



Guidelines for Course Selection for Study Abroad

TO BE SAFE TAKE ALL COURSES FOR A LETTER GRADE

GENERAL EDUCATION When selecting courses for general education, keep in mind the criteria used in determining whether a course will meet a specific Eleanor Roosevelt College general education requirement. Examples:

1. **Fine Arts Requirement:** At least one of the two courses must be a **four-unit** non-western fine art. The second course can be *any* **four-unit** course in music, dance, art, or theater. (Literature is not a fine art.)

2. **Regional Specialization Requirement:** For students who entered UCSD as freshmen, two of the three courses must be upper division; the third course may be lower or upper division, for a total of 12 units (at least 8 of the 12 units must be upper division). Transfer students must take two upper division courses for a total of 8 units. If you want to complete the ERC Special Minor, combining foreign language and Regional Specialization, you must take four upper-division Regional Specialization courses (16 units). The courses may come from a variety of departments or disciplines, even if not offered at UCSD. However, the course content must deal specifically with the region or country. Remember, courses used to meet upper-division Regional Specialization requirements may not also be used to meet major requirements. Also, we are unable to split units for one course between two different requirements.

Lists of acceptable Regional Specialization courses from UCSD are on the ERC Web site (<http://roosevelt.ucsd.edu>) and may be used as a general guide for selecting similar classes abroad. Examples of acceptable courses could be "Geography of France" or "Japanese Economy." Unacceptable courses would be "Politics of the Third World" (encompasses more than one region), unless 51% or more of the class focuses on one region.

MAJORS AND MINORS Ask the department offering your major or minor for guidelines for course selection. General guidelines are helpful once you are in the country and find out what courses are available, even if you have had specific courses approved on your planning form. If you are planning on declaring a double major, you must declare it with a double major petition between 90-135 units. Don't worry – if you go over 135 units while you're abroad and haven't filed your double major application, you can file it when you return.

DOCUMENTATION Save all syllabi, papers and other relevant course information. Any documentation you can provide upon return to UCSD could help when you petition courses for specific requirements. If you are going abroad on OAP, it can also be useful in determining transferability of courses or upper division status. **Approval of the EAP/OAP Planning form is preliminary only. You must petition courses to meet specific requirements upon return.**

RESIDENCY UCSD students are required to take nine (9) of their last eleven (11) courses at UCSD. If your experience abroad will prevent you from completing nine courses after returning to UCSD, you must petition to waive the residency requirement. See the Advising front desk upon your return.

MAXIMUM UNITS Maximum units for UCSD students is 200 units. If you are an approved double major or an engineering major, the maximum limit is 240 units. Any Advanced Placement (AP) work or unused abroad work may be subtracted to help keep you below the 200 unit limit.

If you have questions that we can help answer when you are abroad, please contact us. Please ask your questions via the Virtual Advising Center (see address below) where you can post your question and we'll respond within 72 business hours. Don't forget to send us a postcard! Bon Voyage!

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