

Education Abroad Program (EAP)
Göttingen Study Center of the University of California
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STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

In 1963, a partnership between Georg-August University (GAU) and the University of California (UC) was initiated. One of the goals of this partnership is to promote a reciprocal student exchange through the Education Abroad Program (EAP).

GAU students in good academic standing (GPA= Grade Point Average = Durchschnittsnote of 2.5 is required) are eligible to apply to eight UC campuses: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, San Diego, Los Angeles, Riverside, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz. Programs are offered in a wide variety of fields for “undergraduate” and “graduate” levels. The medical campus in San Francisco is not open to exchange students. The brand new Merced campus also is not open to exchange students at this time.

As in the past, GAU students are able to spend an entire academic year at the University of California. Starting in 2007, students may also apply to spend only the fall semester at UC Berkeley (Aug. - Dec.) or only the fall and winter quarters at any of the other campuses (Sept. - Mar.).

Information concerning majors, UC faculty members, library facilities, courses, etc. can be obtained at www.eap.ucop.edu/reciprocity as well as at the Study Center.



Scholarships and Costs

UC tuition and fees for one academic year are ca. 20,000 USD. All accepted applicants are awarded a tuition waiver that covers UC tuition and application fees. Students are responsible for all other costs.

Living expenses for 9 months were estimated in January 2007 as varying from 12,400 USD (Davis) to 19,000 USD (Los Angeles). Please keep in mind that these are only estimates! They vary with lifestyle and are subject to change.

Scholarships covering UC tuition as well as living costs are available for graduate students only. See “Awards” section for more details.

Application Deadline

The application deadline for all awards is **Sept 30th**. Admission to UC will be for the following academic year, which begins in August for Berkeley and in September for all other campuses. It is not possible to be admitted for the spring semester/quarter only. The Selection Committee decides whether to submit the application to UC. For all awards, selection is based on excellent academic record

(grades, recommendation), essay, interview, general knowledge about the UC system and the United States, personal maturity, and English language skills.

Awards

A) Undergraduate Students/ No fee - Non Degree

This category of the exchange program is mainly directed toward students who are currently working toward a Bachelor's degree or have completed at least two semesters of their "Grundstudium" at the time of application. Because the German BA and BSc degrees are at this time not considered to be equivalent to the UC BA and BSc degrees, GAU MA and MSc students may also apply at the undergraduate level. While these students are accepted at the undergraduate level, students who wish to pursue graduate level coursework while at UC may do so by contacting UC faculty and asking for permission to join their courses.

Students may either continue work in their major or apply for admission in an associated field. Under this program it is not possible to obtain a degree from UC. The accreditation of work toward a degree from GAU will be determined by the appropriate offices (Prüfungsämter) in Göttingen. Students should contact the appropriate office prior to departure. Students from all departments are eligible to apply. However, students may not apply to study to at the UC law, medical, or business schools. Law, medical, and business students can apply as "undergraduate no fee non-degree students" in related majors, such as legal studies, biology, and economics. Economics/business students may also apply for the UCLA Economics Program (see next section).

For GAU students whose academic programs include a "Zwischenprüfung/Vordiplom", this must be successfully completed prior to departure and the results must be submitted to the Study Center prior to departure. For BA /BSc programs where there is no "Zwischenprüfung/Vordiplom", students must submit grades for all courses attended at GAU, including courses which are completed after the application is submitted.

Students can choose three campuses they would like to attend, but our headquarter office in Santa Barbara (UOEAP = Universitywide Office Education Abroad Program) will direct the application to only one campus. All undergraduate students receive a scholarship for UC fees (through the University partnership). Living expenses must be financed by the student.

See "Application Procedure" below for detailed information about the application process and requirements.

B) Undergraduate Students Economics Program at UCLA

A special exchange program has been established by the Economics Department of GAU and UCLA. This program is open to economics and business students who have completed their second or fourth semesters at the time of application. Students participating in the (9 month) program enroll in selected UCLA Economics courses. Work completed during the exchange year will not be accredited toward a UCLA degree. However, it will be accredited toward a degree at GAU.

