

# Opportunity Abroad Program

## Nuts and Bolts

### ENROLLMENT

- OAP students are **not** enrolled at UC San Diego while abroad.
- **Withdraw from all UC San Diego CLASSES** for the quarter(s) you will be gone BEFORE the first day of classes to avoid any tuition charges. **If you don't, you will owe tuition to UCSD.** Use the **withdrawal/leave of absence form:** <https://students.ucsd.edu/academics/enroll/withdrawal/undergraduates.html>. Once this is processed, then you will be withdrawn from classes.

**A READMISSION APPLICATION is ONLY required IF you will be gone for TWO or more consecutive quarters.**

- Readmission application information can be found on the UCSD Admissions website
- Please pay special attention to application deadline dates. **If you are abroad for more than two quarters consecutively your readmission application to UCSD will alert the Registrar to your need for a registration time.**
- You should complete your readmission application at least 6 weeks before the quarter you would like to return (see the UCSD Admissions website for specific dates) to ensure that you are able to register around the same time as UCSD students on campus. EXCEPTION: Spring students abroad who are returning in the fall should complete their readmission applications at least 6 weeks before the spring quarter at UCSD ends.

**IMPORTANT:** If you will be abroad for only **ONE** quarter, then you will receive a WebReg time and date automatically just as you normally do. Contact your department or College academic advisors for any questions about registration.

### FINANCIAL AID WHILE ABROAD

- If you will be receiving UCSD financial aid while abroad on OAP, you will need to complete and get signatures on an **Academic Course Planning Form** and a **Consortium /Contractual Agreement** (both forms are in TritonsAbroad). Every student's aid package is individual and is based on their need as calculated by the UCSD Financial Aid Office.
- We recommend that you meet with the Study Abroad Financial Aid Officer in the Study Abroad Office prior to departure to go over your aid package. Contact Study Abroad via the VAC or email [abroad@ucsd.edu](mailto:abroad@ucsd.edu).
- **Make sure you have submitted a FAFSA Application.** Your aid will be based on the FAFSA application that was due the March of the prior year. Even if you missed this deadline, you still can apply for loans on the web at (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>).

### HEALTH EXAMS

- Even if your program does not require a medical exam, we strongly recommend that you have one. Also, some countries have medical and/or vaccination requirements for their entry/student visas. To schedule an exam with UCSD Student Health visit: <http://studenthealth.ucsd.edu/>  
Also, for additional health information see: <http://www.globaled.us/safeti/>
- Be sure to look at health requirements and recommendations for your specific country: <http://travel.state.gov>

## INSURANCE

- All OAP students **must have** international health insurance. While many OAP study abroad providers include this insurance coverage in the program fee, types of coverage can vary. Also, most direct enroll programs do not offer international travel insurance.
- Therefore, all OAP students also **must register for the FREE UC travelers insurance at least 30 days prior to your departure**. This is done online at: <https://ehs.ucop.edu/away> (You also may access this insurance registration link through TritonsAbroad).
- This coverage is provided at **NO COST** to students, and provides additional benefits such as security extraction, emergency medical evacuation, and repatriation and other travel assistance services.
- For inexpensive **supplemental coverage**, get an International Student ID Card (ISIC): [www.isic.org](http://www.isic.org) - this card also saves you money on transportation, gives you discounts in museums and other places.

## A FEW MORE THINGS

- **Third Year Students Be sure you declare a major before you leave!** If you don't you won't be able to register when you return to UCSD.

## ACADEMIC CREDIT

- Complete and submit in TritonsAbroad an **OAP Academic Course Planning Form** before you leave for your host country. Without it, you will have more difficulty transferring credit from abroad.
- On OAP, your course work will be treated as transfer credit. The course titles, units and grades will be posted to your UCSD transcript, but grades will not be calculated into your UC GPA. If you want the courses taken abroad to apply to your major, minor or GE requirements, you will petition with your department or college **when you return from abroad**.
- Bring overseas course documentation home with you (**your notes, syllabi, papers**). THIS IS IMPORTANT for petitioning!
- You may send your official transcripts to the University of California San Diego **by mail, e-mail, or electronically** through one of our preferred electronic transcript providers:
  - SEND TRANSCRIPTS BY MAIL: You must order an official transcript from your academic institution which must be sent to us directly in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:  
**University of California, San Diego – Office of Admissions**  
**Attn: Transcripts**  
**9500 Gilman Drive, # 0021**  
**La Jolla, CA 92093-0021**
  - Send transcripts as PDF attachments. You can request that the host university or school of record send a PDF of your official study abroad transcript to UC San Diego Admissions at the following e-mail address: [adm-etranscripts@ucsd.edu](mailto:adm-etranscripts@ucsd.edu)
  - SEND TRANSCRIPTS ELECTRONICALLY through Parchment, a safe and secure method of requesting your official transcript(s). If your school is registered with Parchment to send electronic transcripts, please order transcripts through your school's website or create an account with Parchment directly.

Admissions also accepts transcripts electronically through eTranscriptCA, Credential Solutions, eScripSafe, Scribbles, SCOIR, and National Student Clearinghouse if your academic institution is registered with these e-transcript vendors. Please check whether your school utilizes these e-transcript vendors to send transcripts and order through your school's transcript ordering process. Make sure you select University of California San Diego in La Jolla, CA as the receiving school if you choose one of these e-transcript vendors. Some vendors may list our school as UC San Diego.

For questions or to check its status, contact UCSD Admissions at: (858) 534-4208 or [receiptoftranscript@ad.ucsd.edu](mailto:receiptoftranscript@ad.ucsd.edu)

- Typically, study abroad program sponsors/providers send transcripts 6 weeks to 3 months after the end of your program. If you wish to receive your transcript earlier than that, you need to communicate directly with the sponsor of your program, or the appropriate office at the overseas university.

#### **OTHER RESOURCES FOR OAP STUDENTS**

- **Voting while abroad:** <http://www.fvap.gov>
- **UCSD academic questions while abroad:** Contact the appropriate UCSD academic department or College through the Virtual Advising Center (VAC).

#### **OAP POLICY RESTRICTIONS ON STUDENT PARTICIPATION – COUNTRIES WITH TRAVEL WARNINGS**

The safety and security of UCSD students abroad is of the utmost importance. While we encourage students to participate in educational opportunities throughout the world, **when there are recognized regional dangers or instabilities, students should consider alternative locations. However OAP participation is allowed in countries with State Department travel warnings at the student's own risk. If the US State Department issues a Travel Warning, UCSD students should understand the risks and postpone travel.** <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>

If you have questions, please meet with a Study Abroad Advisor.

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