ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

To assist students with their academic choices abroad and to help answer any questions about receiving major/ minor credit while abroad, each academic department and program has assigned a faculty member to serve as the Off-Campus Study Liaison.

Many departments also have specific policies and program recommendations with respect to off-campus study. You should consult with your major advisor and off-campus liaison as you begin the process of choosing a program and a semester for study abroad. Many departments have web sites with relevant information as well.

MAJORS & MINORS

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES
Liaison: Cheryl Townsend Gilkes
Policies and Recommendations:
Please consult the department.
OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:
• Maximum number of courses: none.
• When: pre-approval and/or from off-campus via email. Cases for post-approval can be made with a syllabus for the course to be considered.
• Contact: Department’s OCS Liaison
• Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits on a course by course, case by case basis.
• Other: African American Studies prefers that a majority of courses in the minor and at least half of the courses in the major be completed at Colby College.

AMERICAN STUDIES
Liaison: Laura Saltz
Policies and Recommendations:
Please consult the department.

ANTHROPOLOGY
Liaison: Please consult your Anthropology Advisor
Policies and Recommendations:

Anthropology encourages all its majors to study abroad, and prefers participation in programs that expose students to a distinctly different cultural context; programs that require a homestay, language acquisition, and a service-learning component are particularly valuable for anthropological learning. Anthropology majors have many different possibilities from which to choose, including both field-based/theme programs and university and study-center programs.

Before you decide on a program, consult your advisor to consider what kind of study abroad experience will work best for you. Most universities abroad will have an anthropology department. These programs can be great opportunities to study subjects not taught at Colby, such as Archaeology, Physical Anthropology, or Medical Anthropology as well as courses on diverse cultural topics.

Field-based, Theme, and Study Center programs typically offer students the opportunity to study local or regional cultures, as well as participate in homestays, hands-on fieldwork or service learning, and language acquisition. These are all valuable components of your anthropological learning.

Anthropology majors and minors may not take core courses abroad (AY 112, 113, 313, 332, 333, senior seminar). The department may accept one course from the semester abroad as an elective toward the major, or in the case of more experientially-based programs (such as many School for International Training) may accept the combination of semester coursework and independent study as one elective toward the major.

OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:
• Maximum number of courses: 1 elective toward the major or minor
• When: Post approval or approval from abroad via email.
• Contact: your Anthropology Advisor
• Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits
ART
Liaison: Veronique Plesch
Policies and Recommendations:
Students choosing to study in Italy are encouraged to go to Rome rather than Florence since the American community in Florence can easily dominate the local culture. Syracuse in Florence is nevertheless recommended for students interested in pursuing studies in architecture. The department also supports applications for Brown University and ECCO in Bologna.

As a result of oversubscription of Italian courses at Colby, the Art department is willing to allow majors who have not been able to complete the full language prerequisite to attend programs in Italy, provided they complete the equivalent of at least Italian 125 and 126 prior to departure.

In the English-speaking world, the department recommends London and University College Cork (particularly for early medieval Irish art) over Australia and New Zealand.

Studio students are encouraged to talk with the department about petitioning for permission to attend local art schools (as opposed to American-run programs).

All courses taken abroad must be pre-approved by the department. Any subsequent changes to the approved courses must also be pre-approved. Art Majors and Minors are not allowed to take basic courses such as AR 111, 112 and 131 abroad.

Art department policy for the all-college Arts requirement: Among the courses offered by the Art department only the following fulfill the all-college Arts requirement: AR 111 (Survey of Western Art, part I); AR 112 (Survey of Western Art, part II); AR 131 (Foundations in Studio Art); AR 161 (Sculpture); AR 173 (Survey of Asian Art); AR138 (Intro to Digital Imaging), AR 271 (Modern European and American Architecture), AR 273 (The Arts of China), AR 274 (The Arts of Japan), AR 275 (The Arts of Korea), and AR 285 (The History of Photography). The Art department policy is to only grant Arts credit to courses abroad that correspond to those offered at Colby which fulfill the requirement. (Note that the Music, Theater and Dance, and Creative Writing departments also offer courses that fulfill the Arts Requirement; students should contact these departments).

OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:
• Maximum number of courses: None but all courses need approval
• When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from abroad
• Contact: Department’s OCS Liaison
• Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits

BIOLOGY
Liaison: Judy Stone
Policies and Recommendations:
The department recommends that majors consider the following programs and universities to meet their academic goals for off-campus study. Biology majors studying in Latin America need only have taken two semesters (through 126) of Spanish before participating (aside from the program’s own language requirement). Programs marked with (petition) are typically indicated as such simply because few Colby students have participated to date.

