

# Study Abroad in Linguistics

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**While studying abroad, not only can you master your foreign language skills in a native environment, but you can also take advantage of the opportunity to gain exposure to how the academic field of linguistics is taught in other countries and cultures. Linguistics students will find many programs to integrate themselves into one of the many different cultures and countries through the University of California's Education Abroad Program (EAP), UCSD's Opportunities Abroad Program (OAP), or UC San Diego's Global Seminars (GS).**

*"The Department of Linguistics strongly encourages its students to study abroad. Studying abroad enables students to improve their fluency in another language, and acquire a deeper understanding of another culture. Students will also widen their exposure to the field of linguistics, as programs in other countries offer different perspectives. The experience of studying abroad gives students a competitive advantage in the job market and/or in pursuing graduate studies. Language Studies majors will especially benefit from the study abroad experience. In addition to helping improve language skills, many study abroad courses satisfy Language Studies major and minor requirements." - Sharon Rose, Professor of Linguistics*

## Why study abroad?

Regardless of your future career choice, studying abroad will help you develop skills that are critical to the working world, not the least of which is fluency in a foreign language.

Consider your value to an employer or a graduate program if you've:

- Participated in a different educational system and gained a new cultural perspective
- Increased your proficiency in another language
- Improved your critical thinking skills
- Expanded your worldview by experiencing another culture firsthand
- Developed self-confidence and independence
- Prepared for a career in an internationally competitive world

## What are my First Steps?

1. Attend a **First Steps** session. Sign up at <http://pao.ucsd.edu>
2. Visit <http://pao.ucsd.edu/> to find out more!
3. Start your research in the Programs Abroad Library
4. Meet with a Programs Abroad advisor
5. Complete your Academic Planning Form
6. Schedule a visit with the study abroad advisor in Linguistics (call 534-1145)
7. Visit your college advising office

## What classes should I take?

The key to success is planning and pre-approval! The Linguistics Department's undergraduate advisor will help students select courses that can meet major and minor requirements. Be sure to take your completed Academic Planning Form with you to your meeting.



## Hieroglyphics at a pyramid in Luxor, Egypt

The EAP **Course Catalog** (<https://myeap.eap.ucop.edu/Galileo/Service/CourseCatalog/CourseCatalog.aspx>) lets you search courses taken by UC students over the last 5 years. Additionally, you can find courses that have been previously approved for Linguistics majors here.

## Requirements

The Department of Linguistics allows a maximum of six courses taken outside of UCSD to count towards major requirements. Language Studies Majors are strongly encouraged to consider a year abroad.

### When should I study abroad?

While it is possible for Linguistics majors to go at almost any point in their academic careers, the particular quarter, semester, summer or year that you study abroad depends on your individual progress in your major and what courses you plan to take while abroad.

### What will it cost?

Study on EAP/OAP/GS can be comparable to the cost of study at UC. In some cases, it can cost less. EAP participants pay UC fees and continue to receive UC financial aid while abroad. Furthermore, EAP students are eligible for special grants and scholarships from UC, the host country, and other sources.

OAP students may retain all or some of their funding while abroad, including special study abroad scholarships. However, because of the variety of the programs found through OAP, costs for individual programs can vary greatly.

Check here for specific information about scholarships and financial aid: <http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/funding.htm>

### What happens when I return?

Upon return you will need to petition the courses you took abroad. Students must bring all coursework material from their abroad program to the Linguistics advisor with a general petition for each course. The Faculty advisor of the program will review the petitions and make final approval on coursework – if courses are approved the information will be transferred to the appropriate colleges.

### Where should I study abroad?

You will find coursework relevant to your major in Linguistics at many EAP study centers. Course Catalog (<https://myeap.eap.ucop.edu/Galileo/Service/CourseCatalog/CourseCatalog.aspx>) can help you find programs that meet your needs.

If you can't find a program, university or country that suits your needs through EAP or GS, try OAP! Two sites that will help you in your search are <http://www.goabroad.com/> and <http://www.studyabroad.com/>. Here are just a few of the universities where Linguistics majors may study:

- University of Queensland, Australia
- Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Peking University, China
- University of London, Queen Mary, England
- University of Lyon, France
- Georg-August University, Göttingen, Germany
- University College Dublin, Ireland
- University of Padova, Italy
- National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico City
- University of Maastricht, the Netherlands
- University of Otago, New Zealand
- University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
- University of Granada, Spain
- Lund University, Sweden

**Hint: If you took courses in another language while abroad, have your proficiency tested immediately upon return!**

### UC San Diego Global Seminars

In addition to EAP and OAP, UC San Diego has **Global Seminars (GS)** <http://globalseminar.ucsd.edu> in various countries throughout the world. Each Global Seminar consists of two courses taught by a UCSD professor. You are required to take both classes for a letter grade. These courses transfer automatically to your UCSD transcript as though you took these courses on campus over the summer.

### Upcoming 2010 Global Seminars in Linguistics

Study in **Cadiz, Spain** during Summer Session I with Professor John Moore.

Spanish Dialectology (LIGN 187GS) and Flamenco (LIGN 147 GS)

**Both Courses count as electives for the Linguistic majors and minors!**



*"My study abroad experience was the first time I left the U.S. I have now been living abroad for nearly 13 years, worked in 5 countries for extended periods of time, and am learning my fourth language. I am currently working for a large multi-national in a highly international career, and regularly conduct business in international environments and sometimes in foreign languages."*

- UC San Diego alum



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