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OFF-CAMPUS STUDY HANDBOOK

for Students Planning OCS
in Fall, Spring, or Full Year 2016-17

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INTRODUCTION

The Office of Off-Campus Study is responsible for the administration of study away from the Colby campus, except for transfer credit from accredited US institutions. The office manages Colby’s own programs abroad and approves other programs, both foreign and domestic, for Colby credit. It is responsible for helping students make appropriate study plans, preparing students for departure, and evaluating programs abroad. It is staffed by a director, an associate director, an administrative assistant, and student workers. The office is located on the ground floor of the Eustis building (103) and includes an informational library.

Approval for off-campus study plans is subject to certain rules and guidelines, which are detailed in this handbook.

Colby and Off-Campus Study

The opportunity to study in another country is an integral part of the educational philosophy of Colby College. The Precepts adopted by the faculty in 1989 state that a Colby education should encourage students “to become acquainted with other cultures by learning a foreign language and by living and studying in another country or by closely examining a culture other than one’s own.”

Consistent with these principles, Colby’s philosophy of off-campus study is as follows:

• The off-campus study experience should be part of the student’s overall academic plan developed by the student and the student’s advisor, and should enhance the student’s program of study during the year(s) following return to Colby.
• Study abroad should provide a cultural experience substantially different from the student’s own.
• Study abroad should provide, when appropriate, a linguistic experience that involves a language different from one’s own.
• Financial aid should be applicable to Colby programs, and portable to other approved programs.

The Off-Campus Study Office is responsible for making sure that Colby’s programs abroad, as well as other programs approved by the college, conform to these principles. The college has a vested interest in the quality of all off-campus study programs for which it grants Colby credit. This interest centers on the academic part of the program, but extends as well to the extra-curricular and cultural part of the program, inasmuch as the knowledge of a culture other than one’s own is achieved both in and out of the classroom.

All Colby-approved study programs abroad must, therefore, meet the following standards:

• They must provide an educational experience which is consistent in quality with the educational experience at Colby, and which can reinforce, complement, and broaden a student’s educational program at Colby.
• They must contain a substantial academic component of high quality.
• Study abroad programs must provide a cultural experience and, when appropriate, a linguistic experience that are consistent with the goals stated above. To promote cultural integration, at least a full semester must normally be spent in a single host country.

CONSIDERING OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

Why Study Off-Campus?

There are many good reasons to study abroad.

Academic

• Experience a different educational system
• Earn credits towards your major, distribution requirements, and graduation
• Learn an entirely new language or become more fluent
• Take courses from faculty from around the world to enhance your perspective
• Re-energize your studies

Career

• Employers increasingly seek graduates who can articulate the skills gained from international experience
• Enhance your resume and employability
• Explore career opportunities
• Gain experience through an internship abroad
• Demonstrate your adaptability to potential employers and graduate schools
• Develop connections for future international travel and/or work
• Practice cultural awareness and leadership
• Gain new cross-cultural communication, flexibility, and problem solving skills
Personal
• Learn about another culture firsthand
• Expose yourselves to new ways of thinking, living, and viewing the world.
• Step out of your comfort zone and enhance your self-confidence, resilience and independence
• Experience a new way of learning and living
• Gain a new perspective on the United States
• Explore your heritage
• Dispel your own stereotypes and fight stereotypes by educating others
• Make friendships and create memories that will last a lifetime.
• Become a 'global citizen'

What will be YOUR reason?

Reasons to Study Abroad

Top 10

1. Learn about yourself and become more self-awake.
2. Boost your self-confidence and independence.
3. Learn another language.
4. Learn about your own country.
5. Expand your worldview.
6. Strengthen adaptability, communication, and team-building skills.
7. Enhance your career opportunities.
8. Experience another culture firsthand and enhance your cross-cultural competency.
9. Make new friends from around the world.
10. Travel.

Source: "A Student Guide to Study Abroad" by Blaire Hovadomak
Desired: Alan Goodman, Dr. Curt Taylor
Part I

PLANNING YOUR OFF-CAMPUS STUDY EXPERIENCE

To Go Or Not To Go? Is off-campus study for me?

Off-Campus Study may not be for everyone, but most anyone CAN study off-campus if they truly wish. There are opportunities for students of all different majors, students involved in sports or extra-curricular activities, students of color, students with a low GPA (above 2.5 and no probation), LGBTQ students, students with lots of travel experience and family resources, students with disabilities, international students, first generation college students with very limited family resources and no prior international travel experience. Whatever your situation, don’t hesitate to come in to the OCS office to talk about your concerns.

With careful planning any student can study off-campus. However, off-campus study is not necessarily for everyone, and should not be entered into lightly, with no forethought as to how it fits in with your personal, academic, or career goals. You may have to make some hard choices; but remember that there are other off-campus study opportunities, including summer, Jan Plan, and graduate study, if a semester or year abroad is not feasible.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

GPA: To apply in either fall 2015 or spring 2016, you must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.7 by the end of January 2015. If your GPA is lower than 2.7 (but no lower than 2.5), you may be permitted to petition the Advisory Committee on Off-Campus Study, if you can show compelling academic reasons to study abroad, and meet a variety of other conditions.

Probation: You must be in good academic and social standing to be approved for off-campus study at Colby. This means that you may not be on academic probation. If you are on disciplinary probation please discuss this with OCS.

Note: Keep in mind that each off-campus program or university has its own eligibility requirements that you need to be able to meet in order to apply (check with your program/university).

STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

All Colby students who wish to study off-campus must follow these steps:

Step 1: Understand and Explore Your Options (Use all the many resources at your disposal in this handbook, on the OCS web and on campus)

Step 2: Submit the Preliminary Proposal for Approval to Study Off-Campus – Due to OCS by November 15

Step 3: Submit the Application for Colby Approval to Study Off-Campus – Due to OCS by February 20

Step 4: Application to your program/university (except for a Colby program) – Deadlines vary

Step 5: Submit the Confirmation of Off-Campus Study Plans – Requires Parent & Student signature
  - Due to OCS by May 1 for fall or full year study
  - Due to OCS by December 1 for spring study

Step 6: Pre-Departure Preparation

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

September 29, 2015: Off-Campus Study Fair 3:5:30pm pm in Page Commons

By November 15, 2015: Submit Preliminary Proposal for Approval to Study Off-Campus (online) to indicate your intention to study off-campus either in the fall semester 2016 or the spring semester 2017 or for the full year 2016-17. Since your advisor/s must approve your initial plans, we strongly suggest that you submit your preliminary application to your advisor/s no later than November 10.

By February 20, 2016: Submit (online) Application for Colby Approval (including your petition, if applicable ) to Study Off-Campus on a Colby Of-Campus program or a non-Colby program, regardless of whether you plan to study abroad in the fall/full year or spring. Maximum 1-3 applications.. NOTE: A Petition of ANY kind requires a prior meeting with an OCS staff member by appointment - call (207) 859-4500
Deadlines vary – Early application recommended! Application to your OCS program/university. This is in addition to your Application for Colby Approval. (except for a Colby program i.e., Salamanca, Dijon, St. Petersburg, or Bigelow). The deadlines of universities and programs can be misleading since most accept students on a “rolling basis.” This means that it is best to apply early since popular programs may fill up before their deadlines.

If you do not respect these deadlines, it is likely that your off-campus study plans will not be approved and you will not be able to get credit for them.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

September-October
- Attend mandatory Sophomore Information Session
- Attend Off-Campus Study Fair

October-November
- Think about your off-campus study goals (see Choosing your program, Types of programs)
- Research available programs (Opportunities list, student evaluations, discussion with faculty, students, and OCS)
- Attend departmental info sessions (to be scheduled)
- Discuss plans with your Academic Advisor, your Dept’s OCS Liaison, and/or Off-Campus study staff (call OCS at 859-4500 for an appointment)
- Submit Preliminary Proposal for Approval online before November 15

December-March
- Continue to think about your off-campus study goals & research available programs. (see Choosing your program, Types of programs & Opportunities list, student evaluations, discussion with faculty, students, and OCS)
- Gain approval for your plans with your Academic Advisor, your Dept’s OCS Liaison, and/or Off-Campus study staff (call OCS at 859-4500 for an appointment)
- Prepare and submit petitions by February 20 if needed (Appointment with OCS required)
- Prepare and submit Colby Applications for Approval by February 20
- Prepare and submit program/university applications for early deadlines or fall/year programs (check deadlines, apply early)

April-Summer
- Attend pre-departure meeting for fall/year OCS (early May)
- Pre-departure planning for fall/year away (physical exam, inoculations, passport & visa, etc..)
- Submit Study Away Budget for Financial Aid, if appropriate (for fall/year away)
- Prepare and submit program/university applications for spring programs (check deadlines, apply early)

September-October
- Prepare and submit program/university applications for spring programs (check deadlines, apply early)

November-December
- Pre-departure planning for spring away (physical exam, inoculations, passport & visa)
- Submit Study Away Budget for Financial Aid if appropriate (for spring away)
- Attend pre-departure meeting for spring away (early December)
CHOOSING YOUR OFF-CAMPUS STUDY PROGRAM

OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

Colby has a extensive list of over 180 Off-Campus Program opportunities from which to choose. You can access OCS program information in the back of this handbook and via the OCS website.

- **Colby’s Approved Programs list:** The OCS Office, in consultation with the faculty’s Off-Campus Study Advisory Committee, maintains a list of programs, which is designed to meet the great majority of academic needs. The list represents a wide range of programs, in many countries, that have been used successfully by Colby students in the past and continue to be recommended by academic departments. These include:

- **Colby Programs:**
  - Colby in Salamanca (Spain) – Language Program
  - Colby in Salamanca (Spain) - Integrated Program
  - Colby in Dijon (France) - Language program (fall semester only)
  - Colby in Dijon (France) – University level (fall semester only)
  - Colby in St. Petersburg (Russia) - Advanced Language program
  - Colby at Bigelow Laboratory (Boothbay, Maine, USA) - Marine science program (fall only)

- **Non-Colby Programs:** Colby also offers students the opportunity to study on Non-Colby programs that meet our criteria and are consistent with our philosophy of study abroad and have been tried by Colby students and approved by Colby’s Off-Campus Study Advisory Committee. These programs are listed in this handbook; these are the programs/universities listed as "A" or approved and where it does not indicate that a petition is required.

Knowledge of these programs is kept current through student evaluations and faculty visits. Programs may be added to or removed from the list as more appropriate opportunities emerge. Please do not assume, because you know that a Colby student participated in a particular program in the past, that the program is on the approved list.

- **All Colby-approved study programs abroad must meet the following standards:**
  - They must provide an educational experience which is consistent in quality with the educational experience at Colby, and which can reinforce, complement, and broaden a student’s educational program at Colby.
  - They must contain a substantial academic component of high quality.
  - Study abroad programs must provide a cultural experience and, when appropriate, a linguistic experience that are consistent with the goals stated above. To promote cultural integration, at least a full semester must normally be spent in a single host country.

- **Colby’s list of programs for which petitions are supported:** You will find certain programs, identified with * and "P" in the Handbook and stating “petition required” on the list below, for which petitions would be encouraged. These programs are not currently on the approved list as they have not yet had sufficient attendance by Colby students to warrant formal approval by the Advisory Committee. However, they have been recommended by faculty and/or OCS as appropriate for Colby students and thus a well-presented petition prepared in conjunction with the major department would have a high chance of success. These are not the only programs for which students may petition, of course, but they already meet the criteria for petitions and have been reviewed for quality.

All petitions require a meeting with an OCS staff member before the deadline. All petitions must be submitted as part of your application to OCS by the February 20 deadline. See the petition guidelines for the different types of petitions and procedures.

The program must meet certain guidelines to be eligible for petition; these include, but are not limited to:

- The program must have a duration of at least fourteen weeks of class time (including exam time but not including vacations and excursions), to match the length of a semester at Colby.
- The program must be situated in one host country (with the exception of certain specific approved programs). Touring or shipboard programs are not acceptable.
- The program or university must provide an academic program which is consistent in quality and quantity of work required at Colby. You must provide Off Campus Study with a description of each course you plan to take, including the language course.
- With the exception of a foreign accredited university, the program must be sponsored by an accredited US college or university whose academic standards are high.
• For all programs in non-English speaking countries, students must study the language of the host country for the duration of their program.
• The program or university must provide a cultural experience substantially different from that of a typical U.S. campus experience.

Note: Colby’s process for including a program on the “approved list” entails that at least 3 Colby students (or 2 students and a Colby Faculty) have successfully participated and favorably evaluated the program for it to be eligible for a vote of approval by the Off-Campus Study Advisory Committee. A program will remain non-approved and require a petition until that vote of approval takes place.

A WORD OF CAUTION ABOUT PROGRAMS

Study abroad programs are some of the most aggressively marketed commodities in American education today. You will see advertisements for programs posted all over campus, and you should know that many of these are not approved by Colby. You will see advertisements in the Colby Echo by large universities and private companies for their study abroad. You may even receive telephone calls and e-mail from representatives of study abroad programs. If they are not listed in this handbook as (A) Approved, they are not approved by Colby. Just because they are approved by one New England school similar to Colby does not mean it will automatically be approved by Colby.