The "Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD)" recognizes this exchange in the framework of their "Internationale Studien- und Ausbildungs-Partnerschaften (ISAP)" program and provides stipends to select students. Five GAU students may participate in the UCLA program, but only four stipends will be awarded.

For further information please contact Frau Dr. Sakowsky, Volkswirtschaftliches Seminar. For information about the DAAD ISAP program please consult the DAAD information booklet, which is available at the International Office, Wilhelmsplatz 4.

For eligibility and selection criteria, please see section A. All applications must be submitted to the Study Center. Students eligible for the UCLA program will be treated like all other undergraduate no fee – non degree students. During the interview, the selection committee will decide who receives the stipends.

C) Graduate Students/ No Fee Non Degree

This category of the exchange program is designed for students who are interested in pursuing some special aspect of their major on a graduate level at UC for one academic year. Students may either continue work in their major or apply for admission in associated fields. Students may not apply to the UC law, medical, or business administration schools.

Graduate students in the U.S. have completed their bachelor's degree and are in their fifth year of university level study (or higher). UC requires that foreign students have completed a degree (Magister, 2nd Staatsexam) in order to apply as graduate students. A "Vordiplom"/ "Zwischenprüfung" is not recognized as being equivalent to a BA or BSc. The three-year German bachelor's degree is at this time generally not considered sufficient to apply at the graduate level. Students who would be in their fourth year of study while at UC are encouraged to apply at the undergraduate level. They may then pursue graduate level coursework while at UC by contacting UC faculty and asking for permission to join their courses.

In general, it is more difficult to get accepted at the graduate level. The Study Center will accept applicants who will be in their 5th year or higher when they are in California. Please be aware that applications that are approved by the Study Center may still be rejected by a UC campus. Students should already have their "Zwischenprüfung", "Vordiplom" or "Bachelor" at the time of application. It is expected, in general, that the research will contribute to an MA/MSc or PhD in Germany. If you are considering applying as a graduate, or if you are unsure whether to apply as a graduate or an undergraduate student, please contact the study center for guidance.

The accreditation of work toward a degree from GAU will be determined by the appropriate offices ("Prüfungsamt") in Göttingen. Students should contact this office prior to departure. The selection criteria and application deadline are the same as for undergraduates (section A). All students who are accepted at the graduate level receive a scholarship for tuition as well as for living costs. Please refer to "Application Procedure" below for detailed information about the application process and requirements.

Application Procedure:

A) Preparation

The first step for all students is to gather information about the academic program offered at each of the UC campuses, in order to determine which of these programs best corresponds to your field of interest and academic goals. Please choose the top three campuses you would like to attend. The following sources of information may be useful:

- 1) Online resources
 - i. www.eap.ucop.edu/reciprocity/
 - ii. Campus homepages: www.ucdavis.edu, www.uci.edu, www.ucla.edu, www.ucr.edu, www.ucsd.edu, www.ucsb.edu, www.ucsc.edu, and www.berkeley.edu
- 2) "Erfahrungsberichte" written by reciprocity students
- 3) Members of your faculty

- 4) UC students who are currently studying in Göttingen
- 5) Study Center staff

B) The Application

All forms required for the application are available online. All applications must be submitted to the Study Center in Göttingen by the Sept. 30 deadline. Late applications will not be accepted. All applications must be submitted in English, neatly typed, and complete. Please staple all individual parts that have multiple pages. **Please submit 2 copies of the entire application.**

A complete application consists of:

- 1) Typed **application form** with photograph
- 2) Typed **curriculum vitae**, with tabulated information rather than narrative text
- 3) **Statement of Purpose**
All applicants should submit a two-page typewritten essay, including an account of past studies, your reasons for wanting to study at UC, hobbies and extracurricular activities, foreign language skills, previous experience abroad, professional goals, etc. The essay is an important part of your application. It will help the admissions officers gain a more complete picture of you. Use the essay to provide information that will distinguish you from other applicants in terms of your goals, aspirations, and achievements. Also explain your choice of field, your main academic interests, and your educational and career objectives. Please also write about life experiences that have influenced your personal and intellectual growth. If you have a disability, you may also include a description of its impact on your experiences, goals, and aspirations. For undergraduate applicants, the essay may be **no longer than two pages**. Graduate applicants only should submit two to three pages. Write only on one side of each sheet. Print your name on the top right-hand corner of each page and sign it.
- 4) **Letter of Recommendation**
Undergraduates should submit one letter of recommendation from a GAU instructor (preferably in your major). Use “letter of recommendation” form. Graduates and Postgraduates should submit three letters of recommendation. Use the **“letter of recommendation”** form.
- 5) List of courses completed: use the **“academic record”** form
- 6) Copy of **Abiturzeugnis** (in German) (not necessary for graduate applicants)
- 7) Copy of **“Vordiplom”**, **“Zwischenprüfung”**, or **BA/BSc**, if applicable (in German with English translation)
- 8) Results of English language assessment exam (see below)
- 9) GRE Results (graduate students only, see below)

