Why study abroad?

EAP offers unparalleled opportunities to obtain the broader perspectives, knowledge, and skills necessary to be effective professionally in our rapidly changing global world. Possibilities are numerous to further your study of statistics, as well as innumerable other subjects, in many countries around the world. The benefits of studying and living abroad are tremendous. You can:

• Take advantage of unique academic coursework opportunities in statistics
• Participate in a different educational system
• Improve critical thinking skills
• Advance your cross-cultural and problem-solving skills
• Expand your world view by experiencing another culture firsthand
• Develop self-confidence and independence
• Prepare for a career in an internationally competitive world
• Enhance your resume for job or graduate school applications

Where should I study abroad?

EAP participants have the choice of 34 countries in which to spend a year, a semester, or a summer. Students also have the option of studying in English or in a foreign language. While statistics and mathematics courses in English are offered at a number of EAP host universities, particularly strong English language statistics programs can be found in the Ireland, the United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Canada, Sweden and Singapore.

Students with a good understanding of French, Spanish or Italian should consider studying statistics at the University of Grenoble, National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City or the University of Padova in Italy. For those interested in intensive Language and Culture programs, EAP offers options such as spending a summer in Sweden, a fall in Chile or a spring in Brazil.

Here is a list of EAP host countries that offer unique opportunities in Statistics:

-- Canada -- Hong Kong -- Mexico --
  -- Singapore -- South Africa --
  -- Australia -- France -- Germany --
  -- Italy -- New Zealand --
  -- United Kingdom -- Sweden

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
**When should I study abroad?**

While it is possible for statistics students to go abroad at almost any point in their academic careers, the particular quarter, semester, summer or year that you study abroad depends on what courses you 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 be aware that students at foreign universities begin their specialization in mathematics and statistics earlier than US students. Consequently, statistics courses abroad are often taught at a more demanding level, especially in the upper-division. Please consult with the department’s undergraduate advisor or with the host university department.

**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 and the approval of the college. Please plan ahead and consult with your department advisor.

*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. After using Course Finder and Program Wizard, navigate to host universities’ websites on the available links.

Once you have researched your options, come 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. Students should then see the Statistics Undergraduate Advisor in the department office, 5607A South Hall and make an appointment with an advisor in the College of Letters and 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.

**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.