Study Abroad Does Not Delay Graduation

UC San Diego’s Student Research and Information Office analyzed the time to graduation rates for UC San Diego students who started as freshmen in fall 2002, comparing those who did and did not study abroad, and found that students who study abroad graduated at higher rates and more quickly than those who did not. This is true for all students regardless of gender, major, ethnicity, college, parental income, high school GPA, SAT scores, first or second generation in college, predicted first year GPA, high school quintile, or first quarter UCSD GPA.

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<td>EAP/OAP Participant</td>
<td>830</td>
<td>66%</td>
<td>92%</td>
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<td>Non-Education Abroad Participant</td>
<td>3,413</td>
<td>54%</td>
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DID YOU KNOW?

UC has EAP partnerships with 30 universities in the top 100 of the Times Higher Education-QS World University Rankings.

Assistant for Faculty Members

What Faculty Members Can Do

- Assist students in the integration and approval of courses from abroad to satisfy UC requirements.
- Identify and recommend relevant universities abroad for students in your department/program.
- Consider developing a Global Seminar program. Learn more at http://globalseminar.ucsd.edu/
- Mention the importance of studying abroad in your classes and office hours. Ask students, “When will YOU study abroad?” and invite returnees to speak in your classes.
- Visit the PAO Faculty and Staff website at http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/facultystaff.htm

Connect with the International Center

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We provide data and analysis for all of our programs on our Annual Reports and Statistics website at http://icenter.ucsd.edu/annual_reports.html

The complete Time to Graduation dataset can be found at http://icenter.ucsd.edu/pdfs/0809EAP_OAPcombined.pdf

All Majors Go Abroad

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2008-09 STEM Majors as a Percentage of Total Students Abroad

- UCSD
- National

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<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>17.50%</td>
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"Being well educated in the 21st century means being internationally educated."
- Lynn Anderson, Dean of International Education

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“International experience is a key tool in students’ education and future careers. Studying abroad allows students to develop skills from different perspectives, increase cultural and global awareness, improve language skills and build international partnerships. We strongly encourage faculty to actively support Programs Abroad opportunities for UC San Diego students.”

- Dr. Sharon Rose & Dr. Paula Levin, Programs Abroad Office Faculty Directors

Study Abroad Is Affordable

One of the biggest misconceptions about studying abroad is that it is more expensive than studying in the United States. In reality, the cost of studying abroad is usually comparable to staying at UCSD and many times may even be cheaper (see chart below). In almost all instances, students can use their financial aid package for study abroad. Over half of UCSD’s study abroad participants are financial aid recipients. UCSD students were also awarded over $500,000 in study abroad scholarships last year. The Programs Abroad Office offers regular workshops to help students prepare a competitive scholarship essay, helping boost UCSD to sixth in the nation for number of Gilman Scholars.

Cost of Study Abroad at PUC-Chile (through OAP and EAP) vs. Staying on UCSD Campus for an academic year

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<td>Tuition/Program Fees</td>
<td>17,500</td>
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<td>Subtotal</td>
<td>17,600</td>
<td>17,511</td>
<td>23,722</td>
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<td>Books, Supplies, Transportation, and Personal Expenses</td>
<td>3,500</td>
<td>3,795</td>
<td>4,136</td>
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<td>Airfare</td>
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<td>Total Estimated</td>
<td>$22,600</td>
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