In case the “Zwischenprüfung” will be completed in the upcoming semesters, please submit the certificate as soon as it is available. This must be completed before departure to the States. In case your degree program does not include a “Vordiplom” or “Zwischenprüfung”, fall and spring grades must be submitted before departure.

Please remember that all parts of the application are to be completed in ENGLISH and in DUPLICATE. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **For official documents (“Zeugnisse”, “Scheine”, etc.), it is not necessary to turn in an original copy. However, you need to show an original copy or certified copy to Study Center staff when you turn in your application.**

C) English Language Assessment

All students who do not speak English as their native language are required to take an English language assessment exam. The English language requirement may be satisfied by submitting scores from one of the following examinations. (See required minimum scores below). Please take into consideration the score reporting dates when enrolling, since your application will not be considered complete without a recognized English as a Second Language (ESL) score. While the application is due on Sept. 30, the language assessment results may be submitted through the end of December at the very latest. Please inform the Study Center of your test date when you submit your application.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) www.ets.org/toefl

- Check the TOEFL web page for test dates and availability in your area.
- Online registration is available.
- The TOEFL web page includes practice tests to prepare you for the exam.
- Your test payment entitles you to five copies of your test results:
 - o Examinee’s Score Record - This is your copy.
 - o Official Score Report- This is the official score report. It may be mailed to as many as four institutions (or departments within the same institution) that you designate at the test center.
- There is no additional charge for the four score reports if you request them at the time of the exam. EAP applicants should request that their score results be sent directly to EAP.
 - o **Undergraduate applicants-** Do not report scores to individual UC campuses. Select: USA, California, U. of CA Educ. Abroad Prog. If you cannot find the Education Abroad Program on the institution code menu, ask the examination attendant for assistance in reporting your score to: Code 4795 U. of CA Educ. Abroad Prog.
 - o **Graduate applicants-** When you take the exam, please request that your scores be submitted to the three UC Campuses to which you are applying. Do not submit your scores to the UOEAP office.
- Examination scores are valid for up to two years.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) www.ielts.org

At the time of the test, request that a copy of the results be sent to the Education Abroad Office address below. You must take the Academic IELTS, not the General Training or the Vocational version. You must also present an original copy of the results at the Study Center.

Reciprocal Exchanges
Education Abroad Program, Universitywide Office (UOEAP)
6950 Hollister Ave. Suite 200
Goleta, CA 93117-5823
USA

Advanced Placement International English Language Exam (APIEL)

You may submit APIEL results of 3 or higher if you took this exam prior to June 2002. Submit an original copy to the Study Center.

Cambridge Exams (CPE or CAE)

Submit an original copy of your examination results to the UC Study Center. Only examination results, not course certificates, may be used to document your English language preparation.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

A score of 5 or higher on the IB English A examination fulfils the English language requirement. Scores for the English B examination cannot be accepted. Submit an original copy of your examination results to the UC Study Center.

Test Score Requirements

These are the minimum scores required of EAP reciprocal exchange undergraduates for the academic year 2007-2008. Minimum scores vary depending on the host UC campus. Score requirements are updated yearly on the UOEAP website.

