

TRANSFERRING CREDIT TOWARD THE MAJOR OR MINOR

The Department allows students to transfer a maximum of six courses from outside UCSD toward completion of the major. This includes ALL courses (Advanced Placement credit, Political Science 10, 11, 12, 13, and twelve upper division courses). Thus, students who complete part of their requirements by transferring units from community colleges or other universities should commensurately reduce the maximum number of courses they anticipate transferring from abroad.

The Department cannot provide students with pre-departure guarantees of course transfers based on brief course descriptions. Many universities abroad are overly generous with credits, and students should NOT expect equivalent or nearly-equivalent UCSD credit.

The Department does not transfer courses based on a simple "four credits earned equal one course" formula. Thus, students should plan conservatively on credit transfers. In general, most year long courses are more nearly equivalent to two four-credit courses than to three four-credit courses (even when year long courses appear on transcripts as twelve quarter credits). Semester courses which transfer onto the transcript as six credit courses do not become the equivalent of one and one-half UCSD political science courses.

Education Abroad Program (EAP) - All courses taken through UC's EAP are considered UC courses for which UC credit is earned and grades are directly recorded on the transcript and are factored into calculations of UCSD overall or major GPA. The Department does not control the transfer of credits or grades. However, the Department of Political Science does independently determine which courses may be applied to the major or minor after the Admissions Offices' acceptance of course credits. Students must earn a C- or better for the course to be counted toward completion of the major or minor.

Opportunities Abroad Program (OAP) - In the case of courses completed through the OAP, the Admissions Office is responsible for decisions on the transfer of credits into UCSD. Credits transferred through OAP will appear on UCSD transcripts with the host institution name, course titles, and units transferred. The Department does not influence Admissions' decisions about credit transfers. The Department does independently determine which courses may be applied to the major or minor after the Admissions Office's acceptance of course credits. Grades from OAP courses will appear on the transcript from the institution where the work was completed, but these grades are not recorded on the UCSD transcript, nor are they factored into the cumulative or major GPA.