OCS credit transfer towards the major:
• Maximum number of courses: 8 credits per semester or 12 in total from off-campus programs
• Contact: Department’s OCS Liaison
• When: Pre-approval for programs with set curricula, via email at time of registration otherwise
• Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including pre-requisites and contact hours for laboratory, if applicable

University-based and Study-center based programs in biology
*In Africa
CIEE Cape Town

*In Europe
CIEE Uppsala (petition)
Colby in Salamanca - Integrated Program
Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS) – Biomedicine or Neuroscience
EuroScholars – research rotation at one of nine European universities (petition)
IES Amsterdam – Psychology & Sciences (petition)
Oxford University (St Anne’s College and St Edmund Hall are among the few that may offer labs)
University of Edinburgh
University of St. Andrews
*In Oceania
James Cook University – for the study of tropical biology
University of Melbourne
University of Sydney
University of Auckland
University of Otago

**Programs in Medicine/ Health**
Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS) – Medical Practice and Policy or Biomedicine
IES London – Health Practice and Policy (petition) (no laboratory courses available)
SIT-IHP Comparative – Health and Community (only one biology course credit – with laboratory)
King’s College London – Health & Society (no laboratory courses available)
Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) – Global Health in Costa Rica (petition)

**Field-based programs in Ecology**
*Domestic* 
Colby at Bigelow Laboratory (ocean science)
Semester in Environmental Science at Woods Hole Biological Laboratory (ecosystem science)
SEA Semester: Marine Biodiversity and Conservation (research voyage)

*International* 
CIEE in Costa Rica: Tropical Ecology and Conservation
Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) – South Africa Semester
Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) – Tropical Biology in Costa Rica
Round River Conservation Studies (petition)
School for Field Studies (SFS) – Tropical Rainforest Studies in Australia; Marine Resource Management Studies in Turks & Caicos
School for International Training (SIT) – Comparative Ecology and Conservation in Ecuador; Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management in Madagascar; Rainforest, Reef, and Cultural Ecology in Australia

**CHEMISTRY**
Liaison: Jeff Katz
Policies and Recommendations:
Please consult the department.

OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:
- Maximum number of courses: no max
- Contact: Dept. Chair
- When: pre-approval only
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits & name of the institution (and lab syllabi, if applicable)
- Other: Note: consult with advisor and Pre-Med advisor as taking certain courses outside of Colby may negatively impact medical school applications

**CHINESE**
Liaison: Kim Besio
Consult with EAS Department.

**CINEMA STUDIES**
Liaison: Steve Wurtzler
Consult with the Department.

**CLASSICS**
Liaison: Kerill O'Neill
Policies and Recommendations:
Classics and Classical Civilization majors are in a special situation when it comes to studying abroad. If they travel to Italy and Greece, they are not trying to immerse themselves in contemporary life but rather studying the material culture of lost civilizations. For this reason, the requirement to have taken three semesters of the country’s modern language before the semester abroad is waived when the student attends departmentally-recommended programs. While studying in Greece or Italy, students should take a class in the modern language. In special circumstances, however, if a particular student needs to take a full load of Classics courses while abroad, the Classics Department in consultation with OCS may permit her/him to omit the modern language class.
Classics majors have studied abroad in Greece, Italy, Ireland, and the UK, to name a few countries. The Department of Classics particularly recommends the College Year in Athens due to the quality of its program, and the favorable experiences of our students.

All courses to be taken abroad must be pre-approved by the Department. Any subsequent changes to the approved courses must also be pre-approved. The Department urges students to select courses in the programs abroad that are NOT offered at Colby College so that they will have a wide range of courses available to them when they return to Colby.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**
- Maximum number of courses: 3 courses
- Contact: Dept. Chair or Dept. OCS Liaison
- When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from abroad
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**  
Liaison: Bruce Maxwell  
**Policies and Recommendations:**  
Please consult the department.

**CREATIVE WRITING**  
Liaison: Adrian Blevins  
Please consult the department.

**EAST ASIAN STUDIES**  
Liaison: Kim Besio (Chinese); Hideko Abe (Japanese)  
**Policies and Recommendations:**  
In **Japan**, AKP, Kansai Gaidai, Japanese Language Program, and the Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies are the recommended programs. All credits earned at pre-approved off-campus study sites are counted toward the East Asian Studies major and Japanese minor. Web site [http://www.colby.edu/japanese/](http://www.colby.edu/japanese/)

In **China**, the approved programs are: China Studies Institute; Middlebury College in Hangzhou; Associated Colleges in China (ACC); CIEE in Beijing, and CET Harbin. In Taiwan, CIEE in Taipei. Credit for pre-approved courses will count toward satisfaction of the requirements for either the Chinese minor or the Chinese concentration within the EAS major.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**
- Maximum number of courses: 4 maximum per semester away. No more than 2 language courses and 2 "content" courses.
- Contact: Department’s OCS Liaison
- When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from abroad
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits
- Other: non-language courses taken while away will be considered the equivalent of a 200-level course

**ECONOMICS**  
Liaison: Andreas Waldkirch  
**Policies and Recommendations:**  
The Economics Department particularly recommends the following programs for economics majors: The London School of Economics (Full year only & requires a petition), University College London, University of Edinburgh, Oxford University, The Swedish Program, University of Melbourne, Australia National University. Other programs are acceptable, but these are programs to which Colby students have recently gone that have provided solid academic experiences in economics.

