"I studied abroad in Edinburgh during the fall quarter of my junior year and my only regret is that I didn't stay longer."
- Daniela, Class of 2017

"Taking a leap into Sweden and Lund University, specifically, proved to be one of the most rewarding and mentally fulfilling experiences on which I have ever embarked."
- Benjamin, Class of 2017

“Studying Abroad at University College London was a great way to travel, meet people from all over the world, and to see how physics is taught in another country.”
- Matteo, Class of 2018

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PHYSICS
Physics majors typically Study Abroad during their Junior year after having completed both the lower division Physics classes and the preparatory Math classes for the major. For a semester abroad, Fall of the Junior year is recommended, as it allows you to integrate back into the UCSB schedule for the Winter quarter. It may be possible to Study Abroad during the Sophomore year or Senior year (for transfer students), with careful planning and pre-approval from the Physics department.

Note that at least 20 units of upper division major course work must be completed at UCSB along with other academic residence requirements. Consult a College academic advisor for more information.

**Thinking about Study Abroad?**

The UCEAP partner universities span over 40 countries – to choose an appropriate program for your goals, explore the programs, costs, deadlines and eligibility criteria at eap.ucsb.edu or stop by UCSB’s EAP office at 2431 South Hall.

The Physics major consists of a highly structured curriculum, with most core courses offered as multi-part sequences. Advance planning is key to a successful Study Abroad experience, leading to on-time graduation.

In order for the Physics courses you take while studying abroad to count towards your major, and in order to be able to integrate back into the course sequences upon return, you will need to take equivalent Physics courses that are similar in content and level to UCSB courses.

Although UCEAP partner institutions may offer the equivalent of UCSB upper-division core courses, the content of courses in a sequence may happen to be arranged differently and the courses may not be offered in the same semester/quarter as at UCSB.

It is important for you to investigate the course sequences and course schedules of a desired Study Abroad location and begin to prepare in advance accordingly.

**Start planning early!**

Planning for Study Abroad during Junior year should ideally start as early as the Spring quarter of the Freshman year. Refer to the Physics department Study Abroad page for more details and to download the Physics course planning form.

In choosing a program for Study Abroad, check if you meet the language requirement for the UCEAP partner university, the minimum GPA requirement and whether the partner university has an exchange program in Physics as this could limit the number of Physics courses you may be able to take while studying abroad. For Fall semester abroad, investigate whether you will be able to take the final exams for your courses before returning to UCSB.

The Study Abroad in Physics webpage [www.physics.ucsb.edu/education/undergrad/eap](http://www.physics.ucsb.edu/education/undergrad/eap) provides a list of pre-approved courses, equivalent to core UCSB Physics courses, for a selected list of UCEAP partner institutions with instruction in English and a good overlap with UCSB Physics curriculum.