Colby’s policy is that the choice of an appropriate off-campus study program can only be made in an atmosphere free of pressure and advertising. The program providers we have invited to the Colby Off-Campus Study Fair have been carefully selected as appropriate for the needs and interests of many Colby students. Not all approved programs have been invited nor are they all able to participate in our Fair so please do not limit your choices to those you will see at the Fair. In the final analysis, it is the OCS staff and your advisor(s) who can best guide you in the choice of a study program abroad.

There are many worthwhile experiences abroad that do not, in Colby’s view, merit academic credit. A great many programs are not approved by the Off-Campus Study Office, not because they are necessarily of inferior quality, but because they do not meet the criteria that Colby has established for the granting of academic credit. Before embarking upon the petition process for a program that is not currently approved, please consult with OCS to determine such basic information as the program’s accreditation status and its duration. These may seem like minor details but are critical in the success of a petition.

Please bear in mind that it is possible to study off-campus without the permission of the OCS office, if the program will accept you under these conditions. However, you will not receive credit or financial aid from Colby in such a case, and you risk having to spend an extra semester on campus in order to fulfill the 7-semester requirement for graduation from Colby.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF OFF-CAMPUS STUDY PROGRAMS

There are many things to think about in deciding where to study. An important factor is deciding which type of program will offer you the kind of experience for which you are hoping.

• University Based Programs: If you choose to study at an overseas University you will enroll in regular classes and study alongside students from the host country. This option offers the advantage of full cultural immersion. This also permits you to choose from a wide variety of courses in many disciplines. Visiting students are expected to perform at the same level as their native classmates, and will be graded as such. In most overseas universities the majority of each course grade will depend heavily on the outcome of a final exam or paper and less on assignments throughout the semester. In addition, classes will follow the local academic calendar and semesters may start earlier or later than universities in the U.S. University Based Programs normally offer housing in dorms or in student apartments. Some universities only offer housing in a designated international dorm.

There are two different ways you may study at an overseas university:
Direct enrollment: In many countries you may apply to and enroll directly in a university. Generally, overseas universities do not offer the same level of support services that students are accustomed to receiving at Colby College. However, there are usually international student offices that do provide some services to visiting students.
Examples: London School of Economics and Political Science; University of Melbourne

b) Applying through a program provider: In the U.K., Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa you may apply to universities through American intermediaries, such as IFSA-Butler, CIEE, and IES. (Not all of their programs, however, are approved by Colby). These program providers’ program fee usually includes a variety of services including: application, pre-departure, medical insurance, orientation, excursions, assistance with course selection, registration and housing and other on-site support services. These organizations also employ a resident director and other staff in each city or country who provide on-site support. If you decide to apply through a program provider you should use their application materials, follow
their eligibility guidelines, requirements, and deadlines for the specific program in which you are interested (in many cases, they vary from the university’s).

Examples: IFSA-Butler: University of Melbourne; CIEE: University of Cape Town.

English-speaking university enrollment: It is possible to enroll in one of many English-speaking universities (in Ireland, the UK, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, etc.) and take all your classes there, alongside host-country undergraduates. The universities have their own international student offices that can help you through any stage of the study abroad process.

Non-English-speaking university enrollment: This must nearly always be done through a program. The most common model is for programs in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Chile, Argentina, Ecuador, Mexico, etc. to teach at least one of their own courses in a somewhat US-style format, at their own center, but also enroll students for some or most of their courses at a local university, alongside host-country undergraduates. For the languages taught at Colby, you will normally need to have at least two years of college-level language for a program of this type (see specific program requirements).

• **Study Center Based Programs:** Some academic institutions have study centers overseas where they host programs specifically designed for international students. These programs offer classes in English or the local language that are taught by local and/or visiting faculty. Courses are generally structured similarly to U.S. university courses, with a syllabus, regular assignments, and frequent exams. These programs are also more likely to follow the U.S. semester calendar. If you chose to study on one of these programs you will be taking courses with other foreign students. Most of these programs offer housing with homestay families, a few offer housing in student apartments.

  Examples: IES in Granada, Spain; Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies

In some countries where English is not the primary native language these programs may also allow students with adequate language abilities to take one or more courses at a local university alongside local students.

Examples: IES Buenos Aires; CIEE programs in many countries

• **Field-Based / Research Programs:** Study abroad on a Field-Based Program offers you the opportunity to approach academic learning in a new way. These physical and social science programs take advantage of their locations in the field to engage students in experiential, interdisciplinary learning. Most programs have very specific themes such as ecology, marine biology, anthropology, social justice, etc. These programs tend to be small, usually accommodating 25 or fewer students from the U.S. who take all of their courses together. Courses are taught by a combination of professors, local experts and working professionals. Most class time is spent out in the field, learning about the local culture and history, observing, collecting data and interacting directly with the subject matter you are studying and the program will often conclude with an independent study project in which students pursue field studies based on the theoretical framework they have acquired in courses in the first part of the semester. Courses tend to have regularly scheduled assignments and exams. Assessment is often based on the quality of observation and analysis demonstrated in your work. These programs tend to follow a U.S. academic calendar. Housing options vary depending on location. Many programs offer homestays or rustic accommodations in field stations.


• **Language Intensive Programs:** Language acquisition programs are language intensive and designed to help you enhance your host country language skills and cultural fluency. In addition to courses in grammar, conversation, and written language, all of your other courses on culture, art or history for example will usually be taught in the local language but adjusted to your level of ability. In some cases, some classes on the country’s history, art, or politics for example may also be taught in English. Housing on these programs will usually entail a homestay with a local family.

  Examples: Colby in Salamanca-Language Program; Associated Colleges in China (ACC) program.

• **Internship Programs:** Internships offer a unique way to immerse yourself in the local society and gain a deeper understanding of a particular field. Several programs around the world sponsor academic internships that allow students to gain real word experience with a private firm, an artistic association, a government body or a non government organization. Please note that not all internships offered by programs on the approved list meet Colby’ requirements for credit. In addition to general policies, internship programs must include a non-paid internship with considerable academic work done in tandem and not to exceed 4 credit hours. The internship should be done as part of a study abroad program that is predominantly credited in terms of the courses taken. Typical models consist of 16 credits with the internship counting for 4 credits and three other courses counting for 4 credits each). Internships and independent study courses must have approval from the Office of Off-Campus Study in order to be accepted for credit.

  Examples: Boston University London Internship; IES in Vienna.

**RESOURCES FOR FINDING INFORMATION ABOUT PROGRAM**

EXPLORE where you want to go and what you want to do:
Attend the **Off-Campus Study Fair**
- Read the **Off-Campus Study Handbook**
- Review program information online or in the OCS library in Eustis 103
- Use the **Choosing your off-campus study program** worksheet in your Handbook
- Consult with your academic advisor.
- Consult the **OCS Opportunities recommended for your major** on the OCS website or office
- Review feedback from recent Colby students in the **student evaluations** online
- Talk to students who have recently returned from study abroad
- Attend any relevant department and/or program **information sessions**
- Consult with an **OCS staff member** to discuss your plans and options by appointment - call (207) 859-4500
- Check your major **department’s recommendations** and policies
- Consult with the **off-campus Faculty liaison** in your department

The more research and thought you invest in choosing your program, the better the fit and the less surprises there will be.

**Use Online Program Search:** The OCS program search filter on the OCS website under Opportunities, can sort programs according to criteria such as country, region, program language, term available, type of program, Colby status, and area of study. Click on “program website” to access the program/university’s website for much more information.

Important Note: Each program/university is characterized by certain criteria, however, all academic subjects may not be represented in our “area of study” list. For universities abroad, only the academic divisions are noted (i.e. social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, and arts). The stronger or more popular departments at these universities may also be indicated. We recommend that you always review the program’s curriculum and/or the university’s course catalog on their website to make sure the specific courses offered will work for you before selecting a program/university.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN CHOOSING YOUR OCS PROGRAM**

**Language instruction:** Do not assume that if you do not have great language competency or background you can only study in an English speaking country. There are some programs in Europe or Asia that accept students with no previous knowledge of the host-country language, although you will be required to take an introductory course in the language during the semester. *Example: CHP in Prague, DIS in Copenhagen, the Swedish Program in Stockholm.*

**Teaching and learning:** There is much variation among programs in teaching methods, types of assignments, amount of supervision and direction from instructors, and forms of assessment. All students should pay close attention to this, and bear in mind that the method of assessment of many university courses remains heavily weighted towards final examinations, and most courses offer less direct contact with the instructor than you are used to a Colby.

**Housing:** While most universities abroad don’t have an American-style campus life or dormitories, some do. Some programs give you a choice of housing options or a mix of several over the course of the semester, others have just one option. The most common options are homestays (living with a local family), dormitories (living with local or other international students), and apartments shared with other program participants, local students, or both. In many field-based programs, housing is usually some combination of small local hostels, field station dormitory, homestays, and/or camping during the semester.

**Program Style:** Some students want a great deal of independence and are willing to do a lot of legwork on things like finding their own housing, figuring out how to register for courses, and learning about the host culture, while others prefer to be part of a program that will take care of these details for them. You may want to stay away from Americans as much as possible, or you may decide it would be more comfortable to be around at least some people with similar backgrounds, going through the acculturation process together. There’s no one right answer, so think about finding a good balance based on your knowledge of yourself.

**Service Learning/Volunteering:** Some programs have a service earning component or are able to help you get in involved in volunteer

**Location:** You may choose a program by the country or city in which it is based. This is especially common for those who want to study a particular society (current or historic), environmental phenomenon, language, or culture. You may want to consider whether you will be able to travel in the region, and whether the political climate is conducive to your spending a semester or year there. Also consider if you want to live in a big city, a smaller city, or a more rural area.

**Personal Factors:** These may include the cost of living in the countries you’re considering, your health situation (asthma, for instance, may preclude some locations), courses available in your major field of study, dates (some programs run only at one time of year, and some have a calendar that conflicts with the US university schedule or summer break), a longstanding desire to live near the sea or to follow in Fitzgerald’s footsteps, and so on.
Cost: Program and university costs vary greatly. Since while studying abroad Colby students pay the cost of the program (not Colby tuition) you should check on each program/university for their fees. In general, fees for direct enrollment in a foreign university are lower than applying through a program provider but these program providers’ program fee usually includes a variety of services including: application, pre-departure, medical insurance, orientation, excursions, assistance with course selection, registration and housing and other on-site support services for students on site. Use the Off-Campus Study Budget Planning Worksheet on the OCS website under Financing Off-Campus Study.

Physical & Mental Health: Studying abroad, like any growth promoting educational experience, by its very nature is intellectually, physical, and emotionally challenging. It can create stress that may trigger or exacerbate mental and physical health issues. Review the advice in Part IV of this handbook in considering if and where to go and be sure to discuss your plans with your counselor, doctor, and study abroad advisor. The OCS office can help you select and program that can provide the local features, resources or support that you require.

NOTE: Whether you are generally healthy, have significant medical needs, or fall somewhere in between, planning ahead will help you have a successful and healthy study abroad experience. The same things that make studying abroad exciting (new foods, customs, climate, people, etc.) can also present challenges. Many students will adjust very readily with little or no difficulty, while others may experience a range of physical and/or emotional challenges. It is important to be aware that the stresses that often accompany studying abroad may exacerbate ongoing physical or mental health conditions, trigger pre-existing ones, or, in some cases, cause new health conditions to emerge.

Please read and complete the Health Self Assessment (below) carefully, even if you currently consider yourself to be generally healthy.

Learning Differences & Disabilities: Not all destinations can provide the level of understanding or support that you may need or have grown accustomed to at home. If you have a learning or physical disability that could affect your participation, we would be pleased to help you identify suitable options. Remember that the environment, facilities, and legal requirements will vary greatly in different countries and programs.

If you currently receive any academic accommodations at Colby and hope to receive the same while off-campus, you should contact Dean Atkins in the Dean of Students office. You may be required to provide documentation to your program or university.

How NOT to choose a program: In all of this please remember to make your academic and personal needs your first priority, so that you do not waste energy on an unsuitable idea. Do not choose a program (or a semester) because that is where or when your friends are applying; find the best program for your own individual needs, and avoid the insularity that would make you spend much of your time away with people you know well.

Remember, finally, that it is perfectly fine to remain here. Deciding to go abroad because your friends are going, to escape from an unsatisfactory campus or home situation, or get away from a personal relationship or other problems are not always good reasons to go. The difficulty with these latter reasons is that study abroad may not be an answer at all and, indeed, could make matters worse. There are other and usually better ways of resolving some of these issues: taking time off altogether from studying, seeking counseling, or directly confronting the problem. In short, study abroad is not for everyone, and should not matters worse.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR YOUR HEALTH CARE NEEDS WHILE STUDYING OFF-CAMPUS

Please read this document and complete the Health Self Assessment (below) carefully, even if you currently consider yourself to be generally healthy.