Studying abroad during either semester is possible for economics majors. Note, however, that programs in Great Britain must typically be taken in the spring semester for Colby credit. Note also that when the spring semester is spent abroad, students must make special efforts to communicate with members of the department while they are away if they are considering pursuing a senior thesis during their senior year.

The economics department requires that courses be taught in established and accredited universities in order for them to be eligible for departmental credit.

For economics classes taught in a language other than English, the economics department’s policy is that students have to petition the economics department.

Microeconomic Theory, Macroeconomic Theory and the Senior Seminar must all be completed at Colby. All economics courses to count the economics major or minor, regardless of language, need to be approved by the department. Formal approval of courses taken abroad to satisfy Economics major requirements is not granted prior to your studies abroad. Catalogue descriptions are
usually not sufficiently detailed to permit a reasonable judgment to be drawn on their suitability. Consequently, a determination about whether the course warrants department credit is made after you return.

Note that not all courses that have the word “Economics” in the title are economics courses. If, after reviewing the course material, we find that a course fails to contain a sufficient amount of economic content, then you will not receive credit toward the economics major for the course.

Normally, 200-level credit is given. To earn 300-level credit for a course taken abroad, the course must have required the equivalent of Micro and Macro Theory as prerequisites, and must demonstrate a sufficiently high level of rigor in the syllabus and written work required in the course. Generally, you will only receive 300-level credit for a maximum of one course taken abroad – and only if that course meets the criteria spelled out above. At least one 300-level course must be taken at Colby regardless of the number and level of credits transferred from your study abroad.

When selecting courses to take abroad, plan for any prerequisites for courses that you plan to take in your senior year.

You are encouraged to take courses other than Economics courses while abroad. This is a good chance to broaden your exposure to other things, so take advantage of it when possible.

If you will be away during the spring of your junior year, and if you are interested in pursuing a Senior Thesis, Honors Project, or a Senior Scholars, talk with potential advisors before you leave in your junior year. It will be difficult to start a year-long research project from scratch in September of your senior year.

See the department website for more information: [http://web.colby.edu/economics/themajor/study-abroad/](http://web.colby.edu/economics/themajor/study-abroad/)

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**
- Maximum number of courses: 2 per semester (4 per year)
- Contact: Department’s OCS Liaison
- When: Pre-approval by appointment and/or via email from abroad though final approval is not granted until return.
- Required course information: Econ OCS credit form (see Econ. Dept website), Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits, papers & work completed, and transcript.

**EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**
Liaison: Mark Tappan

**Policies and Recommendations:**
Students should consult with the department. Majors and minors have had good experiences with the following: DIS programs that include both education and psychology, several of the SIT programs in central and south America that focus on education and social justice, and the CIEE Cape Town program that includes a community service component.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**
- Maximum number of courses: no maximum
- Contact: Department Chair/Liaison
- When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from abroad
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits

**ENGLISH**
Liaison: Adrian Blevins

**Policies and Recommendations:**
English and Creative Writing concentrators are uniquely situated to make good use of the study abroad semester (or year). There are many colleges and universities overseas where the instruction is in English, and where the student can immerse him or herself in the literature of the country and its culture. In addition, since literature is always situated in a context, exploring that cultural context for students can only make the student a better, more perceptive reader and writer.

Colby English majors have had successful experiences at the University of Edinburgh, University College Cork, University College London, and at Cambridge and Oxford, as well as in Prague and Rome, among other locations.

All English courses to be taken abroad must be pre-approved prior to departure or within the 1st week of classes by the Off-Campus Study liaison for the department. However, where the courses taken abroad will fit in a student’s major is a question for the advisor and the student to resolve. The Department urges students to select courses in the programs abroad that are not offered at Colby, but that may count towards the major.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**
- Maximum number of courses: 3 courses in a semester, 4 in a year.
- Contact: Department OCS Liaison
• When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from abroad
• Required information for approval: Complete course description/syllabus including level and equiv. credits
• Other: The OCS Liaison is looking for number of contact hours, the amount of reading and writing, and whether the course “looks like” a Colby course, in terms of rigor, depth, and sophistication.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
Liaison: For program advising: Your Academic Advisor; For OCS course approvals: Philip Nyhus

Policies and Recommendations:
The Environmental Studies Program urges majors to think carefully about their educational goals when considering off-campus study. Environmental Studies majors frequently find that off-campus study complements their academic program effectively. If you are considering off-campus study, we urge you to consult the ES web site (http://www.colby.edu/environ/beyond/notable.html) for information on recommended programs. Also, students should discuss the following with their advisors and the ES Program Off-Campus Study (OCS) liaison:

* Which off-campus program(s) can best meet your academic goals?
* Which is the best semester to study abroad? This choice will depend upon the OCS program selected and your academic program. The ES program has no preferred semester for off-campus study
* How will your chosen program help you fulfill major requirements?

