

The University of California Education Abroad Program Academic Integration (AI)

Academic Integration is an initiative and priority of the Education Abroad Program (EAP). It is broadly defined as the comprehensive integration of EAP programs and courses into the curricula of the University of California campuses.

The two primary goals of “AI” are to (1) further engage and invest academic units in EAP, and (2) demonstrate the feasibility of, and reduce academic barriers to, participation in EAP for students in all disciplines. In addition, AI initiatives may: increase enrollment in EAP; streamline and automate work processes; highlight opportunities for underrepresented student cohorts; and help internationalize the University of California.

AI efforts can be grouped into the categories below. Underpinning these categories, **Research & Assessment** activities inform and evaluate AI efforts.

- A. **Outreach:** Engagement of academic units in dialogue about ways study abroad can be integrated into their curricula.
- B. **Promotion & Advising:** Advertisement and advocacy of study abroad opportunities through discipline/major-specific study abroad publications and academic unit channels.
- C. **Requirements:** Approval of EAP courses to fulfill major, minor, breadth, and other degree requirements.
- D. **Bridges:** Development of UC courses and training that provide a foundation for or build on study abroad experiences.

Thus, AI makes international study a more prominent, accessible, and integral component of UC curricula, helping **students** fit study abroad appropriately and seamlessly into their academic programs, helping **advisors** harmonize advising messages from academic units and EAP, and helping **faculty** strengthen and promote relationships with international partners whose curricula complement and supplement those of UC.

Learn more about academic integration at <http://eap.ucop.edu/ai>.