



**University Committee on International Education  
Annual Report 2023-24**

**TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:**

**Charge of the Committee**

According to Academic Senate Bylaw 182, and consistent with [Bylaw 40](#), the University Committee on International Education (UCIE) should fulfil the following roles in systemwide governance:

1. Consider and report, in consultation with other Academic Senate committees, on matters of international education and engagement referred to the Committee by the President of the University, the Academic Council, the Assembly, a Divisional or any Senate Committee. (Am 28 May 2003)
  - a. Report to the Academic Council and other agencies of the Senate and confer with and advise the President and agencies of the University Administration on matters concerning international engagement.
  - b. Initiate policy recommendations regarding international engagement programs and the status and welfare of international students and scholars at UC.
  - c. Evaluate and advise on UC's international service learning or experiential learning programs, except programs whose authorization and supervision is performed independently by the campuses.
2. Provide Continuing review of the Education Abroad Program and its policies. (EC 28 May 2003 and 8 June 2023)
  - a. Consult with the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) on future program development, including modification of the programs of existing Study Centers, establishment of new Study Centers, and disestablishment of UCEAP Programs. (Am 28 May 2003)
  - b. Represent the Senate in the selection of Study Center Directors. (Am 28 May 2003)
  - c. Maintain liaison with the Council of Campus Directors. (Am 28 May 2003)
  - d. Advise the UC Education Abroad Program Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director on all matters of international education. (Am 28 May 2003)
  - e. Have the responsibility for the final academic review of new programs after the first three years, and for regular reviews of all programs every ten years or as conditions may require. (En 4 May 89; Am 4 Jun 91; Am 28 May 2003)
  - f. Authorize and supervise all courses and curricula in the UC Education Abroad Program (Am 2 Dec 71; Am 4 May 89; Am 28 May 2003)

### **New UCEAP Programs Proposed in 2023-24**

Tec de Monterrey – Approved  
University of Alicante – Approved  
Business and Economics in Barcelona – Approved  
Mahidol University International College – Approved

### **Program Review Reports/Reviews**

2022-23 10-Year Italy Review – Approved  
2022-23 10-Year UK Review – Approved  
2022-23 10-Year Costa Rica Review – Approved  
Report on the 2023-24 10-Year Mexico Review – Approved  
2023-24 10-Yer Czech Republic Review – Approved

### **Program Changes**

New Summer Research Program at Tohoku University  
New Summer Program at the University of Waikato  
Reopening Queen Mary University of London Summer Program

### **Program Discontinuances/Closures**

HKUST Summer  
University of Kent  
Immigration and Identity: Asia in South America  
Crossroads of Culture in the Mediterranean  
Field Research and Internship, Brussels  
Arabic Language and Culture, Morocco  
Community Public Health, Botswana  
Massey University, New Zealand  
McGill University, Canada  
Environment and Sustainability, University of East Anglia

### **Topics of Note During the 2023-24 Year**

#### **UCEAP**

In 2023-24, UCEAP student numbers abroad came very close to pre-pandemic numbers. Reports regarding UC students abroad are positive. They are considered hard-working, polite, and unproblematic. However, UC students are suffering with general anxiety problems, and they are reluctant to ask for help.

With regard to the current war in the Middle East, the Executive Director reported that a few UCEAP students had been evacuated and some had left Israel voluntarily. As part of maintaining student security, UCEAP never discusses the exact number of students it has abroad or their precise locations. All UCEAP programs in Israel have been cancelled through the 2024-25 academic year; moreover, as cancellations were made for reasons of safety and security, restarting these programs will not be automatic but will require a thorough security review and approval by the UC Office of the President.

Two years ago, UCEAP started a Going Green campaign in an effort to adhere to all of the University's standards in terms of sustainability and reuse. UCEAP has been asking donors to consider funding activities that have a sustainability focus. The program has also been encouraging students to remain in their local region on the weekends and not "jet off" to other

cities. It has suggested that students get involved in local volunteer efforts related to sustainability.

UCEAP will be renovating and moving into two buildings on the Santa Barbara campus. This will happen in late 2025 at the earliest. The office is close to the end of its reorganization, and by June should have a full cohort of roughly 125 staff. In fall, UCEAP will be launching a recruitment for a short-term scholar-in-residence program.

### **First-Year Fall (Global Start)**

The First-Year Fall Program was developed at the request of Davis and Irvine; the program was then joined by UCLA and UCSD. One session will be held in Spain and one in Italy. As of May 2024, the program had 30 applications, mostly from UCLA students. These students will start with some orientation on-campus in the summer and then will leave for Sicily in the fall. UCEAP and UCIE are very excited to see this program get off to such an auspicious start.

### **Summer Physics**

One area of UCEAP enrollment that has not come back strongly is summer physics programming, which was formerly very popular. There has been a significant change to the summer physics programs offered by UCEAP. In response to a review, they were scaled back from three quarters to two quarters. This resulted in a severe drop in enrollment. There is a question of reinstating the three-quarter option; for many students, the summer physics programs were the only opportunity to study abroad. In the spring, UCEAP held a summit on Summer Physics hosted at UCSB. The initial partners were in Sussex, Dublin and Glasgow. Ambassadors from those universities met with UC to determine how to breathe life back into the program. The meetings were very productive and informative and UCEAP and UCIE are hopeful for the future of Summer Physics.

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