The primary goal for most Environmental Studies majors studying abroad is to study the natural history, ecological relationships, environmental challenges, and solutions of a particular area of the world. For most ES approved programs in non-English speaking countries, students should complete a class in the language of the country as part of their program. In special circumstances such as the Round River Program in Patagonia where students are required to take a full load of natural science and environmental studies courses while abroad, the Environmental Studies Program in consultation with OCS may permit her/him to omit the normally required language class. Additionally, the Colby requirement for students to have taken three semesters of the country’s language (if that language is taught at Colby) prior to the semester abroad is waived when the student attends the Round River Patagonia program.

All classes to be credited toward the ES major or the minor must be pre-approved by the ES program director or ES OCS liaison. Any subsequent changes to the approved courses must also be approved by the ES program director or OCS liaison for the ES program. ES Majors may transfer a maximum of 8 credit hours (the equivalent of two courses) for one semester of off-campus study, or 12 credit hours (the equivalent of three courses) in total from non-Colby programs for more than one semester of off-campus study, including credits transferred from other U.S. institutions, toward their major requirements.

OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:
• Maximum number of courses: 8 credits max for a semester or 12 credit hours in total from off-campus programs, including credits transferred from other institutions.
• Contact: Philip Nyhus
• When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from abroad
• Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits (and lab syllabi, if applicable)

Environmental Studies Program recommends that majors consider the following programs and universities to meet their academic goals for off-campus study.

International Field Programs
School for Field Studies (SFS):
• Costa Rica: Sustainable Development Studies (semester and summer)
• Turks & Caicos Islands: Marine Resource Studies (semester and summer)
• Australia & New Zealand: Rainforest Studies (semester and summer)
• Kenya & Tanzania: Wildlife Management Studies (semester and summer)
• Panama: Tropical Island Biodiversity and Conservation Studies
• Bhutan: Himalayan Forests, Watersheds, & Rural Livelihoods (Semester & summer)
• Peru: Biodiversity and Development in the Amazon (Petition)
• Cambodia & Vietnam: The Living Mekong (Petition)
School for International Training (SIT):
• Australia: Sustainability and Environmental Action
• Australia: Rainforest, Reef, and Cultural Ecology
• Ecuador: Comparative Ecology and Conservation
• Iceland: Renewable Energy, Technology, and Resource Economics (summer only)
• Madagascar: Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management
• Panama: Tropical Ecology, Marine Ecosystems, and Biodiversity Conservation
• Tanzania: Wildlife Conservation and Political Ecology
• Tanzania: Zanzibar: Coastal Ecology and Natural Resource Management

SIT International Honors Program:
• Climate Change: The Politics of Food, Water, and Energy (petition)
• Health and Community: Globalization, Culture, and Care
• Cities in the 21st Century: People, Planning, and Politics

Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS):
• Costa Rica: Tropical Biology (semester and summer)
• South Africa: Ecology & Conservation

CIEE:
Costa Rica: Tropical Ecology and Conservation (petition)

International Sustainable Development Studies Institute (ISDSI):
• Thailand: People, Ecology, and Development
Round River Conservation Studies
• Namibia Desert
• Botswana (petition)
• Patagonia, Chile
• Taku River, British Columbia (summer only)

Domestic Field Programs
• Colby at Bigelow Laboratory (Ocean Science)
• Semester of Environmental Science at Woods Hole
• Williams-Mystic Program
• Round River – Wyoming: Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (summer)

International University or Study Center Programs
In Europe:
• Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS)
• University of East Anglia
• Stockholm University – The Swedish Program
• University of Edinburgh
In Africa:
• CIEE in Cape Town
In South America:
• CIEE in Brazil - Environment and Sustainability Studies
In Asia:
• CIEE in China – Environmental, Cultural, and Economic Sustainability
In Australia:
• James Cook University
• Australian National University
• University of Melbourne
• University of Queensland
• University of New South Wales (petition)
In New Zealand:
• University of Auckland
• University of Otago

FRENCH
Liaison: Valérie Dionne or Benedicte Mauguiere

Policies and Recommendations:
The Department of French and Italian believes that study abroad is an essential part of a student’s preparation as a language major. Students who major in French are required to spend at least a semester in a French-speaking country; students who minor in Italian are highly encouraged to spend at least a semester studying in Italy.

The French department encourages students to spend an entire academic year of study abroad. For those unable to go for the full year, opportunities are more limited, but not such that they preclude majoring in French.

