

International Development Studies

Major Academic Plan for B.A. and minor.



“Development was—and continues to be for the most part—a top-down, ethnocentric, and technocratic approach that treats people and cultures abstract concepts, statistical figures to be moved up and down in the charts of ‘progress.’”

- Arturo Escobar

UCLA Study Abroad

HOW TO STUDY ABROAD



RESEARCH

Review your remaining UCLA degree requirements (GE, pre-major, major, minor, foreign language, & upper division units).



IDENTIFY

Find UCEAP courses and identify options that are comparable to your degree requirements. Sample pre-approved UCEAP programs on the Global Studies website [here](#).



DISCUSS

Email syllabi/course descriptions to International Development Studies office. If you have questions, meet the advisors at the International Education Office to review UCEAP program details and



PETITION

Petition with your International Development Studies advisor to apply study abroad coursework toward your degree requirements.

- * Pre-approvals *are* provided by the International Development Studies department. Therefore, you *will* know before your program starts whether you will be receiving major credit.
- * For pre-approval, only the course title and description are required. Students must submit a formal petition upon returning from UCEAP, which requires a syllabus.
- * Foreign Language Courses: Discuss with applicable language department as they must follow guidelines set by such department.
- * UCLA Summer Travel Study programs provide direct UCLA credit. Some programs are approved for IDS requirements without petition. More info [here](#).
- * Study abroad is possible as soon as the summer after your first year through the Fall after your senior year. If going after senior year, meet your advisor to adjust your graduation term.

MAJOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION


Lower Division Major Prep	Yes. Lower division major preparation can be fulfilled during study abroad.
Major Electives	Yes. However, we have rarely approved major core courses, which may only offered once during the academic year (i.e. INTL DV 110, M120, 130, 140, 191). Please ensure courses taken abroad are ≥ 4 units and taken for a letter grade.
List of Pre-Approved Coursework?	Yes. Pre-approved coursework remains valid until the course description changes. You can access our database of pre-approved coursework here .


HOW TO PETITION FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT ONCE COURSE IS COMPLETED


<u>STEP 1</u>	<u>STEP 2</u>	<u>STEP 3</u>
Confirm Pre-approved course is listed on your DAR under “Transfer Coursework”	Collect Syllabi	Submit Petition (https://www.international.ucla.edu/ids/current)

- To be pre-approved, all courses must focus on international development theories and topics that can come from all departments (i.e. Sociology, Anthropology, etc. ...). Core courses must cover the same material as UCLA courses.
- At least 6 upper division courses must be taken at UCLA toward the International Development Studies major.
- Of note, students are not restricted to taking courses only in their major abroad.

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