

Opportunity Abroad Program

Nuts and Bolts

ENROLLMENT

- OAP students are **not** enrolled at UCSD while abroad. Check with your UCSD College to see if you will need to take a leave of absence from UCSD. Depending on your College, **you may need to submit a withdrawal/leave of absence form with your COLLEGE.** See a College advisor for clarification.
- **DROP ANY UCSD CLASSES** for the quarter you will be gone BEFORE drop/add deadlines. **If you don't, you will owe tuition to UCSD.**

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

- Readmission application information can be found on UCSD Admission's 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 Registrars 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 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 his/her need as calculated by the UCSD Financial Aid Office.
- We recommend that you meet with Tina Brill (Study Abroad Financial Aid Officer) in the study abroad office prior to departure to go over your aid package. Call (858) 534-1123 to schedule an appointment.
- **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 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. Many OAP providers have insurance and include the price of coverage in the program fee. If your program does not require medical insurance coverage, check with your own insurance company (to see if you are covered internationally), check **travel.state.gov** for international insurance policies for purchase.

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- All OAP students **must ALSO register for the FREE additional UC travelers insurance at least 30 days prior to your departure.** This is done online at: <http://www.ucop.edu/risk-services> (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. This insurance is a supplemental to your primary international health insurance, not a replacement.
- For inexpensive **supplemental coverage**, get an International Student ID Card (ISIC): www.statravel.com - 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!
- Have the **transcript for academic work abroad sent to** the UCSD Admissions Office at:
Admissions Processing – UCSD Admissions Office (0021-A)
9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093-0021
For questions or to check its status, contact UCSD Admissions at: (858) 534-4208 or admissionstatus@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 proceed with great caution.** Students must sign a special waiver of liability. Some programs may be cancelled if a travel warning is issued. If you have questions please meet with a Study Abroad Advisor.