Please note that you must have taken at least three semesters of French at Colby (or the equivalent thereof) to go abroad, and that some programs require more.
For France (and Europe in general), the department is affiliated with Hamilton College's Junior Year in France program, which is located in Paris, and which allows students to take courses at a variety of institutions. Colby also has its own program in France, Colby in Dijon. This semester-long program, offered every fall, is not only for incoming first-year students. Junior majors can and have participated, with a made-to-order curriculum including some regular university courses. Internships are also available. In recent years, French studies majors have also participated in programs in Aix-en-Provence (both Wellesley and AUCP) while others have studied in Geneva. Students of French should not think that they are limited to study in France or Switzerland, however. There are numerous opportunities in non-European French-speaking countries: in Cameroon, in Madagascar and in Sénégal. See the department web site for a list of recent destinations and contacts.

Prospective French studies majors should consult early with their advisors to prepare their study abroad plans for their junior year.

OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:
- Maximum number of courses: 3 for a semester, 5 for a year of study abroad
- Contact: Department’s OCS Liaison
- When: the semester prior to study abroad
- Required course information: Course title & description, number of contact hours, equivalent credits
- Other: Consult advisors about course selection to avoid duplication with Colby courses

GEOLGY

Liaison: Robert Gastaldo

Policies and Recommendations:
The Department of Geology recognizes that Earth is a geologically diverse planet. The more geology a geologist experiences, the better a geologist the individual becomes. Hence, participation in an international program during which time a student is enrolled in geology courses is but one important part of a student’s education. This is particularly true if the program involves field experience. Students also should be advised that foreign universities do not operate under the same general protocol as U.S. institutions. Often, courses that have been scheduled in a university catalog may or may not be taught, depending upon individual faculty and/or enrollment trends. This has resulted in the reorganization and substitution of planned courses once the student has arrived at his/her host institution.

The Department also recognizes, based on past experience, that many students who opt for part of the junior year abroad often are able to participate in summer research experiences prior to their senior year (precluding participation in National meetings scheduled during the subsequent fall and winter). This is particularly true of students abroad in the spring semester, who often return to the U.S. in late June or early July. Therefore, the Department recommends that each student considering an international experience in their junior year consult with his/her advisor and/or potential research-project mentor early in their sophomore year to discuss (1) his/her educational and professional goals, and (2) a program of study that will allow for successful progress towards meeting those goals. This may or may not result in enrollment abroad. Each student must weigh the benefits of international study versus opportunities offered in the U.S.

Within the past few years, Geology students have participated in several international programs of a diverse nature. To date, the Department of Geology believes that students have been given excellent educational experiences in programs offered at (1) the University of Otago, New Zealand; (2) James Cook University, Australia and (3) Edinburgh University, Scotland. Students are strongly encouraged to consider participation in these programs.

Credit transfer towards the major/minor:
Please consult the Department

GERMAN

Liaison: Arne Koch

Policies and Recommendations:
The recommended programs in Germany are: Tufts in Tubingen, Lewis and Clark in Munich, Wesleyan in Regensburg and IES in Berlin and Freiburg. The recommended programs in Austria are Bowling Green State University in Salzburg and IES in Vienna. Majors are encouraged to go abroad for the full year. If they go for a semester, they are advised to go for the spring, which warrants a better integration into the German academic university schedule and life. The January-February orientation period offered by the US sponsors prepare them well for the German university courses, which run into July.

Courses that are taken in German count toward the major in German Studies. In consultation with the student and the registrar a determination is made if there is a Colby equivalent. Courses taught in English may count towards the German Studies major if the subject matter is relevant.

See also the German department web site: http://www.colby.edu/german.

OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:
- Maximum number of courses: none
- Contact: Department’s OCS Liaison
• When: pre-approval and/or from abroad via e-mail
• Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits

GLOBAL STUDIES
Liaisons: For program advising: Patrice Franko; For OCS course approvals: Jennifer Yoder

Policies and Recommendations:
At least one semester of foreign study is required of Global Studies majors. Approval of the students’ choice of off-campus program/university is granted by the GS Liaison for program approvals. Please consult the department for more specific information.

OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:
• Maximum number of courses: No max (but course must meet either Culture & Place, Theme or other concentration).
• Contact: Department’s OCS Liaison for course approvals
• When:
  o For set curriculum programs (e.g. SIT): Courses will be pre-approved
  o For other programs /universities: Courses may be reviewed before departure and approved from abroad via email or post study abroad.
• Approval for the GS language requirement must be approved by the GS Liaison for course approvals, usually upon return.
• Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits, noting what you would like to have the course count toward (cultures/places, themes, which concentration if applicable). If the course description is in another language, please provide a translation. All courses must be for at least 3 credits.

GOVERNMENT
Liaison: Fall: Sandy Maisel; Spring: Lindsay Mayka

Policies and Recommendations:
For recommendations, please consult the department and the department webpage on study abroad http://www.colby.edu/academics_cs/acaddept/government/study-abroad.cfm

OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:
• Maximum number of courses: 2 electives
• Contact: Dept Chair
• When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from abroad
• Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits for political science/government course. For law or interdisciplinary course, a syllabus or longer course description & equiv. credits required.