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Ongoing mild or pre-existing health conditions can become more serious for some students as they transition into an unfamiliar culture and environment. For this reason, we encourage all students to fully disclose their health history to the Off-Campus Study office so that we can help properly prepare them for their experience, make arrangements for any necessary special accommodations, and, in some cases, assess whether the student should consider a program with more readily available support services. This latter consideration is made as there may be fewer, or inadequate resources abroad to help a student
manage a physical or mental health condition. Students’ privacy regarding the health information they disclose will be respected. This health information is requested solely for the purpose of supporting students’ success abroad.

When it comes to accessing healthcare or special accommodations while abroad, it is important that each student be responsible for recognizing her/his needs and seeking appropriate assistance. Because it may take longer to make arrangements and access care, it is essential that students are proactive in communicating their needs. While it may be difficult for some students to come forward with their concerns, it is normal to face varying degrees of physical and emotional challenge while abroad and seeking support is the wise and sensible thing to do.

In an effort to help students plan ahead, we put together the following brief Self Assessment:

**HEALTH SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR OFF-CAMPUS STUDY**

The purpose of this self assessment is to help in preparing for your time abroad by considering the issues below and, if appropriate, discussing them openly and honestly with your health care professional, your program, or the off-campus study office to determine what resources may be available for you in your host country and what additional support you may need.

- **Do you have a health condition or disability for which you may require reasonable accommodations while off-campus?**
  (e.g., learning disability, attention deficit disorder, diabetes, brain injury, hearing or visual loss, epilepsy, or other condition)

- **Do you have any serious food, drug, animal, or other allergies?**

- **Are you on a medically restricted diet, or have other dietary restrictions/needs, e.g. being a vegan or vegetarian?**

- **Are you currently taking any medications (Prescription or OTC)?**

- **Are you currently being treated for any physical health condition, injury or disease, or have you suffered from a health condition in the past you are concerned may re-emerge while abroad?**

- **Are you currently being treated for any mental health condition (including the use of psychiatric medications), or have you suffered from a mental health condition in the past you are concerned may re-emerge while abroad?**

- **Is there any additional information related to your health that would be helpful for the program organizers, the Off-Campus Study office or host families to be aware of during your experience off-campus?**

If you answered yes to any of the above, we urge you to think about how these issues or conditions might impact you while abroad and to discuss your off-campus study plans and ways to manage your conditions while abroad with your health care professional(s). Additionally, we encourage you to inform the Off-Campus Study office at Colby and/or your program in advance so that they may further assist you in your planning. Furthermore, if you currently receive any academic accommodations at Colby and hope to receive the same while off-campus, you should contact Dean Atkins in the Dean of Students office. You may be required to provide documentation to your program or university.

If you have concerns or questions about any of these issues, don’t hesitate to reach out to the Off-Campus Study office at Colby. We are thrilled about your interest in studying abroad while at Colby and want to support all students in having a successful and enriching experience. The following are some additional resource that may be helpful to you:

**INFORMATION FOR SCIENCE MAJORS AND PRE-MED STUDENTS**

There are numerous opportunities for science students to study abroad. Students in disciplines such as Biology and Mathematics, which do not have a great degree of vertical structuring in their curricula, have the most opportunities for study abroad. However, even in the more sequentially organized disciplines, such as Chemistry, Geology, Psychology and Physics, foreign study is possible with advanced planning and consultation with advisors within the department. Regardless of your discipline, a valuable program of foreign study requires careful planning and discussion with your advisor well before you participate in the program.

Pre-medical and pre-dental students can also consider international study. While it is generally advisable not to take required pre-medical or pre-dental courses at a foreign university, it may be possible to do so after a thorough examination of the course in question, and a careful comparison of its content with that at a US university. There are many health related study abroad programs which offer an excellent opportunity to explore the health field and gain some valuable hands-on experience (review the program opportunities list by searching on “health” in the programs filter).
In some cases it may be possible for a science major to study abroad for a semester without studying science. This requires careful planning in consultation with your major advisor so that you do not have an unusually heavy course load upon your return.

With good planning, many pre-med and natural science majors find a way to study abroad for at least a semester or more. It requires some carefully planning, consulting with the pre-health advisor in the Career center and it depends on your timeframe for pursuing your medical degree.

Consult with your Pre-Health Advisor Cate Talbot Ashton in the Colby Career Center or Ed Yeterian in the Psychology Department.

**PLANNING FOR SENIOR YEAR**

You should think about your plans for senior year as you begin planning when and for how long to go and where to study. Before leaving campus, you should also think about ways in which study abroad may enhance and/or interfere with some of your senior year or post-graduate plans. In fact, being able to integrate what you learned abroad into what you are doing on campus upon return can help mitigate the difficulties of reentry.

- **Independent study or honors project:** While studying away, many students discover or start new avenues of research that lead to an independent study or honors project in the senior year; or they can simply apply their new skills and share their experience in regular Colby coursework. Speak with your advisor about this possibility before you leave or contact them from abroad.

- **Graduate school applications:** Off-campus study experience may also strengthen applications for graduate schools and scholarships. You are strongly recommended to investigate all these possibilities, but as with independent studies, you should discuss them with your advisors and Career Center contacts before departure; without previous planning you will find it very hard to make all the necessary plans and meet deadlines at the beginning of your senior year. Students interested in the health professions should consult Cate Ashton in the Career Center.

- **Internships:** It is not unusual for students who study abroad to use contacts and resources in their host country to obtain internships for the following summer (or Jan Plan), or to search from abroad for an internship in the U.S. Or you may consider doing an internship program as part of your study abroad program during the semester.

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND OFF-CAMPUS STUDY**

While study abroad may seem like a break from your “real” life, it can be a valuable part of your career exploration and development. Whether or not you hope to work abroad in the future, being able to articulate your international competencies can be extremely valuable to a potential employer. During your sophomore year, we encourage you to work with a Career Center advisor to prepare for making the most of your upcoming experience. Below are some things you can do to enhance your career development.

**Before you leave Colby**

- During the semester before you are away, meet with a Career Center advisor to identify and clarify your career goals, discuss future plans (e.g., internships, jobs, graduate school) and review and discuss your resume and cover letter.

- Students who will be away for all or part of their junior year, particularly in the spring, should plan ahead for graduate school, internship, and employment application procedures and timelines so that they don’t miss any important deadlines and will be fully prepared for senior year.

- Network with personal and family contacts, alumni and other professionals in your field of interest, and search and establish contact with any individuals living where you will be studying.

- Talk with students who are back from your study site. Did they do an internship while there? Was it during the semester or after? How did they arrange it?

- Explore opportunities for interning, working, or volunteering in the country where you will be studying during your term abroad or for the summer or Jan Plan before or after. Going Global, linked from CareerLink, is a great place to start.

**While you are abroad**

- Make career awareness part of your experience. Conduct informational interviews and explore other career resources. Talk with local faculty members and get suggestions for other potential contacts in the community.

- If you are going abroad: talk to alumni living and working in this part of the world. What do you observe about the cultural aspects of work habits, business attire and supervisor-employee relationships? What appears to be most “valued” in the business community? What can you observe about gender-based aspects of the working environment, job assignments and corporate culture?

- If you are studying in another U.S. location: talk to alumni living and working in this community. Explore the local economy. Which businesses/industries are dominant in the area? What are some local concerns of employees? What are the cost of
living and the average salary? If this is an area you would consider relocating to, what are the resources available and the lifestyle issues you want to consider?

• Establish contacts in your new location as networking resources and to obtain internships for the following summer (or January Term), or to search from abroad for an internship in the U.S.

• Contact any alumni that are living or working where you are, and maintain a record of all interesting professionals you meet. Get business cards, email addresses. In addition to alumni, other references could be a professor from the country you studied in, a host family member, or a supervisor where you volunteered, worked or interned.

• Explore opportunities for post study experiences in the country, including assessing the local economy and cost of living.

• Ensure you have not disabled emails from the Career Center. You may receive emails not relevant to your current situation away; however, you do not want to miss any important announcements, including sessions via WebEx.

• Continue to maintain contact with the Career Center. Despite the distance, a career advisor will assist you with resumes, cover letters, interviews and job and internship searches, and can talk with you via WebEx.

When you return to Colby

• Attend the “Marketing your Study Abroad Experiences” workshop offered by OCS and Career Center in September or February.

• Meet with a Career Center advisor to discuss your study-abroad experience, how it has impacted your career direction, and how you can communicate the value of the experience in your written and verbal communications.

• Update your resume summarizing your experience abroad, and plan ahead for senior year and your life after graduation.

• Make plans for an internship or independent study off-campus in the summer or Jan Plan, including taking advantage of the contacts you made abroad. Be sure to keep in touch with new contacts on a regular basis.

• You can access lots of great employment, cultural, work permit information and much more on Going Global via CareerLink.

Visit the Career Center for more information.
CHOOSING THE PROGRAM THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU

Start by realistically assessing your academic and personal preparation and your objectives. **Ask yourself the following questions** and **use the Choosing Your OCS Program Worksheet below** to help you think through what kind of off-campus study experience would be the right “fit” for you.

**GOALS & CONSIDERATIONS**
- What do I hope to achieve by studying abroad?
- What are my personal goals for my time abroad? Primarily academic? Do I want to volunteer, do an internship or community service while abroad?
- How will my term abroad complement my course of studies here on campus? Do I want to take my language skills to the next level? Is my goal to become fluent in another language?
- How do I envision myself spending my days? Who would I most like to meet? In some programs, you may get to know a number of community members, while others may offer more opportunities to meet college students.
- How important is it for me to be involved with local culture and people?
- How will study abroad impact me? What will be most challenging for me about studying abroad?

**LOCATION**
- Where do I want to go? Why?
- Do I want to study in a less-developed or more-developed country? Do I want to be in a big city or a small town/rural area?

**ACADEMICS**
- What do I want or need to study to meet academic objectives? Are there specific academic requirements that I need to fulfill during study abroad? Does my major require me to enroll in a particular type of program?
- Am I fluent enough in a foreign language to take classes, write papers, and take notes, or will I need to take some or all of your coursework in English?
- Am I interested in taking courses on the language and culture of the host country? What kind of language-learner am I?
- Do I want to focus on my current major interests from a different perspective?
- Would I like to explore a new subject for a semester?
- Do I have research interests I’d like to explore in a foreign setting?

**PROGRAM STRUCTURE**
- Do I want to be in a university setting? Directly enrolled into a foreign university?
- Do I want to be on a field-based or experiential program focused on a particular theme?
- Do I feel more comfortable with the services of a resident director or am I confident I can handle enrollment, sightseeing and travel on your own?
- Is class and university size important to me?

**LIVING ARRANGEMENTS**
- To what extent do I wish to integrate myself into the host culture?
- Do I want to live in a university dormitory? An apartment?
- Do I want to live with other Americans or with local students?
- Do I want to live with a local family in a homestay? A combination of the above?

**TIMING & DURATION**
- How long do I want to study abroad (academic year, semester, summer)?
- When do I want to go? Fall? Spring? Full year?
- Are there courses that I need to take on campus before I go in order to graduate?

**COST**
- Is cost a factor?
- How much money can I spend on the study abroad experience? Consider not only tuition and fees, but also housing and food, personal expenses, and international travel.
- Are there scholarships that I might be eligible for?

**ELIGIBILITY**
- Does my GPA qualify me for Colby approval (2.7) or for the program (Minimum GPA requirements vary from 2.5 - 3.0 depending on the program)?
- Do I have the language skills required for the program?
• Do I have time to apply before the application deadline?
A WORKSHEET FOR CHOOSING YOUR OCS PROGRAM

Use this checklist to help figure out the best program for YOU. Your answers to these questions will help determine which type of study abroad program might best match your goals, interests and academic needs.

Which of the following have you done to research off-campus study opportunities? (Choose all that apply).

