis based on the coursework and intellectual interests you developed abroad. This provides an ideal way to integrate your time abroad with the completion of your major.

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