



CHOOSING A PROGRAM

KNOW THE FACTS

Choose a program based on facts, not myths. For example, here are a few myths:

- "To graduate on time, the only time I can study abroad is in the summer." This is a myth.
- "I have to study abroad in England because I only speak English." This is a myth.
- "Studying abroad is very expensive." This is a myth.

Not sure if what you have heard is a myth or a fact? Find out at the Study Abroad Center.

KNOW WHAT YOU WANT

Choose a program based on what **YOU** really want. What are your goals?

- To earn academic credit making regular progress toward my UCI degree
- To learn (or improve) a language
- To gain experience related to my intended career
- To learn about a different country and culture
- To learn about my heritage/family roots
- To have a completely new and challenging experience
- To study abroad on an affordable program.
- Other _____

KNOW HOW TO FIND IT

Compare the "6 C's" of a study abroad program (Courses, Criteria, Cost, Calendar, Community, Cribs) to find a program that matches your goals. For example:

- Goal: Fulfill degree requirements.
 - Program details to look for: Courses that match those required for your major, minor, or GE.
- Goal: Learn (or improve) a language.
 - Program details to look for: Intensive language classes, classes taught in the local language, frequent interaction with the local community, opportunities to live with a local family, etc.
- Goal: To study abroad on an affordable program.
 - Program details to look for: Total cost that is similar to the total cost of attending UCI, financial aid is available, scholarships are available.