- [ ] Visited the Off-Campus Study fair
- [ ] Consulted with your academic advisor and/or department liaison(s). You are strongly urged to do so
- [ ] Consulted the OCS Opportunities sheets for recommendations for your major on the OCS website or office
- [ ] Read the Off-Campus Study Handbook
- [ ] Consulted with an OCS staff member
- [ ] Attended a department or program information session
- [ ] Reviewed feedback from recent Colby students in the student evaluations online
- [ ] Talked to study abroad returnees
- [ ] Reviewed program information online or in the OCS library in Eustis 103
- [ ] Other _____________________________
- [ ] None of the above

ACADEMICS

What do you want to study while abroad? ____________________________________________________________

Do you want to (Check all that apply):

- [ ] Take in Depth Courses in your major(s)
- [ ] Complement your course of studies here on campus
- [ ] Explore a minor interest
- [ ] Explore a new subject for a semester
- [ ] Master a foreign language
- [ ] Conduct independent research or fieldwork
- [ ] Take courses not available at Colby
- [ ] Experience a different education system
- [ ] Gain a different perspective on my major
- [ ] Other: ___________________________________________________________________

Do you need to complete major requirements while abroad? Yes   No

Do you need to complete any distribution requirements while abroad? Yes   No
If yes, which requirements:____________________________________________________________

Is there a specific academic focus you are interested in pursuing? Yes No
If yes, which focus: ____________________________________________________________________________

Would you like to be able to do research for your senior thesis? Yes   No

Would you like to be able to do an internship while abroad? Yes   No

Would you like to get involved in service learning or volunteer activities while abroad? Yes   No

What type of experience are you seeking? (Check as many as apply)

- [ ] Immersion experience in a foreign university - taught in English
- [ ] Immersion experience in a foreign university - taught in a foreign language
- [ ] Language intensive program
- [ ] Thematic program (i.e., science, arts, human rights, development and social change, urban studies, global health, economics, natural resources management, biodiversity, environmental policy, education, etc.)
- [ ] Field-based experience
- [ ] Classes offered at a study center for study abroad students
- [ ] Internship program

Does your GPA qualify you for the program in which you are interested? YES   NO
Do you have any concerns about this? YES   NO

LANGUAGE

Do you want to take all of your classes in English? YES   NO
Are you willing to study the local language while you are there?  YES  NO

Is it important for you to improve your language skills?  Yes  No

Do you want to / are you able to take all your courses in the host country language?  Yes  No

What language(s) have you studied? __________________________________________________________

What course level have you/will you have completed by the time you go abroad? _______________________

WHEN TO GO

How much time would you like to spend abroad? (Check all the apply):

☐ Semester
☐ Fall
☐ Spring
☐ Either fall or spring
☐ Academic Year
  ☐ Full Year in 1 site
  ☐ Full year in 2 sites
☐ Summer
☐ Jan Plan

Is your chosen program/university available/approved for either semester?  YES  NO

Do you need to keep your summer free for work or internship?  YES  NO

How many Jan Plans will you have completed before going abroad? _____

Do you expect to / need to receive Jan Plan credit for your program abroad?  YES  NO

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

What type of learning environment would you prefer? (Check all that apply)

☐ Traditional classroom setting
☐ Field-based learning
☐ Conducting an independent study project
☐ Large lecture-style classes
☐ Small seminar-style classes

Do you want to re-create a Colby-like experience abroad or try something completely new?

________________________________________________

___________________________________________________

Do you feel more comfortable with the services of a resident director or are you confident you can handle enrollment, sightseeing and travel on your own?

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Are you comfortable directing your own learning experience?  Yes  No

In the US, students are often told exactly what they should read and research. Many foreign universities expect students to take a more independent approach to their learning. For example, students are given a starting point and suggestions for further reading, but there is usually a strong emphasis on private study.

Would you prefer a high level of support from a study abroad program?  Yes  No

Support could include extra in-country staff, arranged housing and excursions, assistance with visa and application process, etc.

How comfortable are you with true independence?

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Would you prefer a large university or small program setting?

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________
Do you want to stay away from Americans as much as possible? Or do you feel it would be more comfortable to be around at least some people with similar backgrounds, going through the acculturation process together?

With whom do you want to take classes? (Check all that apply)
- Other study abroad students
- International students
- Host-country students
- Combination

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

Which living arrangements appeal to you the most? (Check all that apply)
- With a host family
- With other study abroad students
- With students from host country
- Living on your own
- In a university dorm
- In an apartment
- Not important factor in program choice
- Other

How important is it for you to be involved with local culture and people?

How do you envision yourself spending your days? Who would you most like to meet?

In some programs, you may get to know a number of community members, while others may offer more opportunities to meet college students.

LOCATION

Is there a country or region in which you are academically and culturally interested?

What type of location do you want?
- Big city
- Smaller city
- Rural area

MAIN GOALS

Why do you want to study abroad?

What do you hope to accomplish and/or gain academically and personally while studying abroad?

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Which of the following factors may affect your location or program choice? (Choose all that apply).
- Course availability
- Program start and end dates
- Dietary or travel restrictions
- Specific housing option (homestay, dorm, etc.)
- Disability services and accommodations
- Access to physical and/or mental health care professionals
- Financial concerns
- Other

What prior international experiences have you had?
What do you think will be your greatest challenges living in another culture, and how would you prepare yourself for these challenges? For example, how adaptable are you to unfamiliar places, routines, foods, etc? How flexible are you about disruptions and delays to schedules and plans?

What extra-curricular/personal interests do you wish to pursue while you are abroad?

Have you discussed off-campus study with your parents? Yes  No

Have they expressed any concerns about your plans? Yes  No

Do you have any medical or mental health issues that need to be considered when selecting a study abroad site? If you have a learning or physical disability that could affect your participation, we would be pleased to help you identify viable options.

What other needs, preferences, interests, and habits do you need to consider when choosing a location and a program for study abroad? (Examples could include allergies, food preferences, low tolerance for noise/pollution, need for privacy, interest in music/art….)

Is cost a factor in your ability to study off-campus? Yes  No

Consider not only tuition and fees, but also housing and food, personal expenses, and international travel.

Have you looked into scholarship opportunities? Yes  No

Do you receive financial aid at Colby? Yes  No

What is your citizenship/passport? _______________________

Are you an international student Yes  No

What questions do you have about studying off-campus?

Good Luck!

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Part II
OCS POLICIES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

ACADEMIC POLICIES

You are expected to be familiar with these important rules, policies, and procedures concerning off-campus study.

- **Minimum GPA**: To apply for Off-Campus Study in either the fall or spring of the following year, you must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.7 by the end of January of the year in which you are applying. You must maintain this minimum cumulative GPA prior to departure or your approval will be withdrawn.

  If your GPA is lower than 2.7 (but no lower than 2.5), you may be permitted to petition the Advisory Committee on Off-Campus Study, if you can show compelling academic reasons to study abroad, and meet a variety of other conditions. You will need to consult with an OCS staff member to determine if you are eligible to petition. Students with a GPA below 2.5 after Jan Plan will generally not be considered eligible to petition. Please note that a GPA of 2.7 does not guarantee your admission to any program; most programs have GPA requirements higher than 2.7.

- **Probation**: You must be in good academic and social standing to be approved for off-campus study at Colby. This means that you may not be on academic probation. *If you are on disciplinary probation please discuss this with OCS.*

  Please be aware that most off-campus study programs require a “home school nomination” or “study abroad advisor approval” form as part of their application on which they ask about any disciplinary or academic probation in the student’s history, among other things. You are required to bring this form to OCS and we will complete it truthfully. You or your Advising Dean may be asked to provide additional information. In most cases, any past infractions or probation do not impede admission to the program as long as you show a good record since and the College approves your application.

- **Junior Standing**: With the exception of Colby’s language-acquisition programs in Salamanca and Dijon, which are open to sophomores, you must have junior standing when you study abroad. If you wish to study off-campus during your sophomore or senior year, you must contact the office of Off-Campus Study. Colby requires seniors to spend their last semester on the Waterville campus.

- **Language Requirement For Study Abroad:**

  a) **Language preparation Before**: Colby believes that foreign languages are the key to understanding foreign cultures and that the most rewarding experience abroad includes living in and speaking a language other than English. To study abroad in regions where the spoken language is taught at Colby, students are expected to **have completed the equivalent of three semesters (through 127) of the given language** (Spanish, German, French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Russian) **prior** to study abroad. (For study in Portuguese-speaking countries (Portugal or Brazil), Colby requires the equivalent of 3 semesters of college level study of Spanish or another romance language).

  Exceptions to this rule are the Colby in Salamanca and Colby in Dijon language semesters, which accept students who have had only one semester of language at the college level or three years at the high school level. Certain majors are also granted modifications/exemptions as listed in the department’s policies section of the handbook. For some departmentally-recommended programs, other standards may apply; see the statement of your major department in section II of this handbook. If there is no statement about language in your department’s section, you should expect to complete the three semesters before going abroad.

  **NOTE**: Exemption/modification for study in Italy: Due to the difficulty Colby students have in enrolling in beginning Italian courses, and meeting the prerequisite of three semesters of Italian in order to study in Italy, Off-Campus Study will accept requests for modifications/exemptions to the language policy for programs in Italy. In order to do this, you will be required to meet with OCS and submit a petition by February 20. This change in practice is not a guarantee that an exception will be granted.

  Students are urged not to put off their language requirement beyond their sophomore year. Last-minute attempts to fulfill the requirement through a semester of study abroad almost always run into roadblocks such insufficient GPA, senior residency requirement or major requirements.

  b) **Language study while abroad**: Students studying on programs in countries where the host language is not English are **required to study the local language for the duration of the program**. This includes both languages taught at Colby College and languages that are not included in the Colby curriculum. Yes, that does include Danish or Czech! In some programs such as DIS (Denmark), the Danish language course is taken in addition to 4 other courses for a total of 5 courses.
In some programs in countries/regions where the language is taught at Colby some or all of your classes may be taught in that language. In other programs, you may have a choice of a mix of classes in English and the local language. You are encouraged to take as many classes in the local language as possible in order to maximize your language practice. You should also be aware of your major department’s requirements.

For study in Israel, Colby requires all students studying at a university in Israel to enroll in Ulpan and in an appropriate Hebrew language course during the semester which follows. (Most Israeli universities require Ulpan and it allows the semester to be long enough to meet Colby’s requirement for credit). Colby will normally award 2 credits for Ulpan and no more than 6 credits total for the study of Hebrew during Ulpan and the semester.

c) Language modification:
Students who have received special accommodation for language study at Colby College should speak directly with the Office of Off-Campus Study so we may assist you in choosing a suitable program. If you feel you cannot handle the study of a foreign language, you should consider going to an English speaking country.

Aside from a language modification or certain departmental exceptions, there will be no exceptions to Colby’s language policy.

• Grades:
  a) On a Colby program: Grades received and courses taken abroad on a Colby program (Colby in Salamanca, Dijon, St Petersburg, or Bigelow Laboratory) will appear on your transcript and will count in your Colby GPA. This includes passing and non-passing grades. You may elect to take a course satisfactory/unsatisfactory prior to a specific deadline, which will be announced once you arrive on-site. Resident directors of Colby programs submit the grades for students in their program directly to the registrar at Colby.

  b) On a Non-Colby program: Grades earned and courses taken abroad on a Non-Colby program are posted on your transcript by the registrar but do not figure in your Colby GPA. These grades do appear on your Colby transcript, and it is quite legitimate for you to count them when you are asked to compute your own GPA for the purpose of employment or graduate school. The policy to grant credit, but not factor grades into the GPA for non-Colby programs stems from the inherent impossibility of controlling the curricula of all the programs that we approve for credit transfer. On a Colby program, we exercise control over the curriculum, the faculty and staff, the content of the courses, and the grading practices. The policy to factor grades earned on one’s own program into the GPA, but not those of other institutions and providers, is quite standard at institutions like Colby.

Note: You WILL NOT receive credit for any course in which a grade of less than C- was received, and the grade WILL APPEAR on your Colby transcript.

• Pass/Fail: You MAY NOT take a course on a pass/fail basis unless this is the only grading option available for that particular course.

• Minimum Grade Grades below a C- will not receive any credit but will appear on your Colby transcript.

• Audit: No credit will be given for audited courses.

• Repeat: You will not receive credit for a class you have already taken at Colby

• No credit will be given for physical education

• Credit for internship: International or domestic internship programs are encouraged, but to receive academic credit the internship must be non-paid, include considerable academic work, and not exceed 4 credit hours. It should be part of a credited study abroad program. Typically, an internship is one of four 4-credit courses. Please consult with OCS to ensure that your internship will receive credit.

• Credit for courses in subjects not taught at Colby: In the case of disciplines such as agriculture, archeology, architecture, business, engineering, law, or veterinary studies, please ask OCS for advice on approving these courses in advance.

• You will receive credit for only those courses for which you receive a grade on your transcript (including internships, independent study, and research).

• Academic rigor: Please be aware that Colby may not approve full credit for certain courses taken abroad that do not meet Colby’s standards of academic rigor, even when these courses are marketed to you during your program orientation. For
example, courses about sports or certain service-learning courses often do not qualify for full credit. When in doubt, please consult with OCS by email and include a full course syllabus to allow us to evaluate the course content.

- **Credit Transfer From An Approved Off-Campus Program:** You may transfer a maximum of 20 credits for a semester and 32 for a full year back to Colby.
  - On a Colby program abroad you will normally receive, upon successful completion of the course of study, 16 Colby credits per semester.
  - On a Non-Colby off-campus program, you will normally receive 15-16 credits per semester for successfully completing the entire program. You may be granted more than 16 credits for work that exceeds the normal course load of the program, upon petition to the Registrar. Students attending programs not sponsored by US institutions should be sure that credit transfer has been approved by the Off-Campus Study Office.
  - Credit for courses in subjects not taught at Colby: No credit will be given for physical education. In the case of disciplines such as agriculture, archeology, architecture, business, engineering, law, or veterinary studies for example, you may be asked to seek approval from the most related department at Colby. Please ask OCS for advice on approving these courses in advance.