ESL Undergraduate Minimum Score Requirements

UC Campus	Computer TOEFL	Paper TOEFL	Internet TOEFL	IELTS	Cambridge CPE	Cambridge CAE	APIEL	IB "A"
UCB	250	600	100	7.1	C	B	3 (Exam must have been taken before June 2002.)	5
UCD	213	550	80					
UCI	213	550	80					
UCLA	220	550	83					
UCR	213	550	79					
UCSB	197	530	71					
UCSC	220	220	83					
UCSD	220	550	83					

Graduate students should consult the UOEAP website for ESL minimum requirements.
<http://eap.ucop.edu/reciprocity/Graduate/exams.html>

D) Graduate Records Examination

Graduate applicants are also required to take the GRE (Graduate Records Examination) general and/or subject examination or the GMAT (Graduate Management Assessment Test). Certain departments require either the "general" or the "subject" test. Please check with the Study Center. Scores should be reported directly to the UC institutional codes for the prospective host campuses as well as submitted to the Göttingen Study Center. For details, go to www.ets.org/gre.

The GRE may be taken after then Sept. 30th application deadline, but the results must be submitted by the end of December at the latest. Please inform the Study Center of your test date when you submit your application.

E) Interviews

All students who submit a complete, typewritten application by Sept. 30th will receive an interview appointment sometime in late October or November. It is mandatory that students attend these interviews. You will be notified in writing about the status of your application.

F) UC Application

UC application materials will be dispersed to all selected scholarship candidates at an informational meeting in November/December. These materials must be submitted to the Study

Center and will be forwarded by EAP to the appropriate campuses. UOEAP will reroute undergraduate applications to second or third choice campuses if too many students applied for impacted campuses.

The award of all full and partial scholarships is conditional upon formal admission to one of the campuses of the University of California. Undergraduate students are admitted by the Undergraduate Admissions Office. Graduate students are accepted by the individual campus Graduate Divisions on the recommendation of the Department in which the student intends to study.

Additional Information: Other Sources of Financial Support

Applications to more than one scholarship are encouraged. Students are responsible for notifying the Study Center in writing as soon as they are awarded a scholarship from another source.

Please refer to the DAAD booklet “Studienführer für die USA, Auslandsstipendien für Deutsche”, available through the Infothek, Wilhelmsplatz 4, Göttingen.

Theology Students can apply to their church for financial support while studying abroad.

Members of several “Stiftungen” can apply to these organizations for financial assistance.

BAFöG recipients are eligible for a 2 semester extension of their loan, and the extra cost of living in the US and travel expenses are taken into consideration. Under certain circumstances, students not eligible for BAFöG can obtain funds if they study abroad. Contact Studentenwerk Göttingen, Amt für Ausbildungsförderung, Platz der Göttinger Sieben, 37073 Göttingen, Tel: 0551 395134 or email bafog@studentenwerk-goettingen.de.

Application Checklist (✓)

A complete application consists of **two copies** of each of the following:

- 1) Typed **application form** with photograph _____
- 2) Typed **curriculum vitae**, with tabulated information rather than narrative text _____
- 3) Two-page typewritten **statement of purpose**. For undergraduates, the essay may be no longer than two pages. Graduates should write 2-3 pages. Write only on one side of each sheet. Print your name on the top right-hand corner of each page and sign it. _____
- 4) For “**undergraduates**”: One **letter of recommendation** from a GAU instructor (preferably in your major). Use “letter of recommendation” form.

For “**graduates**”: Three **letters of recommendation**. Use “letter of recommendation” form.
- 5) List of courses completed: Use “**academic record**” form. _____
- 6) Copy of **Abiturzeugnis** (in German) (undergraduates only) _____
- 7) Copy of “**Vordiplom**”, “**Zwischenprüfung**”, or **BA/BSc**, if applicable (in German with English translation) _____
- 8) For **undergraduates**, **TOEFL** scores must be submitted directly to UOEAP. The UOEAP TOEFL reporting code for all campuses is #4795. **Graduate** TOEFL scores should be reported directly to the UC institutional code for the prospective host campuses. Both undergraduates and graduate students must also submit a copy of their scores to the Study Center. TOEFL scores must arrive by the end of December at the latest. _____
- 9) **GRE** scores should be reported directly to the UC institutional code for the prospective host campuses and also submitted to the Study Center. Scores must arrive by the end of December at the latest. (graduates only) _____

All parts of the application are to be completed in **ENGLISH** and in **DUPLICATE**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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