HISTORY
Liaison: Raffael Scheck

Policies and Recommendations:
History majors have had good experiences in a broad variety of programs. For further information, please consult with the faculty liaison. The History Department recommends all of the approved programs in Europe, particularly IES in Berlin as well as the Syracuse in Florence, NYU in Florence, and the DIS Copenhagen program in Denmark.
There is no preferred semester for off-campus study. A maximum of two courses can be counted either from abroad or from other departments at Colby.

OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:
• Maximum number of courses: 2 courses
• Contact: Department Chair
• When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from abroad
• Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits

INDEPENDENT MAJOR
It is important to consult with the Advisor for your Independent Major in planning off-campus study.

ITALIAN
Liaison: Gianluca Rizzo

Policies and Recommendations:
Please consult the department.
Students who minor in Italian should consult with the director of the Italian program to find the most appropriate course of study abroad. Colby maintains a close relationship with a number of programs in Italy, in particular those in Siena, Padua and Bologna.
These programs are particularly appropriate for minors in Italian, as students may attend classes in Italian universities and study with Italian students and professors. Please note that Temple in Rome is not recommended for Italian minors.


**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**

- Maximum number of courses: 2 courses per semester; students planning to study abroad for an entire academic year should consult with OCS liaison.
- Contact: Department OCS Liaison
- When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from abroad
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits

**JAPANESE**

Liaison: *Hideko Abe*

Consult with EAS Department.

**JEWSH STUDIES**

Liaison: *David Freidenreich*

**Policies and Recommendations:**

Minors are encouraged to take advantage of off-campus study opportunities. Students may petition to receive Jewish Studies credit for up to three courses taken at other colleges and universities. In recent years, Jewish Studies minors have received credit from the following programs:

- School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- IES — Rome
- New York University — Tel Aviv
- Tel Aviv University
- University of Haifa

Other off-campus study programs with especially strong Jewish Studies offerings that minors might consider include:

- Ben Gurion University of the Negev (Beer Sheva)
- CET — Prague
- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- The Jewish Theological Seminary (New York) (Program petition)

Note: Because Israel is subject to a U.S. State Department travel warning, students interested in studying there must submit a special petition.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**

- Maximum number of courses: 3 courses
- Contact: Department Chair
- When: Pre-approval preferred but email from abroad acceptable as well
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits

**LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES**

Liaison: *Ben Fallaw*

**Policies and Recommendations:**

Majors are required to spend at least one semester in Latin America matriculated in a program that offers university-level courses (not in a language-acquisition program); all course work abroad must be conducted in Spanish or Portuguese. LAS majors must have taken SP 135 and SP 231 prior to study abroad. Completion of LA/HI 173 & 174 is recommended but not required. All study abroad plans must be approved by the director of the Latin American Studies program.

Approved programs in Latin America: CIEE in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Washington University in Santiago, Chile; IFSAs-Butler in Lima, Peru; and Middlebury in Montevideo, Uruguay. Students considering travel and study in countries under U.S. State Dept. travel warning (such as Mexico) should meet with their advisor, and with OCS to discuss the petition process.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**

- Maximum number of courses: 2 for a semester; 4 for a year (may be taken in any sequence)
- Contact: Department’s OCS Liaison
- When: Pre-approval preferred but email from abroad acceptable as well
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits

**MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS**

Liaison: *Andreas Waldkirch*

**Policies and Recommendations:**

There is not a list of departmentally-approved programs. The majority of Managerial Economics students who study abroad do so in English speaking countries (primarily Great Britain or Australia) where they are able to take business-related courses that may count as Managerial Economics electives. Students usually go to universities that have a business school where they are able to take electives. There is no preferred semester for off-campus study.
Students are urged to discuss their choice of courses with the minor advisors prior to selecting the courses and prior to going abroad. Students have frequently run into problems trying to obtain permission for courses they have selected after they have left the country.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**
- Maximum number of courses: no maximum
- Contact: Department Chair
- When: Prefer pre-approval
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits

**MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS**
Liaison: Otto Bretscher

**Policies and Recommendations:**
Please consult the department.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**
- Maximum number of courses: no maximum
- Contact: Dept Liaison
- When: Pre-approval. When necessary, pre-approval can be done via email from abroad
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus (incl. list of pre-requisites and their description) & equiv. credits

**MUSIC**
Liaison: Jonathan Hallstrom

**Policies and Recommendations:**
Music majors choose off-campus programs for a wide variety of reasons: to study for a semester in a conservatory setting, to live in a place with a rich cultural and concert life, to explore particular folk or ethnic traditions, to expand their language skills, or to take music courses not typically offered in a liberal arts setting. No single set of guidelines can cover such diverse situations. Students should therefore meet with the department’s OCS liaison early in their sophomore year in order to plan their course selection and off-campus programs.

