Studying on foreign soil opened my eyes to many sides of the world I had never seen. I fell in love with the vibrant, ever-changing city of Shanghai… and I forged lifelong friendships with Chinese locals and fellow UC students.

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Whether it’s engaging in studies of Chinese economic development at Fudan University or exploring the temples and historic sites in Kyoto, Japan, Education Abroad offers an experience of a lifetime for Group in Asian Studies students. The Group in Asian Studies encourages its students to add an international dimension to their education by participating in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP). Opportunities to study in Asia are abundant, and students are encouraged to take advantage of them. With proper academic planning, students can have the experience of a lifetime with no loss of time in completing their degrees.

Why study Asian Studies abroad?
Asian Studies students are given much flexibility in their educational path. Because this area-based studies major is interdisciplinary, students can tailor their curriculum to fit best their interests. The benefits from studying abroad include:

- Taking advantage of unique academic and experiential opportunities in Asian Studies, such as taking courses of interest not readily available on the Berkeley campus
- Participating in a different educational system and get a comparative perspective on Asian Studies
- Increasing language proficiency
- Improving critical thinking skills
- Expanding world view by experiencing another culture firsthand
- Developing self-confidence and independence
- Enhancing résumés and/or applications for graduate school
- Preparing for a career in an internationally competitive world

Returning students often describe their time on EAP as one of the most empowering and transformative experiences of their lives.

When can I study abroad?
It is possible for Asian Studies students to go abroad at almost any point in their academic careers, but the particular term during which and length of time that you study abroad depends on what courses you have taken and plan to take. One year of language study is required prior to EAP. Students interested in language study can go abroad as early as their sophomore year. Students wanting to fulfill upper-division major requirements should, in most cases, go abroad after completing pre-requisites and basic upper-division requirements (such as the History and Theories and Methods requirements).

Transfer students who enter UC Berkeley in the fall of their junior year are normally able participate starting the spring term of their junior year. For more information: http://eap.ucop.edu/eap/transfer/

Graduate students may apply to study or pursue research at most EAP-affiliated host institutions, and may participate in the short-term language programs. More information: http://eap.ucop.edu/eap/graduate/

- The Cost of EAP -
Study on EAP can be comparable to the cost of study at UC. In some cases, it is less. EAP participants pay UC fees and continue to receive UC financial aid while abroad. Furthermore, EAP students are eligible for special grants and scholarships from UC, the host country, and other sources.

- PLAN AHEAD! -
Applications typically are due six months to a year prior to the program’s start date and some programs have academic or linguistic prerequisites that must be satisfied in advance. Please check the EAP website for application deadlines: http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/Programs/2008-2009_QuickGrid.pdf
Where can I study abroad?

Students can find coursework relevant to their majors at many of EAP’s 150 partner institutions in 35 countries worldwide. Program Wizard ([http://eap.ucop.edu/programwizard](http://eap.ucop.edu/programwizard)) allows you to browse EAP programs by Subject Area, Country, Program Length, and Language of Instruction.

Asian Studies students planning to complete a portion of their major abroad have a wide variety of options. Many of EAP’s partner universities have specific Asian Studies departments/programs or offer relevant courses through a variety of departments. The type of program you choose can depend on language proficiency, academic goals, and time constraints. We highly recommend EAP in China or Japan for those who need to work on their two-year language requirement.

Asian Studies programs GAS recommends include:

- **China:**
  - Beijing Normal University (BNU)
  - Fudan University, Shanghai
  - Peking University, Beijing
- **Hong Kong:**
  - The Chinese University of Hong Kong
  - The University of Hong Kong
- **Taiwan:**
  - National Taiwan University, Taipei
- **Japan:**
  - Doshisha University, Kyoto
  - International Christian Univ., Tokyo
  - Kyoto University
  - Meiji Gakuin University, Yokohama
  - Osaka University
  - Sophia University, Tokyo
  - University of Tsukuba
  - Tsuru University
- **Korea:**
  - Yonsei University, Seoul
- **Singapore:**
  - National University of Singapore
- **Vietnam:**
  - Hanoi University of Foreign Studies

What classes can I take?

EAP students automatically earn UC credit for the work they complete abroad. However, application of credit to major requirements is subject to the discretion of the department. Coursefinder ([http://eap.ucop.edu/coursefinder](http://eap.ucop.edu/coursefinder)) allows you to search courses taken by EAP students over the last 5 years.

Students wanting to fulfill major requirements abroad should consult closely with the Asian Studies advisor. Pre-requisite courses (AS10 and the lower division history) should be completed at home and are recommended prior to participation in EAP. We accept up to 12 semester units for the major and two courses for the minor upon approval by the major advisor.

The Group in Asian Studies has determined that EAP courses may be used to fulfill the following requirements:

- **Language Courses:** Most Japanese and Chinese language classes will satisfy GAS language requirements
- **Upper Division:** Easily taken abroad, a variety of area-based studies courses can fulfill History and Theories and Methods requirements, as well as elective units

What happens when I return?

Many of our students engage in research for a senior or honors thesis while abroad. If interested, please consult with the major advisor.

Students should stay in touch while abroad with the major advisor in order to prepare for a smooth transition back to campus. Consider doing the following:

- Bring back course materials such as syllabi, reading lists and exams, as these will help when petitioning for major or GE credit.
- If you took courses in another language while abroad, have your proficiency tested immediately upon return.

I’m interested, what are my next steps?

Asian Studies students interested in study abroad through EAP should first research program options on the EAP website ([http://eap.ucop.edu](http://eap.ucop.edu)), then meet with the Asian Studies advisor, Hilary Finchum-Sung, to discuss departmental regulations and the academic planning process. Application information and EAP advising are available at the Berkeley Programs for Study Abroad office.