



Sample Religious Studies Major – Study Abroad Plans

Please keep the following in mind:

- Plans are organized by Four-Year and Two-Year plans upon entry to UCSB.
 - These do not comprise all of the possible combinations of study abroad options for students, but simply serve as a visual aid to see what may be feasible depending on the student.
- The examples in this document do not include College and University Requirements, or any courses one would take if they had a minor or double major. Please contact appropriate Departments and Colleges directly for accurate advising on this matter.
- Review the Frequently Asked Questions and their corresponding answers below.
- If a student transferred in more than three courses when entering UCSB (e.g., took both lower division and upper division Religious Studies courses at another four-year institution), their plan will be different. Please meet with your Major Advisor for further information.
- Above all else: contact advising to get recommendations, specific plans, and academic advising pertaining to your circumstance.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How many courses can be transferred into the Religious Studies majors and minor?

Religious Studies majors may transfer in up to six courses from outside UCSB to the major. Students with a Religious Studies minor may transfer in up to two courses from outside UCSB to the minor.

What type of courses can be transferred in?

Transfer courses include those from EAP/OAP courses, community college courses, and courses taken at other 4-year universities.

How do I know which courses qualify?

In order for study abroad courses to be allowable for the major or minor, they must be courses in Religious Studies or religion courses in affiliate disciplines, and they must transfer to UCSB as upper-division, with 4+ quarter units each, with a letter grade of C- or better.

How do I choose which courses to take when abroad?

The courses a student takes can be dependent on many factors, and it's best to speak to your advisor(s) on which courses may make more sense for you to take during the time period(s) you plan to study abroad. **Consider the following:**

- Course Needs
 - Fulfill one's major requirements, minor requirements, College requirements, University requirements, elective units to reach the 180 unit minimum for graduation from UC Santa Barbara, or a combination.
- Program Structure
 - Some programs have a specific number and selection of courses a student must take.
 - Some programs allow students the freedom to choose their courses as if they were a student at that institution.
- Timeframe of Study Abroad
 - Similar to UC Santa Barbara, some courses abroad are only offered at the institution during certain quarters or semesters.
- Personal and/or Career Interests
 - Think about what you enjoy studying or may want to learn more about before entering the world of work. There may be courses offered abroad that are not available at UC Santa Barbara.

Four Year Plans:

Four Year Plan – No Transferred Courses

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1	LD RGST	LD RGST		
Year 2	UD RGST	UD RGST	UD RGST	
Year 3	Study Abroad! Take 1 approved UD RGST course	UD RGST	UD RGST	
Year 4	RGST 104	UD RGST	UD RGST	

Four Year Plan – Transferred 1 LD Course

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1		LD RGST		
Year 2	UD RGST	UD RGST	UD RGST	
Year 3	UD RGST	Study Abroad! Take 2 approved UD RGST courses	Continue study abroad	
Year 4	RGST 104	UD RGST	UD RGST	

Two Year Plans:

Two Year Plan – No Transferred Courses

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1	LD RGST	LD RGST	UD RGST UD RGST	UD RGST
Year 2	Study Abroad! Take 2 approved UD RGST courses	UD RGST UD RGST	RGST 104 UD RGST	

Two Year Plan – Transferred 1 LD Course

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1	LD RGST	UD RGST	UD RGST UD RGST	
Year 2	Study Abroad! Take 2 approved UD RGST courses	UD RGST UD RGST	RGST 104 UD RGST	