In general, European music theory differs significantly in terminology and approach from the American system. It is therefore usually advisable to complete the first three courses in the music theory sequence (MU 181, 182, and 281) before studying abroad, since those courses rarely have equivalencies at other institutions. (Students should also have command of the musical vocabulary used in the country of study before embarking on their program, particularly if they plan to enroll in course taught in another language.) In general, it is easier to find music history courses that will meet Colby’s requirements for the major or minor while studying abroad. Arranging for private applied music lessons can often be daunting and time consuming. Students should begin to make such arrangements 6-12 months in advance, and should have direct contact with the instructor.

Past students have had success in studying music in virtually all parts of the world.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**
- Maximum number of courses: no maximum
- Contact: Department’s OCS Liaison
- When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from abroad
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits

**PHILOSOPHY**
Liaison: Keith Peterson

**Policies and Recommendations:**
Philosophy majors have studied abroad in a variety of countries, and particularly favorable reports have been received about University College Cork, Oxford University, University of St. Andrews, University College London, and Pitzer in Nepal.

There is no preferred semester for off-campus study, provided that students have taken both Ancient Philosophy and Modern Philosophy prior to the junior year, in which case the lacking course will dictate the available semester for off-campus study.

The department will accept Philosophy courses taken elsewhere for the elective portions of the major with prior approval. Petitions to accept substitutes for required courses are assessed on a case-by-case basis. Please see the guidelines below. See the department webpage at [http://www.colby.edu/academics_cs/acaddept/philosophy/studyabroad.cfm](http://www.colby.edu/academics_cs/acaddept/philosophy/studyabroad.cfm)

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**
- Maximum number of courses: no maximum
- Contact: Contact: Department Chair
- When: Can be done at any time depending on whether the courses are for core, area, or elective requirements.
PHYSICS
Liaison: Charles Conover
Policies and Recommendations:
The physics department does not presently recommend specific OCS programs to their majors. Most physics majors who study abroad do some courses in physics, and unless the student is fluent in a language other than English, an institution in an English-speaking country is recommended. This usually limits the choices to the UK, Australia, and New Zealand, although it could also include Canada and South Africa. Students who do not plan to do any physics during their OCS experience need to ensure that they can satisfy the requirements of the physics major while at Colby. If a specific student needs to complete the core physics major abroad, the department reviews with the student his or her needs, and recommends a program on that basis (availability of the required course at an institution is the main criterion).

There is no preferred semester for physics students to study off-campus unless there is a specific course that needs to taken.

Students who attend universities in English-speaking countries usually find themselves in a very different environment to Colby with respect to facilities, class size and extent of faculty integration and flexibility within the curriculum. The department encourages majors to be prepared for this difference before they go.

OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:
- Maximum number of courses: No maximum (but at least 1 upper-level physics course must be taken at Colby)
- Contact: Charles Conover and consult with Advisor
- When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from off-campus
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits

PSYCHOLOGY
Liaison: Tarja Raag
Policies and Recommendations:
The Department of Psychology encourages students to take advantage of the opportunity to study abroad, particularly for those students for whom it addresses specific educational goals. Students should speak with the OCS liaison and their academic advisor early in their sophomore year to begin investigation of appropriate program and course opportunities. Courses taught at Colby and those not available here (if the content is of sufficient academic relevance) will be considered for credit toward the major. Neither Psych214 (Research Methods and Statistics) nor Psych215 (Research Methods and Statistics II) can be substituted through study abroad. You will also not be able to obtain credit comparable to 300-level courses.

For purposes of completing the major, there is no preferred semester for off-campus study, but students need to complete the PS214/215 sequence at Colby by the end of their junior year, and preferably by the end of the sophomore year.

OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:
- Maximum number of courses: up to 2 200-level courses (no major credit credit for 300-level courses).
- Contact: Department OCS Liaison
- When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from abroad
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits
- Other: Courses not offered at Colby or hybrid courses that combine various areas of psychology and don’t cover a given area sufficiently to get credit may be considered but need to be approved in advance.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Liaison: David Freidenreich
Policies and Recommendations:
- Maximum number of courses: 2 elective courses
- Contact: your advisor
- When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from abroad
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits

RUSSIAN
Liaison: Julie de Sherbinin
Policies and Recommendations:
The Russian Program recommends Colby in St. Petersburg, a fall or spring semester in St. Petersburg, Russia, which includes language, literature, arts, and history courses. We particularly recommend this program because the small size of classes
guarantees individual attention. Residence with Russian families and many cultural events are highlights of this program. Please see student descriptions and photos on the Russian Program website.

In Russia there are several excellent semester-long and year-long programs, including the varied content and location of programs sponsored by ACTR (American Council of Teachers of Russian) and by CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange). Nearly all Russia programs require 2 years of college-level Russian before application. There are a few semester programs that offer a combination of study and internship, such as the Middlebury College program (petition). The Russian staff has more information on all study programs in Russia.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**
Please consult the Department.

