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APPLYING AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Thank you for your enquiry about studying as an exchange student at the University of California, better known as UC.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply to UC as an undergraduate student, you must have a GPA of 70% or higher. If your GPA is lower than 70% please consider another university. You cannot study Law at UC.

UC WEBSITE

Please take the time to explore the University of California reciprocity website:

<http://www.eap.ucop.edu/reciprocity/>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

In the US, Fall is the beginning of the year (Sem 2 Monash) and Winter/Spring is the end of the year (Sem 1 Monash).

All campuses (except Berkeley which has a semester system like Monash) work on a quarter system. One quarter is 10 weeks long and faculties usually equate this to one semester at Monash. For all campuses except Berkeley you are only able to start your exchange in the Fall or Winter quarters, you cannot start in the Spring.

Berkeley - Fall (Aug – Dec), Spring (Jan – May)

All other UC campuses - Fall (Sep-Dec), Winter (Jan-Mar), Spring (Apr-Jun).

STUDY PLANS

Pay particular attention to the 'Majors' and 'Impacted Majors' tables located at the following URL. This will tell you what you can and cannot study at UC as an Exchange student.

http://eap.ucop.edu/reciprocal_exchanges/majors.shtml

Click on: 'Choosing a Major' and 'Fields of Study Chart (Chart links to UC departments)'.

Please choose 3 campuses (not Merced or San Francisco) you would be interested in attending. UC will ultimately decide which campus you are placed at. It is a good idea to refrain from choosing Berkeley AND Los Angeles as your first two choices as these are both in very high demand. Choose one or the other. You have a 10% chance of getting into Berkeley.

If you are interested in one or two campuses only, you are allowed to list only one or two; however, this does limit you and may mean that you miss out on UC altogether.

Copy/print the Monash Abroad application study plan page twice as you will have 3 separate study plans, one for each of the 3 campuses.

Courses (units) numbered from 1-199 are undergraduate level courses and split into two divisions.

- Lower division courses numbered 1-99 are introductory in nature (Monash 1st year).
- Upper division courses numbered 100-199 are considered advanced (Monash 2nd & 3rd year).

Graduate courses are numbered 199+. You may be permitted to take 1-2 graduate level courses if you meet the pre-requisite requirements.

The credit value for each unit is listed next to the unit title in brackets, e.g., the following unit is worth 4 credit points: *"Introduction to Astrophysics -- Astronomy (ASTRON) 7A [4 units]"*

A full time load per quarter is 12-15 credit points (13 at Berkeley for one semester), so you will usually need to take 3-4 units per quarter/semester. Choose more units than you need for faculty approval so you have some flexibility in the classes you can take during enrolment at UC.

Sometimes, your faculty require detailed unit outlines. UC will not release unit syllabi to me. For information on units, go to http://eap.ucop.edu/reciprocal_exchanges/campuses/default.shtm#loadglobalxml and click on the campus preference, then 'Catalogs' and 'Schedule'.

To search for course outlines/syllabi, it is a good idea to enter the UC unit code in the home page's search engine. For example, if I needed a syllabus for the Berkeley unit, Physics 111, I would go to the Berkeley home page and enter 111 in the search engine and then search through the results for more information on that class. If you cannot find more detailed info, email the professor directly and be sure to mention that you are going through the proper UC EAP program channels.

Business Administration/ Economics/ Management – *Prerequisites for Upper Division Courses* – You must have a strong background in mathematics, i.e., calculus and statistics and have studied microeconomics and macroeconomics to be admitted into relevant units. This must be at university level. High school calculus and statistics will not suffice. There is no flexibility on this.

FINANCES

Other important forms to look at are:

http://eap.ucop.edu/reciprocal_exchanges/undergraduate/UCCostofLiving.pdf

- Estimated Cost of Living 2008-09
- Completing the Confirmation of Financial Resources (CFR) Form

Please note that these figures are in US dollars and you will need to show access to these funds when you submit your UC application to me at a later date. I will notify you about this.

MONASH ABROAD APPLICATION

If you are interested in studying at UC during Semester 1, you must have your Monash Abroad application to me by Jun 01 of the previous year. If you are interested in studying at UC during Semester 2, you must have your application to me by Dec 01 of the previous year. For example, if you want to go to UC Semester 1, 2009, you must submit your application by Jun 01, 2008.

A Monash Abroad application can be located at: <http://www.monash.edu.au/students/studyabroad/>

You can only submit one Monash Abroad application for one university at any one time. It does not hurt to have a back-up plan. Research another university you would be interested in attending if your UC application is not successful.

UC APPLICATION

Once your Monash Abroad application is submitted to me, I will notify you of the next step. This will involve completion of the UC application. You do not need to worry about this at this stage.

Please call me if you would like to discuss this further.

Good Luck!

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