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Anthropology

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majors abroad!

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“As an anthro major, you might tell people that you enjoy studying culture, but spending time immersed in another culture is the best way to prove your passions.”

Dalayna Gardner
UCEAP India

Education Abroad in Anthropology!

The Department of Anthropology strongly encourages its undergraduate students to take advantage of opportunities through UCR and affiliate institutions for education abroad (EA). EA can provide you with learning opportunities beyond the classroom, including anthropological field research, non-governmental organization volunteering, and museum internships. Language and cultural immersion through EA are great ways to gain transformative, international experience and skills that will greatly enhance your employability and to deepen your training in anthropology. Why not get out of your comfort zone, and explore how people live in other world regions?

Why learn abroad?

EA provides you with a transformative experience and a unique set of anthropological skills that you can apply in any context and gain an employment edge. For students considering a career in anthropology, education abroad is of special importance. In order to gain an understanding of the complexity and diversity of humans across space and time, aspiring anthropologists have to get beyond the classroom and out into the world. You will gain a broadened cultural perspective, practical anthropological skills and international experience that will be valuable to your future career.

Students who take courses abroad tend to get better grades, graduate faster, and are more likely to find employment after they graduate because employers value experience abroad. Regardless of your future career choice, EA in Anthropology can provide you with valuable life skills. You will broaden your worldview, increase your proficiency in another language, improve your critical thinking, develop self-confidence and independence, and expand your personal and professional network on an international scale. For all of these reasons we strongly encourage our students to learn abroad.



When can I participate in education abroad?

Anthropology majors who learn abroad typically go in their 3rd or 4th year. Visit the Anthropology Department website for a sample timeline for 4-year and 2-year graduating plans that integrate education abroad.

Where should I learn abroad?

A number of EA programs that are particularly strong in anthropological research are highlighted on this webpage. However, it is important that you choose an EA program that engages *your* interests. If you don't find what you are looking for in this list, you can conduct a [program search](#) (<http://uc.eap.ucop.edu/builder>) on the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) webpage to find a program that fits your individual needs. You can also search [courses](#) (<http://eap.ucop.edu/OurPrograms/Pages/CourseCatalog.htm>) that other UC students have taken, to get an idea of past course offerings in anthropology. UCEAP partners with over 40 countries that offer courses in anthropology, so you are sure to find the perfect program! Find more info and resources on the UCR Anthropology website.



Faculty Led Education Abroad Program (FLEAP)

A short-term FLEAP programs offered during the summer will give you 8 pre-approved UC credits. The locations and courses vary each year. The Office of Undergraduate Education provides scholarships exclusively for UCR students participating in FLEAP programs.

Several UCR Anthropology professors, with regional expertise, offer FLEAP programs which provide you with unique opportunities to explore diverse regions of the world through engaging courses.

FLEAP Programs in Anthropology at UCR include:

- “Cuban Culture and Society” in Havana, Cuba with Dr. Anthony Jerry
- “Anthropology of Africa” and “Business Cultures and Identity” in Stellenbosch and Cape Town, South Africa with Dr. Worku Nida
- “The Black Diaspora in Brazil” in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with Dr. Joao Vargas.

Learn more about these programs at the UCR Education Abroad Office: <http://ea.ucr.edu/>

First-Generation Students

First-Generation EA and Transfer Students are especially encouraged to pursue EA. First-generation students are underrepresented in EA programs, and the UC system is working to change that. There have been many first-generation students in the Anthropology department who have participated in EA. First-generation students may have questions about funding education abroad, and explaining the education abroad process to their family, especially parents and guardians. You may keep your parents informed by sharing with them the [UCR Study Abroad Parent Resource Page](#) (<http://ea.ucr.edu/>)

“I made the best group of friends who inspired me with their their intellect and passion for equality and drive to create a better world to live in.”

Richard Guzman
UCEAP Thailand

How do I get started?

1. Visit the UCR Education Abroad Office for a 15 minute orientation to your options and the application process.
2. Review programs and resources. ([Visit the Anthropology education abroad webpage for resources](#)). Set your goals for EA (research experience, language, internship, etc.). Narrow your program selections.
3. Visit your academic advisor to get help finalizing your programs selection.
4. Remember to START PLANNING EARLY. From application preparation to program start, it may take 1 year depending on your program type.