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY**

Please consult the program.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**
- Maximum number of courses: two for semester programs, four for year-long programs
- Contact: Department's OCS Liaison
- When: Require pre-approval for major/minor requirements
- Required course information: Course description & equiv. credits
- Other: Candidates should discuss their plans in advance with their advisor

**SOCIOLGY**

*Liaison: Cheryl Townsend Gilkes*

**Policies and Recommendations:**
University-integrated programs are recommended, and spring semester is preferred for study off-campus. Students majoring in sociology must have completed at least four sociology courses prior to off-campus study. One course taken in the study abroad program may be credited to the major if it is approved in advance.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**
- Maximum number of courses: 1 elective course
- Contact: Dept. OCS Liaison or Dept. Chair
- When: Pre-approval is contingent on submission of course materials after return or post approval.
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits

**SPANISH**

*Liaison: Betty Sasaki*

**Policies and Recommendations:**
Majors are strongly advised to spend one academic year studying abroad at the junior level. A minimum of one semester of study abroad is required of majors. Majors must matriculate in a study abroad program that offers university-level courses (not a language acquisition program); all course work abroad must be conducted in Spanish. All study abroad plans for students majoring in Spanish must be approved by the chair of the department of Spanish. Eligibility pre-requisites for Spanish majors to study abroad include the completion of Spanish 135 and Spanish 231 with a grade of C or better.

The only recommended programs in Spain are Colby in Salamanca, Hamilton in Madrid, PRESHCO in Cordoba, and Middlebury in Cordoba (petition required). The only recommended programs in Latin America are CIEE in Buenos Aires, Argentina; IFSA-Butler in Mendoza, Argentina; Washington University in Santiago, Chile; IFSA-Butler in Lima, Peru; and Middlebury in Montevideo, Uruguay. Students considering travel and study in countries under U.S. State Dept. travel warning (such as Mexico) should meet with their advisor, and with OCS to discuss the petition process.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**
- Maximum number of courses: 2 for a semester, 4 for a year of study abroad
- Contact: Department Chair
- When: Pre-approval and confirmation of any on-site changes approved via email from abroad.
- Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits
- Other: Majors should consult with their advisor about their abroad plans prior to applying. Majors must take 2 Spanish/Latin American literature/culture classes while abroad.

**THEATER AND DANCE**

*Liaison: Jim Thurston*

**Policies and Recommendations:**
The Department of Theater and Dance encourages students to seriously consider studying abroad for one semester in their junior year. This kind of intensive cultural immersion can compliment study at the Mayflower Hill campus in important ways if planned thoughtfully in advance. If you are considering off-campus study, contact the department off-campus study liaison or any of the Theater and Dance full-time teaching faculty to discuss the following:
- The off-campus program(s) that best meet your academic goals.
• The best semester to study abroad. This choice will depend upon the OCS program selected and the individual’s academic program.
• What courses count toward the major or minor.
• The process for signing up for off-campus study.
• Transferring credits from the off-campus program to Colby.

Studying abroad during either semester is possible for Theater and Dance majors. Typically, however, university-based programs in Great Britain must be taken in the spring semester for Colby credit. Please note that when you spend the spring semester abroad, you must make special efforts to communicate with members of the department while you are away if you are considering pursuing an honors thesis during your senior year.

All classes that you intend to have credited toward the Theater and Dance major or minor must be pre-approved by your Theater and Dance faculty advisor. Students may transfer up to twelve credit hours toward the major and up to eight credit hours toward the minor.

The Department of Theater and Dance requires that courses be taught in established and accredited colleges, universities, or approved conservatory programs in order for them to be eligible for departmental credit. Please consult the department’s Off-Campus Study Abroad Guidelines for a complete description of the guidelines.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**

• Maximum: no maximum. The following major or minor requirements: TD 224 Performance History, TD 226 Performance History, TD 281 Directing, and the Stage Management requirement MAY NOT be satisfied off campus.
• No more than one of two courses in the chosen focus group may be taken abroad.
• Contact: Your advisor
• When: As per T & D policy, we cannot approve OCS courses in advance. We can look over the description and give a general sense of where a course might fit with the requirements for the major/minor, but that is not a guarantee that we will accept the course. Once you have completed the course you submit the actual course syllabus to your advisor in T & D, who will bring the request for credit to the faculty.

**WOMEN'S, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES**

**Liaison:** Lisa Arellano

**Policies and Recommendations:**

Please consult the department liaison.

**OCS Credit transfer towards the major/minor:**

• Maximum number of courses: no maximum
• Contact: Department Chair
• When: Pre-approval and on-site changes approved via email from abroad
• Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits, sometimes sample work.
• Other: Courses off-campus rarely match Colby courses but more often supplement the Colby WGSS curriculum.