

Information on the University of California exchange programme

Our exchange agreement with the University of California is system-wide; i.e. it includes all 9 of the fantastic UC undergraduate campuses. However, because the application process is a little different to our other exchanges, here's some information on how your campus will be allocated if you are allocated a place at UC from the Study Abroad Team.

Before applying to UCL for an exchange placement

If you are offered an exchange place at UC, you must be willing to accept an allocation at any one of the 9 undergraduate campuses that offers suitable modules and courses in your discipline. Successful candidates for this exchange should be able to show us that they are open-minded and ready to experience University of California at whichever campus they are offered.

Application Process- Part 1 (Internal Application)

- Complete and submit your application to UCL for a study abroad placement. See the Study Abroad website for more information on the application process and deadlines
- If you are successfully allocated a place at University of California, you will be notified of the outcome of your application in January 2023. In January, you will then complete an application to UC (with guidance from the Study Abroad Team) stating 3 campuses, in order of preference. You will also be required to submit a study plan for each of your 3 choices.
- Not all campuses offer all disciplines - it is your responsibility to fully research all campuses prior to submitting your application for campus allocation
- The University of California Education Abroad Programme Team (UCEAP) will assess applications from incoming applicants from all their worldwide exchange partners and allocate you a campus, based on your area of study and number of applicants for each campus. UCEAP will do their very best to allocate you at one of your three campus choices, but this is not guaranteed.
- You will be contacted by UCEAP in May 2023 to confirm your allocated campus!

Application Process- Part 2 (Formal Application to the University of California)

All students participating in the UCL Study Abroad programme are required to complete a formal application to their host institution, following the internal application to the UCL study abroad team. The deadline for UC is the earliest of all our partner institutions and tends to be in early February. The UCL Study Abroad team, will guide you through the process. You will need to be prepared to prioritise this application very shortly after accepting your place offer.

Important Considerations

- It is not possible to request an alternative campus once you have received your allocation from UC. If you choose not to accept your allocated campus, you unfortunately won't receive an alternative host university offer and you may have to withdraw from UCL's Study Abroad programme.
- UCEAP's decisions on campus allocation are final. The UCL Study Abroad team cannot intervene in or influence the campus allocation process.
- The UCEAP Team will endeavour to place you at one of your three preferred campuses. However, applicants are advised that in some cases, a fourth alternative campus (providing a suitable breadth of modules) may be offered.
- UCLA and Berkeley tend to be very popular choices amongst exchange students at UC from around the world. If you have researched these campuses and consider them a good fit for you both academically and personally, you can certainly list them in your options, but you must be open-minded and prepared to undertake a placement at an alternative campus, as required.