- **Course Load Required:** You are required to register and complete a full course-load which must be at least the equivalent of 15-16 Colby credits for the semester (you may transfer a maximum of 20 credits for a semester and 32 for a full year back to Colby). In some cases, the course load required by Colby may be higher than that recommended by your program provider. Information on credit equivalencies and minimum/maximum course loads is available from the program or university you are attending or from the OCS course load requirements table on the OCS website.

Remember that if you are studying in a non-English speaking country, you must take at least one class in the local language. Refer to the [Course Load Requirements document](on OCS Website)

- **Course Selection:** Course selection should generally be made on consultation with your Colby academic advisor prior to departure. You will be asked to list your course selections on your Colby and program applications. In many cases, however, these may change upon arrival in country. You should always notify OCS (offcamp@colby.edu) of any curricular changes. If you have not taken the courses you listed on your application, and have not obtained permission to change your courses, you may not receive complete credit for your semester or year abroad. You should advise the Off-Campus Study Office of changes at the beginning of your off-campus program in order to resolve any issues that may prevent transfer of credit. If there are discrepancies, your off-campus credits may not appear on your transcript when you return, delaying your ability to use them in applications for graduate school or other purposes.

Please be aware that Colby may not approve full credit for certain courses taken abroad that do not meet Colby’s standards of academic rigor, even when these courses are marketed to you during your program orientation. For example, Sports & Learning in Australian Culture at the University of Sydney may only receive 2 credits. When in doubt, please consult with OCS by email and include a full course syllabus to allow us to determine the course content.

Please note that not all of the courses on an approved program will automatically be approved individually and for all students.

**Course Approval Policies and Procedures:** All courses taken abroad must be pre-approved to guarantee transfer credit.

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Refer to the [Course Approval Contacts and Instructions](in Department Recommendations and Policies & on OCS Website)

*Transmit all course information + approvals to the OCS office either by delivering the form to Eustis 103 or forwarding an email to offcamp@colby.edu.*
• **Attendance and exam requirements**: You are expected to attend classes regularly and to comply with all the requirements of your program. If you are studying at a foreign university or institution, you are required to take the regular final examinations for all courses in which you are enrolled, or to have an alternative assessment of your work if you are not allowed to take the final examinations. Otherwise, you will receive no Colby credit for the course. If you leave your program early or for extended periods of travel while classes are in session, the amount of credit you receive will be reduced. In extreme cases, you will receive no Colby credit for your period abroad.

For example, at the London School of Economics students must take exams in all courses and half-courses in which the student is enrolled. At other UK universities, degree exams must be taken except in the following situations:
- When graduating students do not sit an exam.
- When a student’s work is of high enough quality during the term to be excused from the exam using the same standards applied to the UK students receiving exemption.
- When a student joins a year-long course part way through the course. This situation would apply most frequently to spring semester students.
- When the degree exam covers materials not covered by the class taken by the student.

**NOTE**: Please take these exam policies into account as you plan your stay abroad. Students attending approved fall semester programs which continue into January should expect to stay into January to complete their courses and exams, unless there is an early start program in September.

• **Learning Differences**: Many OCS programs and foreign universities can usually accommodate learning differences to the extent that local regulations allow and within the constraints of the host culture. You may need to bring documentation with you from your file in Colby’s Dean of Students Office. Please check with your program director or the OCS office as soon as possible if you have further questions, and in order for us to look into available resources and accommodations where you are going.

• **Jan Plan Credit**: Jan Plan credit (not academic credit) for that year will be awarded in the case of:
  a) students who study off campus for a full academic year in 1 or 2 sites;
  b) a fall program which is in session through most of January;
  c) a spring program which is in session for most of January and whose total duration is at least eighteen weeks. Holidays and vacation periods are deducted from the 18 weeks.

Some programs/universities which are **in session for most of January (fall or spring) and whose total duration is at least eighteen weeks** qualify for exemption (i.e., where student will receive Jan Plan credit (not academic credit) after completion of the semester. Holidays and vacation periods are deducted from the 18 weeks. Programs that qualify for exemption include:

**Fall**: Hamilton in Paris (if Fall only), Wellesley in Aix, American University in Beirut. Some other programs in Spain and France which finish in January may also qualify; the student must provide the program's academic calendar.

**Spring**: Arcadia in Granada, Colby in Salamanca (integrated and language programs), Columbia-Penn in Paris, EDUCO, King’s College, Pitier in Ecuador, Queen Mary- Univ of London, Royal Holloway, SOAS, University College London, University of Bristol, University of Cambridge, University of East Anglia, University of Edinburgh, University of Oxford, University of Sussex, University of the Arts- London, University of York, Washington University in Chile, Wellesley in Aix, VWW in Regensburg.

The exemption will be reflected on the Colby record at the completion of the program.

**Note**: If you believe that your program qualifies for Jan Plan exemption and is not listed here, submit a program calendar to the OCS Office for review.

If you will be abroad during Jan Plan, select “no Jan Plan” when registering for Jan Plan.

• **International Internship Programs** (as part of an OCS program): International internship programs are encouraged, but must **meet OCS requirements and conform to OCS and Colby policies**. In addition to general policies, internship programs must include a non-paid internship with considerable academic work done in tandem and not to exceed 4 credit hours in order to receive Colby credit. The internship should be done as part of a study abroad program that is predominantly credited in terms of the courses taken. Typical models consist of 16 credits with the internship counting for 4 credits and three other courses counting for 4 credits each). Please consult with OCS if you are interested in choosing an internship program to assure that it will meet these requirements and that you will receive credit.

For full-time international internships, not for credit, see the Career Center.
• **Learning Differences:** Many OCS programs and foreign universities can usually accommodate learning differences to the extent that local regulations allow and within the constraints of the host culture. You may need to bring documentation with you from your file in Colby’s Dean of Students Office. Please check with your program director or the OCS office as soon as possible if you have further questions, and in order for us to look into available resources and accommodations where you are going.
APPLICATION PROCESS

Deadlines:

By November 15, 2015: Submit Preliminary Proposal for Approval to Study Off-Campus (online) to indicate your intention to study off-campus either in the fall semester 2016 or the spring semester 2017 or for the full year 2016-17. Since your advisor(s) must approve your initial plans, we strongly suggest that you submit your preliminary application to your advisor(s) no later than November 10.

By February 20, 2016: Submit (online) Application for Colby Approval (including your petition, if applicable) to Study Off-Campus on a Colby Off-Campus program or a non-Colby program, regardless of whether you plan to study abroad in the fall/full year or spring. Maximum 1-3 applications. NOTE: A Petition of ANY kind requires a prior meeting with an OCS staff member by appointment - call (207) 859-4500

Deadlines vary – Early application recommended! Application to your OCS program/university. This is in addition to your Application for Colby Approval. (except for a Colby program i.e., Salamanca, Dijon, St. Petersburg, or Bigelow).

The deadlines of universities and programs can be misleading since most accept students on a “rolling basis.” This means that it is best to apply early since popular programs may fill up before their deadlines.

If you do not respect these deadlines, it is likely that your off-campus study plans will not be approved and you will not be able to get credit for them.

PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL FOR APPROVAL – Due by November 15

This is an online application form by which students indicate their intention to consider off-campus study in the following academic year. It must be specific to a semester and must be approved by the academic advisor(s).

- **One Semester Limit:** As long as you are eligible, Colby guarantees that you will be able to study off-campus for one semester. With only a few exceptions, you are limited to one semester of off-campus study and we cannot always guarantee which one due to the need to balance enrollment over the two semesters. If you plan to study abroad for one semester, we encourage you to consider the fall semester. Many study abroad programs have fewer students in the fall. Fewer students means less competition. Another thing to consider is that going abroad in the fall means you can be back on campus in the spring which is the prime season to interview for summer internships.

- **Semester Choice & Justification:** When you submit your preliminary application for study abroad in November, you will be asked to specify your choice of semester for off-campus study and to **justify that choice on specific academic grounds.** Semester choice is **NOT guaranteed.** Due to the College’s need to balance enrollment across the fall and spring semesters, students may not be able to study off campus in the semester of their choice. By vote of the faculty, academic reasons for needing to study away during a specific semester take precedence over extracurricular and athletic participation.

Thus, you should make your choice of semester carefully in consultation with your major advisor(s), and remain open to options in both fall and spring. Academic reasons for choosing a particular semester may include: a program that is particularly appropriate for you and only runs in a particular semester; courses for your major that you must take on campus in a particular semester (you must specify them); an off-campus program focus that is different in different semesters; specific courses toward your major that you intend to take off-campus; language preparation for a particular program that would require an extra semester at Colby prior to departure. Your application must be specific about courses and programs if you cite any of these reasons. Your overall reasons for going off-campus and the appropriateness of the program to your academic goals are also part of the decision.

Keep in mind that some programs are not in session or approved by Colby for both semesters. For example, as the fall term in the UK university system is not long enough to qualify as a semester of credit at Colby, attendance at many universities in England for the fall term only is generally not allowed. Exceptions are programs with “Early Start” terms in September (University College Cork, Trinity College,) or institutions on the semester system, where you must then stay through January to complete exams. Some programs in England run by U.S providers may also be options because they run on a U.S. calendar.

You will be notified by the OCS office in late December if your choice of semester is approved.

- **Waitlist:** At a small college such as Colby, the process of preserving the balance of students on campus throughout the year is a challenging one. Such imbalances affect all aspects of the college from housing, to faculty, staffing and finances and they create inefficiencies and waste resources. Colby has been very careful to balance these concerns and this is certainly
part of Colby’s careful financial strategies. In such situations, OCS looks carefully at students’ plans and academic justifications for their choice of semester to study abroad, weighing them compared to those of other students.

An enrollment imbalance on campus is created when too many students choose to go abroad during one of the semesters (usually spring) and some students, whose academic justification is not compelling enough, are not approved for their first choice but are approved to study off-campus in the alternate semester (usually fall). These students are then asked if they accept to go in fall or wish to be placed on a waitlist for a spring slot. They will remain approved for the fall until a spring slot is opened and they are removed from the waitlist. In most cases in past years, the wait list usually clears in time for students to go off-campus on the program and semester of their choice but we cannot guarantee this.

- **Full Year Off-Campus:** While language and area studies majors (studying in the target language both semesters), participants on the Dartmouth engineering exchange, and students who enroll in the fall Colby at Bigelow program are automatically granted a full year abroad, **all others must petition the Advisory Committee on Off-Campus Study** by February 20. When you request to study off-campus for a full year that is considered above and beyond the norm and there are a limited number of slots available for full year off-campus study. We do the best we can to accommodate student wishes. You must show compelling academic reasons to be allowed to study away for more than a semester, and you must have the solid support of your major advisor/s. You will be contacted by OCS for an appointment if you indicate on your preliminary form that you hope to study abroad for two semesters.

Language studies majors are encouraged to study in the target area for a full year to maximize their language fluency.

For the Dartmouth program, the policy will be that **if you apply to Dartmouth, you will be placed on leave for the fall and spring of your junior year regardless of whatever sequence Dartmouth offers and you will not be permitted to return to Colby for the fall.**

Students who are abroad for a full year, are exempt from Jan Plan for that year (and may not return to Colby for Jan Plan that year).

- **Changing Semester Choice:** After the November 15 application deadline you find that you would like to change your semester of OCS, you will be allowed to do so on a **space-available basis** only, and in consultation with OCS. You must **make a formal request in writing** to switch semesters or be placed on the waiting list for the semester of your choice. You **may NOT** simply submit an application on February 20 with a different semester indicated. Once you have requested a switch you will not be allowed to switch again.

- **Extension of stay while off-campus:** It will not be possible to extend your stay once you are already abroad as a junior; the request for more than one semester off-campus must be made as part of the sophomore-year application process.
This is an online application form by which students indicate one (or more) programs/universities off-campus to which they will consider applying. Each application form must be specific to a program/university, a semester and must be approved by the academic advisor(s).

- This is an online application process by which you gain Colby approval for your specific off-campus study plans.
- Each application is specific to an off-campus program or university and
- There are two different application forms depending on whether you are applying to a Colby-run programs of a non-Colby programs.
- For Colby programs (Colby in Salamanca, Dijon, St Petersburg, or Bigelow Laboratory), this form serves both as permission to study off-campus and application to the program
- For non-Colby programs the form serves only as Colby Approval for your off-campus study plans. (You must also apply directly to the program or university itself).
- You must complete and submit one application form for each program/university for which you are seeking approval.
- You may submit a maximum of 2-3 Colby Applications for Approval.
- You must only petition one time and the petition process is included within each application form (a meeting with OCS is required)
- You must fill out the form, answering all the questions, and make sure that you gather the appropriate approvals

You must:

- Meet with your Advisor(S) and Departmental OCS Liaison(S) to discuss your plans PRIOR to beginning your online application as their approval of your application is required.
- Meet with Off-Campus Study if you intend to petition for either a non-approved program, a full year abroad, a waiver of the GPA minimum, or study in a country under U.S. DOS Travel Warning.
- Meet with the appropriate faculty member (Department Chair, Advisor, or Liaison) to request approval for an off-campus course to count towards your major/minor/distribution requirement. You should bring or email the professor a course description or syllabus for the course.
- Please also discuss your plans with your parents or others involved in your decision-making.

PETITIONS

A petition to the Advisory Committee on Off-Campus Study is required in the following circumstances:

- If your GPA is below 2.7 after Jan Plan.
- If you wish to study off campus for more than one semester (unless you are exempt from petitioning according to the policies outlined in the OCS handbook). This includes off-campus study in one location for a year or in two different locations for a semester each ("Y2").
- If you wish to participate in a program, either abroad or domestic, that is not on Colby’s current "approved list" (Listed as “A” in the Program list). Please see the criteria for acceptable non-approved programs.
- If you wish to request a modification of Colby's language policy for study in Italy.
- If you wish to study in a country currently under U.S. State Department Travel Warning.

You will usually be contacted by OCS during December-February for a mandatory appointment if you indicate an intention to petition for one of the criteria above and you will be given specific petition guidelines at that time.

All petitions require:

1. A meeting with a staff member from Off-Campus Study, well before the February 20 deadline, to discuss your petition and review the guidelines. Petitions will usually include a statement of petition by the student, a faculty recommendation, and a completed application form for the intended program.
2. An online Colby Application for Approval for a specific program
3. A statement of petition from the student within the online form addressing all issues/questions listed in the petition guidelines.
4. A statement of support for the petition from the student’s academic advisor within the comment section of the student’s online application form or in an email to OCS.

Students can only petition the OCS Advisory Committee one time and all materials must be submitted by February 20. All petitions will be approved at the discretion of the Off-Campus Study Advisory Committee and within the space constraints of the enrollment goals of the College.
APPLICATION(S) TO YOUR CHOSEN OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAM / UNIVERSITY - Deadlines vary

In addition to the Colby application for approval, you are responsible for the application form appropriate for admission to your intended program. (Except if you are applying to a Colby-run Off-Campus program such as Colby in Salamanca, Dijon, St Petersburg or Bigelow.) Application forms for most approved programs are available on-line at the program Web site. Students alone are responsible for applying to the program approved by the OCS office within the provider’s stated deadlines. Some providers have deadlines that are earlier than the Colby deadline and most have rolling admissions so we recommend applying early. Please read your program provider’s information carefully. Incomplete and late applications are usually not considered by most providers.

Usually requires:

• Essay
• Letters of recommendation
• Signature from your Study Abroad advisor/Home School Nomination approval (OCS Office)
• Transcript
• Application Fee
• And more

In most cases, there is usually no need to apply to multiple programs or universities. As long as a student meets the eligibility guidelines for a program (GPA, Language, prerequisites) and applies in time (Early application is recommend!) he/she will usually be admitted to the program. Invest the time to carefully choose the program you want and don’t make extra work for yourself/others by submitting multiple applications.

Upon admission to your program, you will usually be given a deadline for accepting the offer and making a deposit.

• Application Deadlines: Program & university deadlines vary: Deadlines can be misleading since most accept students on a “rolling basis.” This means that it is best to apply early since popular programs may fill up before their deadlines, especially small or popular programs such as SIT, SFS, DIS among others. Incomplete and late applications are not usually considered by most providers.

• Application Forms: Application forms for most approved programs are available on-line at the program’s web site. Students alone are responsible for applying to the program approved by the OCS office within the provider’s stated deadlines.

• Faculty Letters Of Recommendations: One or more letters of recommendation are usually required. There may be a specific form or not. Please give faculty members at least 2 weeks to write your letter. Give them the form or information on who to address the letter to. We recommend having the letter returned to you in a sealed envelope and enclose with your other application materials or you may have it sent directly to the program/university.

• Home School Nomination / Study Abroad Advisor Approval Form: Most off-campus study programs require a “home school nomination” or “study abroad advisor approval” form as part of their application on which they ask about any disciplinary or academic probation in the student’s history, among other things. You are required to send or bring this form to OCS and we will complete it truthfully. Keep in mind that our office cannot sign this form for you until you have submitted a completed Colby application for approval. Drop off in Eustis 103, mail, fax, or email form to Juliette Monet.

• Application Fee (if applicable)

• Colby Transcript: An official Colby transcript is usually required. It is your responsibility to request it from the Colby Registrar’s website. You may have it returned to you or sent to the program/university’s address.

• OCS Transcript: Your OCS transcript should be sent to the address below at the completion of your program.

Colby College
Office of Off-Campus Study
4500 Mayflower Hill
Waterville, ME 04901
FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

• Program Costs And Billing:

  a) If studying on a Colby OCS program (Colby in Salamanca, Dijon, St Petersburg or Bigelow Laboratory, and selected affiliated exchange programs ONLY):
  Students on Colby-run programs are billed by Colby in the same way as a semester or year on-campu. This covers tuition, room, board, round-trip transportation and a number of organized excursions. Personal travel and expenses are not included. A $500 non-refundable deposit is generally due after acceptance into the program and Colby's refund policies will apply. Please keep in mind that if a student decides not to go on a program excursion, there will be no refund of money either to student or to parents. Please also note that programs have specific policies with regard to possible changes of return dates on the group flight.

  In some cases, when students are cooking for themselves or living in apartments, they will receive a per diem amount from the resident director of the program. On some programs, students eat some of their meals with a host family, and receive a stipend to cover the rest. For programs with fixed end dates, the stipend or per diem lasts until the fixed date. For others in which students have different exam dates, the resident director will set an end date, generally two days after the student's final exam, after which the stipend will be discontinued. While some students may choose to stay in the country at their own expense beyond the end of program date, Colby College cannot be responsible for those who choose to extend their visit.

  b) If studying on a Non-Colby program (all other programs):
  When a Colby student attends a non-Colby program for a semester/year, program/university fees (not Colby tuition) will be paid by the student and directly to the program. Off-campus study program fees vary a lot so please refer to the specific program provider or university.

  All students studying on non-Colby programs will also be billed by Colby for a $1,000 off-campus study fee for each semester they are away (excluding certain Colby affiliated programs). The charge will be billed to your home address by Colby's Office of Financial Services. For students on financial aid, this charge is built into the aid package. Please refer to the Student Financial Services website for more information.

  If you are on a non-Colby program, keep in mind that the program will not release your transcript to Colby if you have not paid them in full by the time your program is complete.

• Payment:

  a) If studying on a Colby OCS program (Colby in Salamanca, Dijon, St Petersburg or Bigelow Laboratory, and selected affiliated exchange programs ONLY): The fee is paid to Colby in the same way as when you are studying on campus.

  b) If studying on a Non-Colby program (all other programs):

  1. The fee charged by the OCS program/university is paid by the student/family directly to the program/university you are attending.
  2. There is a $1,000 off-campus study fee paid by the student/family to Colby for each semester of off-campus study.

  * Please refer to the important financial aid policies on the SFS webpage and FAQ relating to off-campus study concerning what is included, what is required, the timeline and delay.

• Financial Aid: Financial aid is portable to both Colby and non-Colby programs as long as your plans (and your petition) have been approved by the Off-Campus Study office.

  IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE:
  • A student’s financial aid is based on the actual cost of the program (not Colby tuition) up to a maximum of Colby's student expense budget. If the program away costs less than Colby, financial aid will be reduced accordingly. For higher-cost programs, the budget will be capped at Colby’s for the purpose of determining grant eligibility.
  • You must file a Study Away Budget Statement and Agreement with the Student Financial Services office in order for your aid to be calculated.
  • The $1,000 Off-Campus Study Fee charged by Colby for each semester away is considered part of the budget when determining aid eligibility and is built into the aid package.
  • Financial aid is disbursed to the student/parent/guardian account (not directly to the program) and it is the student’s/parent’s/guardian’s responsibility to assure that program/university fees are paid.
• According to federal regulations, Colby cannot disburse aid funds until within 10 days of Colby’s first day of classes each semester. Aid funds will be released only if the necessary paperwork and electronic processing have been completed.

• SFS can provide a Financial Aid Information Sheet listing the anticipated aid and disbursement dates and most OCS programs/universities are willing to wait for the portion of the payment covered by financial aid.

• This information may also be needed for your visa application.

• More important information is available on the Student Financial Services website and contact SFS for questions: 207-859-4132, sfs@colby.edu.

Other important considerations:
• Plan for vacation expenses. Financial aid is only available to help with direct educational costs incurred while classes are in session.

• Student Financial Services must be notified of any aid from non-Colby sources, including the study-away program.

• Term-time earnings are considered part of the student contribution and will not be replaced with Colby Grant.

• Students withdrawing during the semester, or dropping below full-time status, must notify Colby immediately. They may be responsible for the refund of College and/or federal funds in accordance with College policy and federal refund regulations. Please remember that, in general, no student may receive more than eight semesters of aid from Colby.

• Application fees, incidental expenses for passports, visas, immunizations, gym/club memberships, etc., are not covered by financial aid.

• Colby allows up to $800 Personal and Books for each approved semester of study away.

If your parents or anyone else is involved in paying for your educational costs, we strongly encourage you to share this information with them.

• Scholarships: There are many different scholarships for study abroad with their own guidelines and application deadlines. Please be aware that, if you receive financial aid at Colby, you must disclose any other scholarship you receive and that your Colby aid may be reduced accordingly. Refer to the list of scholarships on the OCS website or check with your chosen program for any scholarships which may be available. Many scholarship deadlines are much earlier than the program application deadlines. See scholarships [http://www.colby.edu/academics_cs/ocs/students/scholarship.cfm](http://www.colby.edu/academics_cs/ocs/students/scholarship.cfm)

See more financial information, payment, fundraising, and saving tips, and scholarships on the OCS website.

• Program Refund Policy:

   a) For Colby Programs: Pro rata refunds of the basic charges will be made for students who either withdraw voluntarily or upon advice from the College physician during the enrollment period. The enrollment period is either the fall or spring semester. (Refunds of basic charges are not granted to full-time students withdrawing during the January Program.) A similar refund policy is in effect for Colby off-campus programs; however, as starting and ending dates vary, the specific dates are determined by individual programs as they correspond to the relevant percentages of the semester’s duration.

   In addition to any applicable Colby refund, the College offers an optional tuition refund insurance designed to reduce the financial loss caused by a medical withdrawal. This is handled through DEWAR, and brochures are mailed in June to the student’s home address. For more information, please contact DEWAR at 617-774-1555 or go to [www.collegerefund.com](http://www.collegerefund.com).

   No refund will be made until the withdrawal/leave process established by the dean of students is completed. Federal regulations determine the amount and the order in which federal loans and scholarships are to be refunded.

   b) For Non-Colby Programs: For non-Colby programs please refer to the policies of the program you are attending. Be aware that some programs have very severe refund policies. Be aware of the refund policy of your program before you send any money for a deposit or payment.
Part III
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS AND PRE-DEPARTURE PLANNING

SAFETY, HEALTH & SPECIAL NEEDS

- **Security And Study Abroad:** Colby and all study abroad program providers take security very seriously, particularly given international developments over the past few years. While there is no reason to assume that going abroad will compromise your safety, you must be sure to follow safety guidelines provided by your program at all times. You must also take personal responsibility for informing yourself of risks in locations in which you might study or travel; a good source of basic information is the US Department of State Web site (http://travel.state.gov).

- **Travel Warning (U.S. State Department):** Colby College discourages travel to countries and participation in a program in a country for which there is a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect at the time of departure. Students wishing to travel to a country currently under U.S. State Department Travel Warning are required to submit a petition to the Travel Warning Review Committee providing a complete description of and justification for their study/travel at a Travel Warning site. If approved, the student and his/her parents will then be required to sign a second waiver as part of the application for approval process.

In the event that a country goes under U.S. State Department Travel Warning after a student has been approved, the student will be required to submit a petition, and sign a second waiver, in order to proceed as planned.

Students on programs already in session when the Travel Warning is issued will not be required to return, but will be advised of the Travel Warning by the OCS office.

Countries such as Kenya, Mexico, Lebanon and Israel are currently on this list. For a listing of countries currently under Travel Warning consult the U.S. State Department website: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html.

- **Health Insurance:** Most study abroad programs require students to have health insurance abroad and show proof of such coverage. Students attending both Colby and non-Colby programs abroad should review their major medical insurance policy with their parents and confirm that it will provide coverage while abroad. Students on Colby programs will be required to show proof of their insurance policy by submitting a letter from their insurance carrier stating that they are covered abroad. Whether you are attending a Colby or non-Colby program, if you and your parents have determined that your insurance coverage will not extend to the overseas program site and there is no possibility of purchasing a rider to extend coverage, you can consider purchasing a policy with Cross Insurance by contacting 1-800-537-6444 ext. 211 or www.crossagency.com. Be sure to specify that you are a Colby student.

- **Supplemental Emergency Travel Insurance:** Colby College does not provide for any travel insurance for students studying abroad. Students attending Colby programs in Dijon, Salamanca, and St. Petersburg, however, are required to purchase the iNext Basic card. For all others the College highly recommends that, in addition to your primary insurance, all students studying and travelling abroad purchase supplementary travel insurance through iNext.

This supplementary insurance offers benefits such as accident and sickness expenses, emergency medical transportation, repatriation, 24-hour medical, legal and travel assistance, travel document replacement, and student discounts. It is important to understand that, as with any travel insurance policy, this coverage is secondary to your primary medical coverage and certain exclusions may apply. If you have any questions about the iNext travel insurance coverage or how to purchase a card online, please feel free to contact (207) 553-4039 or info@inext.com.

You can purchase an iNext policy on-line at www.inext.com. Simply create an account online and follow the prompts to select your level of coverage, complete your profile, upload a digital photograph, and make your purchase. Your card will be sent to you the following business day. You will also be able to print a confirmation of insurance directly from the iNext website.

- **Your Health:** Study abroad can be physically and mentally challenging and the range of services may vary significantly from location to location and from what you are accustomed here on campus. For your safety and well-being, it is vital that you take these concerns into account and discuss any physical or psychological difficulties or special needs with your doctor or counselor, a potential program and/or the OCS office.

If you have an ongoing medical condition and take a prescription medication on a regular basis, it is very important that you discuss your plans with your doctor. You should plan to bring with you a supply for the entire semester and bring a written Doctor’s RX indicating the generic name for the medication. You should also make a note of any allergies you may have to certain medicines and remember to mention them also to your program or any attending doctor.
Many study abroad programs require a medical/physical exam before departure (not all programs do require this). Even if this is not required, consider having one anyway and bring your vaccinations up to date. Get a dental and vision check-up as well. You may also be required to have certain vaccinations or prophylaxis depending on the country to which you are traveling. Be aware that many of these inoculations must be obtained several weeks prior to departure. Discuss this with the doctor during your visit.

You can do this at Colby’s Garrison-Foster Health Center or your home physician. Call 207/859-4460 x 1 or stop by the Health Center to schedule an appointment. Don’t forget to bring any program forms or other records to the meeting!

If you have any dietary restrictions, allergies or are a vegetarian or vegan, it is important that you inform your program and consider what type of living arrangement will be best for you.

• **Mental Health:** The opportunity to study abroad is accompanied by many important considerations, including your mental health. Regardless of whether or not you have a history of mental health concerns, you should take the following information into consideration in your decisions around where to study, which programs to pursue, or even if studying abroad is a good fit for you.

Studying abroad, like any growth promoting educational experience, by its very nature is intellectually and emotionally challenging. While we encourage students to pursue such challenges, we also encourage students to be thoughtful around which opportunities they pursue and to be aware of the challenges they may encounter. It is important to recognize that adjusting to living and studying in a different culture is inherently stressful in the best of conditions. The degrees of cultural and linguistic differences and one’s comfort level and ability to adapt to those differences are important factors to keep in mind. Other factors such as living arrangements, program structure, peer support and social environment, and the program’s academic rigor are also important to consider in terms of anticipated levels of stress.

For some, the stress of this adjustment may exacerbate already existing emotional struggles like depression, anxiety, or eating and body image concerns, or may be a trigger for the onset of emotional concerns. It is not unusual for a student to encounter some level of struggle emotionally while studying abroad and for a subset of those students to consider seeking out supportive counseling.

Not all countries and study abroad programs are created equal in terms of the mental health support services available to students. We encourage students to research what, if any, mental health support services are available through the programs of interest to them and to inquire about how those resources can be accessed, as well as their associated costs. This information is particularly important for students who are in ongoing counseling during this exploratory process, or who anticipate pursuing counseling while abroad. For students taking medication(s) for their concerns, it is important for those students to talk with their prescribing professional about their interest in studying abroad and how they can maintain their prescribed regimen. The need for supportive counseling and/or the use of medication are very rarely barriers to studying abroad, but rather are issues that can be successfully managed with the proper research and planning.

Consult with Colby’s Office of Off-Campus Study and/or Colby Counseling Services for further information and support as you navigate this process. You can contact Counseling Services by sending an email to counseling@colby.edu, or you may schedule an appointment online by going to myColby and clicking on the Counseling tab.

• **Special Needs:** Many OCS programs and foreign universities can usually accommodate learning differences to the extent that local regulations allow and within the constraints of the host culture. You may need to bring documentation with you from your file in Colby’s Dean of Students Office. Please check with your program director or the OCS office as soon as possible if you have further questions, and in order for us to look into available resources and accommodations where you are going.

• If you have any other learning or physical disability or any other concern that could affect your participation, we would be pleased to help you identify program options that can provide you with the support you need.
PRE-DEPARTURE PLANNING

• **Passports:** It is your responsibility to obtain your passport and student visa for all study abroad programs. You should have a passport, **valid for at least six months past your expected return date from your time abroad.** You will not be able to apply for your visa until you have your passport in hand.

If you don’t yet have a passport, apply as soon as possible. Check the U.S. Passport Service office (http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html) to learn where and how to apply, download forms, check applications status and more. In any case, you should apply for your passport months in advance of your date of departure.

• **Visas:** Most countries require students to obtain a student visa **in advance** in order to enter and study in their country. You cannot apply for a visa until you have a passport (valid until at least six months after your return) and have been accepted to your program or host university. So you must first apply for a passport if you do not have one.

Visa requirements vary from country to country and are different depending on the student’s country of origin.

Visas are obtained from the consulate of the country in which you will be studying. Some countries do not require student visas; others do. The requirements may also depend on which citizenship you hold. Make sure you have obtained the correct information and materials from the sponsors of your program.

If you are studying on a Colby program, you will be given detailed information on the application process. If you are studying with a non-Colby program or foreign university, questions regarding visas should be addressed to the appropriate consulate or program or university with which you will be studying.

**A word of advice:** DO NOT wait until the last minute to apply for your student visa! As with passports, this can take many weeks to process, and if you do not have a valid student visa (and passport), you could miss your flight and/or program.

More information is available on the OCS website under Pre-Departure Planning.

• **Getting Passport Photos In Waterville:** You will need several photos for a passport and most visas. They must be recent, in the “passport format” and cannot be scanned. You can have passport size photos taken in Waterville at CVS Pharmacy, Rite Aid Pharmacy, Elm City photo or Wal-Mart.

• **Notarizing Documents:** If you require notarized documents for your visa, you may take them to any notary public. The notary on campus is Alan LaPan in the student mailroom on campus.

• **Physical Exam:** Your program/university may require a medical/physician exam as part of your program application (not all programs do require this), usually after acceptance into the program. This may be done at the **Colby Health Center or at your local doctor at home.** You will need to bring the forms required by your program so that the physician may sign them.

Some countries or universities may require proof of health status or certain vaccinations or prophylaxis in order to get a visa or enter the country. Discuss this with the doctor during your visit.

• **Career Development:** While study abroad may seem like a break from your “real” life, it can be a valuable part of your career exploration and development. Whether or not you hope to work abroad in the future, being able to articulate your international competencies can be extremely valuable to a potential employer. We encourage you to work with your Career Center advisor to prepare for making the most of your upcoming experience.

Below are some things you can do to maximize or enhance your career development before you go, while you are studying off-campus, and when you get back.

**Before you leave Colby:**
- Have a meeting with Career Center staff to identify and clarify your career goals.
- Discuss your graduate school plans and applications before leaving with advisors and career center
- Students who will be away for all or part of their junior year, particularly in the spring, should look ahead for information about graduate school, internship, and employment application procedures and cycles so that they will know what to expect during their senior year. If you will be away for fall semester only start your planning early in the spring semester when you get back to campus. If you are away for spring semester, start your planning before you leave.
- Network with personal and family contacts, alumni & other professionals in your field of interest
- Consider doing an Alumni search for individuals living and working where you will be studying
- Talk with students who are back from your study site. Did they do an internship while there? Was it during the semester or after? How did they arrange it?
Develop a resume to bring with you and learn about effective cover letters.

Consider exploring opportunities for interning, working, or volunteering in the country where you will be studying during your term abroad or for the summer or Jan Plan before or after. Some students have done internships before the start of their term abroad or during Jan Plan or the summer after.

- **Leave Of Absence From Colby:** All students planning to study off-campus will automatically be placed on Leave Of Absence for the period during which they intend to be away. This means you WILL NOT participate in the housing lottery for the semester you will be away. Course selection/registration is closed to those who are scheduled to be on leave for a given term. If your off-campus program(s) change or you decide not to study abroad, you must contact the Office of Off-Campus Study to have your off-campus study program(s) and/or Leave of Absence adjusted. Be aware that housing and course selection options are limited if you miss key deadlines.

- **Housing Proxy:** If you are studying off-campus in the spring and will not be here for “housing draw” for the next year and/or fear you may not have reliable access to email from abroad, you may select a housing proxy to act on your behalf. Towards the end of the fall semester you will receive an email from the housing office which will include a link to the housing proxy form. Prior to departure, you should discuss your preferences with the person you select as housing proxy.

- **Change Of Plans:** If you change your plans (change of semester, change of program, decide not to study off-campus) after you submit the preliminary application in November, you must notify OCS in writing.

- **Travel And Living Arrangements:**
  - If you study on a Colby program (Colby in Salamanca, Dijon, St. Petersburg, or Bigelow Laboratory) program fees are comprehensive; that is, they include complete room, board, round-trip airfare, and excursions, in addition to tuition. You can find out more information about the individual programs on our Web site.
  - On non-Colby programs, programs differ in what they will provide. In many cases, you will be responsible for making your travel arrangements and requesting living arrangements. It is the sponsoring institution, not Colby College, that is responsible for all arrangements, and you should contact that institution directly for more information.

- **Money Matters:** Obviously, managing your money, accessing funds, and how much money you will spend while off-campus will vary much depending on where you are, how much you travel and go out, and the local financial systems in the country in which you are studying. Your program will provide information on managing these matters safely as well as what may be included in your program fee. We also recommend reading program evaluations or contacting past student participants.

Use the Off-Campus Study Budget Planning Worksheet on the OCS website (under Financing) to help you estimate your costs.

- **General Academic Advice On Studying Abroad:** The educational system in other parts of the world may be very different from what you are used to at Colby. It is difficult to generalize but there may be less assigned work, fewer classes, and different expectations from and relationships with professors. Students are generally expected to take much more responsibility for shaping their academic program, and instructors provide relatively little guidance. Even in an American study abroad program, your professors will generally be local professors and their teaching styles may vary. Treat learning another academic culture like learning a new language. Ask, “What are the rules? Can I translate what I am experiencing into something I can understand?” Observe. Ask questions! This is all part of living and learning in a new culture!

- **Culture Shock:** Traveling abroad involves change—most significantly, change in the person who encounters a culture different from his or her own. Such experiences increase one’s ability to tolerate ambiguity, enhance one’s self-understanding, and allow one to get some sense of what it is like to have a different world view.

Many people who travel abroad do experience some initial difficulties adjusting to their new country and culture. It is totally normal and should be expected. Cultural adjustment, or “culture shock” as it is commonly called, occurs when one is immersed in a culture significantly different from one’s own. Differences in food and clothing, housing and recreation, and politics and religion are often readily apparent. Less obvious differences include the government’s role in one’s life, family relations, and attitudes toward elderly people and traditions.
Cultural adjustment comes in stages. Almost everyone arrives excited about the country and the adventures that lay ahead. This initial honeymoon period, which may last anywhere from one week to a few months, is often followed by a letdown. Little differences and problems that may have been interesting and novel before may now evoke irritability and hostility. It is the most difficult period of cultural adjustment. Some people will want to withdraw; others may act aggressively when faced with an uncomfortable situation. Fortunately, this crisis period eventually passes, and the host country begins to feel more familiar. Cultural cues that had seemed strange or that were invisible to the newcomer are seen with a new set of eyes. A sense of humor returns, and the traveler can function now in both cultures.

It is important to be open-minded, flexible, and curious. Try to maintain a sense of humor and allow yourself to fail. You can prepare before you go by learning as much as possible about your host culture’s values, customs, and popular culture before departure and throughout your stay. You can also learn more about the process of cultural adjustment through the What’s Up With Culture modules (http://www2.pacific.edu/sis/culture/) which will help you understand and prepare for the important cultural issues you will encounter.

- **Gender, Sexual Orientation, Ethnicity And Other Factors:** These factors may be an important consideration in your decision of where to study. Attitudes towards and experiences of such things as sexual harassment, LGBTQ acceptance, or racism may be significantly different abroad from what you’re used to at home. It is important to be attuned to how your behavior, dress, and appearance will be interpreted by members of the host culture. Keep in mind that you probably won’t be familiar with the body language, subconscious cues, and behavioral signals and a basic awareness of the cultural differences you may encounter can help you avoid misunderstandings and potentially dangerous or embarrassing situations. It is important to respect these differences, both to avoid harassment and to assist in your assimilation into the culture. You should be aware of and be respectful of local customs and laws. Prepare yourself by educating yourself on the cultural, social and legal aspects through the resources on the OCS website and your own research.

Keep in mind that studying abroad is a time of great personal change and development, in which many personal values and beliefs are questioned and reconsidered. We hope you will embrace this time of self-questioning and self-discovery and be open to its lifelong impact. Keeping an open mind is essential to overcoming cultural stereotypes and creating a uniquely personal experience in which you can relate to your host culture as an individual, as yourself, rather than as a member of a faceless mass.
**WHILE OFF-CAMPUS AND RETURNING TO CAMPUS**

- **Keeping In Touch:** Students can review the Colby Echo online. On Colby programs, the resident director is a link with the Colby administration, and takes care of assisting you with registration and processing course changes. You will provide him or her with your e-mail address and cell phone number, if you have one.

- Keeping e-mail contact with Colby is essential while you are abroad, since much information is distributed that way, including registration and housing information for the semester of your return to campus. All communications from Colby will be sent via your Colby e-mail address, including those from the Office of Off-Campus Study.

- **Program Evaluations:** In order to receive credit upon completion of your program abroad, you will be required to fill in an online program evaluation at Colby (in addition to any forms that your program may require). At the completion of your program, you will be notified by e-mail that the evaluation form is available, and you will be directed to the appropriate location on the OCS Web site. Your credits will not appear on your transcript until you have logged in to your evaluation form.

Colby considers your reflection on the experience an important part of the learning process and these evaluations are an extremely useful source of feedback to prospective students, faculty and the OCS staff as we regularly review the programs that we approve for our students.

- **Career Development:** While study abroad may seem like a break from your “real” life, it can be a valuable part of your career exploration and development. Whether or not you hope to work abroad in the future, being able to articulate your international competencies can be extremely valuable to a potential employer. During your sophomore year, we encourage you to work with a Career Center advisor to prepare for making the most of your upcoming experience. Below are some things you can do to enhance your career development.

**While you are abroad**

- Make career awareness part of your experience. Conduct informational interviews and explore other career resources.
  - Talk with local faculty members and get suggestions for other potential contacts in the community.
- If you are going abroad: talk to alumni living and working in this part of the world. What do you observe about the cultural aspects of work habits, business attire and supervisor-employee relationships? What appears to be most “valued” in the business community? What can you observe about gender-based aspects of the working environment, job assignments and corporate culture?
- If you are studying in another U.S. location: talk to alumni living and working in this community. Explore the local economy. Which businesses/industries are dominant in the area? What are some local concerns of employees? What are the cost of living and the average salary? If this is an area you would consider relocating to, what are the resources available and the lifestyle issues you want to consider?
- Establish contacts in your new location as networking resources and to obtain internships for the following summer (or January Term), or to search from abroad for an internship in the U.S.
- Contact any alumni that are living or working where you are, and maintain a record of all interesting professionals you meet. Get business cards, email addresses. In addition to alumni, other references could be a professor from the country you studied in, a host family member, or a supervisor where you volunteered, worked or interned.
- Explore opportunities for post study experiences in the country, including assessing the local economy and cost of living.
- Ensure you have not disabled emails from the Career Center. You may receive emails not relevant to your current situation away; however, you do not want to miss any important announcements, including sessions via WebEx.
- Continue to maintain contact with the Career Center. Despite the distance, a career advisor will assist you with your e-mail address and cell phone number, if you have one.

**When you return to Colby**

- Attend the “Marketing your Study Abroad Experiences” workshop offered by OCS and Career Center in September or February.
- Meet with a Career Center advisor to discuss your study-abroad experience, how it has impacted your career direction, and how you can communicate the value of the experience in your written and verbal communications.
- Update your resume summarizing your experience abroad, and plan ahead for senior year and your life after graduation.
- Make plans for an internship or independent study off-campus in the summer or Jan Plan, including taking advantage of the contacts you made abroad. Be sure to keep in touch with new contacts on a regular basis.
- You can access lots of great employment, cultural, work permit information and much more on Going Global via CareerLink.

**Visit the Career Center for more information.**
Part IV
SUMMER, JAN PLAN, &/or DOMESTIC STUDY OFF-CAMPUS

• Summer Off-Campus Study: Transfers of credit for summer off-campus study or leave to study at another U.S. college/university during the summer or academic year must be approved in advance through the Registrar’s office using the Transfer of Credits Form available on the Registrar's webpage under “forms for students”. If your summer off-campus program requires an approval signature from a study abroad advisor or home school approval please bring that form to OCS along with your completed Transfer of credits form.

While Colby’s Office of Off-Campus Study does not administer study during the summer and OCS policies do not apply, OCS staff can assist students with advising on opportunities and other matters.

Note: Colby financial aid is not portable to summer off-campus study. Certain departments on campus may have special funds available. Ask your academic advisor.

• Jan Plan Off-Campus:
  • All Colby Jan Plan courses, including those abroad, are planned and administered by Academic Departments in conjunction with the Dean of Faculty’s Office. Please refer to the Faculty leader or Department for more information or application, requirements, and deadlines. Jan Plan offerings change each year. A full description of Jan Plan courses is available on the web in October, and students may elect January courses at that time. Review the Jan Plan Student Handbook for more information on what you will need.
  • Independent study off-campus during Jan Plan may be arranged in advance in conjunction with a Colby faculty member. Please use the Independent Study or Honors Application form.
  • Other off-campus courses may be taken at another institution by seeking faculty approval and registering for "transfer credit" during Jan Plan registration.
  • Credit for study or ISP in a country under U.S. State Department Travel Warning: Colby College discourages travel to countries and participation in a program in a country for which there is a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect at the time of departure. Students wishing to travel to a country currently under U.S. State Department Travel Warning are required to, in advance of their application, submit a petition to the Travel Warning Review Committee providing a complete description of and justification for their study/travel at a Travel Warning site. Due by October 15 for Jan Plan. If approved, student and parent will then be required to sign a waiver as part of the approval process.

Note: Colby financial aid is not portable to Jan Plan off-campus study. Certain departments on campus may have special funds or scholarships available. Ask your academic advisor.

• Leave To Study At Another U.S. College/University: Colby has Exchange programs with The Claremont Colleges in CA and Howard University in Washington, DC. For this or for the Dartmouth College Engineering program, students apply via the Colby Application for Approval process during their Sophomore year.

For any other off-campus study at another U.S. institution during the summer or academic year, students must seek approval in advance through the Registrar’s office using the Transfer of Credits Form available on the Registrar's webpage under “forms for students”.

Keep in mind that financial aid is not portable to summer or domestic study while on leave from Colby.
Part V

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); 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/

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

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**GEOLOGY**

**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 unable 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

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**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.

**JEWISH 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; IFS-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.
• Required course information: Complete course description/syllabus including equiv. credits but more may be required for “core” courses.
• Other: Approval to substitute a course taken elsewhere for one of our "core" courses (History of Ancient Greek Philosophy, Logic, or History of Modern Philosophy) requires significant documentation (e.g., syllabi, assignments, and written papers). Approval for courses satisfying areas within the major (Values, Metaphysics & Epistemology, and Diversity) also require syllabuses and assignments.

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 be 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

**SOCILOGY**
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.
**DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS**

*(SHARE ALL approvals with off-campus study - email offcamp@colby.edu or stop by Eustis 103)*

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**Part VI**

**OFF-CAMPUS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

- *Note: Not all programs approved by Colby are appropriate or approved for all majors. Please consult with your major department.*

- **Check the specific program website for more detailed information and for any program changes or dates that may have occurred.**

- **Program links are available on the Colby Off-Campus Study website:** [http://www.colby.edu/academics_cs/ocs/](http://www.colby.edu/academics_cs/ocs/)

**COLBY PROGRAMS**

Colby programs are administered from the Off-Campus Study Office at Colby. Courses from all Colby programs are recorded on a student's transcript and are included in the students' GPA. Colby College comprehensive fees are charged for participation on these programs, and the $1,000 off-campus fee does not apply. Financial aid is fully portable. Application forms are available on the Off-Campus Study website and are due by March 15 of the year before you plan to go.

**Colby at Bigelow Laboratory** *(Available fall only).*

Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, in East Boothbay, Maine, offers a semester-in-residence program for Colby College students interested in gaining an in-depth understanding of oceanography and hands-on research experience through immersion in a professional laboratory environment. The intensive research experience is focused on ocean science within a changing global climate, and covers topics such as microbial oceanography, marine biogeochemistry, the ocean’s role in the global carbon cycle, molecular approaches to biological oceanography, and pelagic ecology; implications for public policy are explored within each of these topics. This unique program is a must for any student interested in becoming a marine scientist. (Students enrolling in this fall program are automatically granted a full year abroad without petition, if they so choose).

**Colby in Dijon** *(language acquisition or university-based)* *(Available fall only).*

A Colby-run program that gives students the opportunity to study French language, civilization, and other electives in a beautiful university city located in the heart of Burgundy. Students who have taken at least one 200 level French course may be eligible to take a course at the University of Burgundy. Through a homestay and a rich program of cultural and social events, students have the chance to experience the French lifestyle from the inside. Students take courses in French language as well as civilization, and can choose an elective either in the history of art or French literature. The program is supervised by a resident director, and is open to students at various levels of language skill; the minimum pre-requisite is one semester of college French. The resident director is Professor Jon Weiss of Colby's French department.

**Colby in Salamanca** *(language acquisition)* *(Available either semester)*

Colby also offers a language acquisition program in Salamanca either semester, suitable for students who wish to study language intensively and/or work toward completion of Colby’s language requirement and practice Spanish at the intermediate level. Students take language and civilization courses for four hours a day at Cursos Internacionales, located on the central campus of the University of Salamanca. Normally students live with selected families. Field trips and excursions are organized by the program and by Cursos Internacionales. Prerequisite: at least one semester of college Spanish, or three years of high school Spanish. See Colby’s off-campus study web site or the OCS office for details.

**Colby in Salamanca** *(integrated program)* *(Available full academic year or either semester)*

The Integrated Program offers complete integration into the Universidad de Salamanca, where students can take courses in any division alongside Spanish students. Students of any major may be accepted provided they have taken at least Spanish 135 and Spanish 231. After an orientation session (courses in grammar, conversation, and culture), students enroll in regular University of Salamanca courses in literature, history, politics and law, sociology, art history, and other subjects with an extra hour per week of tutorials for Colby students. The program includes excursions and other activities with Spanish students who work with the program. Students can choose whether they want to live with a family or in an apartment with Spanish students.

**Colby in St. Petersburg** *(Available full academic year or either semester)*

Colby in St. Petersburg offers an intense learning and living experience for a limited number of students (three to five per semester) who take a full program of courses in Russian language, literature, and history, live with Russian families, and normally attend teaching English classes at the St. Petersburg Classical Gymnasium. There is a full program of cultural activities and travel, all included in the program fee. The St. Petersburg faculty and staff are responsible for Colby students’ housing, excursions, and academic courses, and a member of Colby’s faculty visits the program each semester. Applicants should have at least two years of college Russian (through RU128). See Professor Julie de Sherbinin in the Department of German and Russian for more details.
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<td>2.5</td>
<td>3 sem French Ability to follow coursework in French</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Yaounde.</td>
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<td>Twi language course required during the semester</td>
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<td>Direct enrollment at the University of Ghana in Legon. Internships available. Legon is a fairly quiet suburb about 20 minutes north of the capital city, Accra.</td>
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<td>Program run courses, community service or internship</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>Mid-Aug- Mid Dec; Mid-Jan- Mid-May</td>
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<td>CIEE: Cape Town - Arts &amp; Sciences</td>
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<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 Coursework in African studies recommended</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university-based, University of Cape Town, opportunity for community service/service learning</td>
<td>dorms, offcampus apartment, homestay</td>
<td>jul-nov; late Jan-mid-June</td>
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<td>Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS), Duke University: African Ecology &amp; Conservation</td>
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<td>2 semesters of college level biology, ecology, or other related sciences</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>program-run courses, field work, independent project. Based in Kruger National Park.</td>
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<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Durban.</td>
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<td>SIT: South Africa Multiculturalism &amp; Human Rights (Cape Town)</td>
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<td>SFS: Tanzania-Wildlife Management Studies</td>
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<td>1 semester college level ecology or biology</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, research-focused program and courses in English.</td>
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<td>Coursework in environment, biology, or ecology</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Zanzibar.</td>
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<td>Coursework in environment, biology, or ecology</td>
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<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Arusha.</td>
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<td>A</td>
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<td>Background in development studies or related is recommended.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Kampala.</td>
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<td>IFSA-Butler Univ: Mendoza Universities program</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>3 4 sem Spanish</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>University-based program. Take courses at 2 Mendoza universities and a Spanish &amp; core course taught by Butler. A nice alternative to Buenos Aires.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>Fall: late July-mid Dec; