The Comparative Literature Program encourages its students to study abroad through the Education Abroad Program. In a world which is becoming increasingly globalized, exposure to other cultures can help students gain new perspectives and achieve a greater understanding of the world in which we live. College is an ideal time to take advantage of the opportunity to live abroad for a summer, a semester, or a year. In addition to developing your self-confidence, independence and perspectives, your international experience will benefit your career goals and/or graduate school opportunities.

Why study abroad?

EAP offers unparalleled opportunities to obtain the broader perspectives, knowledge, and skills necessary to be effective professionally in our rapidly changing global world. Possibilities are numerous to further your study of comparative literature, as well as innumerable other subjects, in many countries around the world.

The benefits of studying and living abroad are tremendous. You can:

- Immerse yourself in the language and life of your favorite author
- Study literature in its country of origin and see what it means to its people
- Experience firsthand a culture you have studied
- Learn a language by immersing yourself in the everyday vernacular spoken on the streets
- Advance your cross-cultural and problem-solving skills
- Prepare for a career in an internationally competitive world
- Enhance your resume for job or graduate school applications

Returning EAP students often describe their experience abroad as a life-changing and uniquely valuable one for future choices of professional and personal goals.

Where should I study abroad?

Comparative Literature majors can take classes in literature or comparative literature at a number of EAP host institutions. These classes may be taught in English or in the host language. Students planning to use EAP coursework to fulfill major requirements should look for a program that offers the type of courses they still need for the major. Go to http://eap.ucop.edu/coursefinder to see what EAP programs offer courses in literature and comparative literature.

Students should also consider one of the intensive Language and Culture programs offered by EAP to fulfill their foreign language requirement for the major. Possibilities include programs in Brazil, China, Korea, Russia, Sweden, Denmark, France, Germany, and Italy.

When should I study abroad?

While it is possible for students to go abroad at almost any point in their academic careers, the particular quarter, semester, summer or year that you study abroad depends on what courses you plan to take. Students interested in Language and Culture programs, or in fulfilling major prepa-
ration and General Education requirements, can participate as early as their sophomore year. Students wanting to fulfill upper-division major requirements should study abroad during their junior or senior year.

Keep in mind that at least 20 units of upper-division coursework must be completed in residence at UCSB.

What classes should I take?

All EAP students automatically earn UC credit for the work they complete abroad. However, the application of credit to major requirements is subject to the discretion of the department. The department generally accepts EAP coursework for the major as long as the content clearly fits into the guidelines below:

Lower-division
Equivalent of levels 1-6 of a foreign language

Upper-division - Interdisciplinary Emphasis
Area A: Comparative literature courses
Area B: Literature courses, at least one taught in a foreign language
Area C: Outside concentration: 12 units selected from a single humanities department

Upper-division - Foreign Language Emphasis
Area A: Comparative literature courses
Area B: Literature courses, at least three taught in a foreign language

The department recommends that you complete the three required lower-division comparative literature courses at UCSB.

Please consult the Department Undergraduate Advisor for more details.

What if I am a comparative literature minor?

Comparative literature minors are highly encouraged to study abroad by taking a Language and Culture program that offers the equivalent of first or second year language study. Please remember that 12 upper-division units for the minor must be completed in residence at UCSB.

How do I get started?

Come by the EAP office at 2431 South Hall. Peer advisors who have recently returned from studying abroad as well as staff advisors are eager to answer your questions.

Consult the EAP web pages to see what programs best suit you. In addition to Coursefinder and Programwizard, we recommend that you navigate to host universities’ websites on the available links.

Go see your Undergraduate Advisor in the Comparative Literature program office, 6206 Phelps Hall.

Still Unsure?

Need to convince your parents? Check out UCEAP’s Top Ten Reasons to Study Abroad: http://eap.ucop.edu/eap/reference/whystudyoneap and the Top Ten Myths about Studying Abroad on EAP: http://eap.ucop.edu/eap/myths.

The Cost of EAP

Studying abroad through EAP is comparable to the cost of study at UCSB. In some cases, the cost is even less! EAP participants pay UC fees and continue to receive UC financial aid while abroad. EAP students are also eligible for special grants and scholarships from UC, the host country, and other sources.