Guidelines for Course Selection for Study Abroad
TO BE SAFE TAKE ALL COURSES FOR A LETTER GRADE

GENERAL EDUCATION When selecting courses for general education, keep in mind the criteria used in determining whether a course will meet a specific Eleanor Roosevelt College general education requirement. Examples:

1. Fine Arts Requirement: Courses taken for the Fine Arts requirement must be at least 4 units (2 unit courses will not be accepted). Any 4-unit course from the departments of Music, Theatre and Dance, or Visual Arts may be used to satisfy this requirement. LTEA120A-B-C may also satisfy the requirement. NOTE: Students cannot overlap courses for their Fine Arts GE requirement with their Regional Specialization GE requirements.

2. Regional Specialization Requirement: For students who entered UCSD as freshmen, two of the three 4-unit courses must be upper division; the third course may be lower or upper division for a total of 12 units (at least 8 of the 12 units must be upper division). For transfer students needing to meet the Regional Specialization requirement, two of the 4-unit courses must be upper division for a total of 8 units. Please note, courses used to meet upper-division Regional Specialization requirements may not be used to meet major requirements. Also, students cannot split units for one course between two different requirements.

Lists of acceptable Regional Specialization courses from UCSD are on the ERC Web site (http://roosevelt.ucsd.edu) and may be used as a general guide for selecting similar classes abroad. Examples of acceptable courses could be "Geography of France" or "Japanese Economy." Unacceptable courses would be "Politics of the Third World" (encompasses more than one region), unless 51% or more of the class focuses on one region.

MAJORS AND MINORS Ask the department offering your major or minor for guidelines for course selection. General guidelines are helpful once you are in the country and find out what courses are available, even if you have had specific courses approved on your planning form.

DOCUMENTATION Save all syllabi, papers and other relevant course information. Any documentation you can provide upon return to UCSD could help when you petition courses for specific requirements. If you are going abroad on OAP, it can also be useful in determining transferability of courses or upper division status. Approval of the EAP/OAP Planning form is preliminary only. You must petition courses to meet specific requirements upon return.

SENIOR RESIDENCY Each candidate for the bachelor’s degree must complete thirty-five of the final forty-five units in residence in the college or school of the University of California in which the degree is to be earned. Under certain circumstances exceptions may be granted by the provost, such as when a student attends classes on another UC campus as an approved visitor or participates in UC Education Abroad, the UCDC Program, or the UC Sacramento Program.

MAXIMUM UNITS An undergraduate student who enrolled at UC San Diego prior to fall 2019. The maximum unit limit for UCSD students is 200 units. If you are an approved double major or an engineering major, the maximum limit is 240 units. Any advanced Placement (AP) work or unused abroad work may be subtracted to help keep you below the 200 unit limit.

QUARTER LIMIT An undergraduate student who enrolls at UC San Diego fall 2019 or thereafter. A freshman is allowed to enroll for twelve quarters to complete all requirements for a bachelor of arts (BA) or bachelor of science (BS) degree; a TRANSFER STUDENT IS allowed to enroll for six quarters. If an undergraduate reaches the quarter limit and needs additional time to complete those requirements, they will be required to submit a completion plan and have it approved by their college prior to enrolling for additional quarters to continue work toward the degree.

If you have questions that we can help answer when you are abroad, please contact us. Please ask your questions via the Virtual Advising Center, https://vac.ucsd.edu, where you can post your question and we’ll respond within 72 business hours.