

- The Opportunities Abroad Program (OAP) is the process that enables UCR students to participate in a wide variety of study abroad programs. The OAP options are sponsored by organizations or institutions other than the University of California.
- OAP offers library resources about overseas options and advisory services to assist students in the selection of programs.
- The OAP process helps with the pre-departure logistics concerning credit transfer, financial aid, and leave of absence with appropriate UCR staff and faculty.
- Students may be able to apply their federal and state financial aid towards approved academic programs.

BEFORE YOU GO

- **Before applying for OAP, complete Step 1 on MyUCR Abroad** (Student Profile Questionnaire and attend an Info Session) to find out how to search for a program that meets your needs. At the Info Session you will receive information on how to research OAP and information on EAP to help you match your needs for the proper program.
- **Identify Programs** which meet your needs (use our Library resources, check-out our website, attend Worldfest, come to an information session, or research on your own).
- **Complete Step 2 on MyUCR Abroad** (Pre-Advising Profile and attend an OAP Application Workshop) to receive the necessary forms for your OAP program.
- **Apply** to the program directly.
- Upon program admission confirmation, **attend an OAP Application Workshop** to receive the following forms:
 - A. **Confirmation of Intent Form**
 - B. **Planned Opportunities Abroad Agreement Form** (to be signed by department, dean of college, and IEC)
 - C. **Academic Planning Form** (if you want academic credit for coursework completed abroad)
 - D. **Waiver of Liability Form**
 - E. **Authorization Release Form**
- Complete a **Consortium/Contractual Agreement** only if you will receive financial aid through UCR for your program abroad.
- **Investigate scholarships** for study abroad.
- **Follow the guidelines** of the program you have chosen and **keep in touch** with your program's staff.
- Read "**Go Global**" orientation handout and research host country issues of safety and security at <http://travel.state.gov/>.
- Apply for a **Passport** and **Visa** (permission to enter the country). For Visa application: Go to the Consulate website for your country.
- Obtain and/or verify **Health Insurance**, and review health issues in the host country before departing.
- **Please consult our website "Health & Safety Details"** for minimum recommended health insurance coverage.
- **Students with disabilities** should take notice that support services abroad may differ from what is available at UCR. Contact the Support Services, EAP and OAP Office, and the OAP Program Provider for any assistance that you may need.

WHILE ABROAD

- **Give us your overseas address.** (Your UCR email address is your official form of communication with the campus).
- Have your **Enrollment Verification Form** completed and sent to the EAP and OAP Office.
- **Keep documentation** from your classes abroad (emails, letters, notes, syllabi, and test).
- Contact your UCR advisor or department **regarding academic questions.**
- **Obtain program transcripts** and have them sent to UC Riverside, Admissions Office, ATTN: OAP, 1101 Hinderaker Hall, 900 University Ave, Riverside, CA 92521 .
- Before returning to UCR, **remember to register for classes** using GROWL.

AFTER YOU RETURN

- **Schedule an appointment with Study Abroad Advisor** to update your contact information and share feedback about your program.
- **Order and confirm the receipt of your overseas transcripts** and transfer of credit on GROWL.
- **Meet with academic advisor or department** for fulfilling of GE or Department requirement after credit is received.
- **Help other go abroad by getting involved.** Job and volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year in the EAP and OAP Office.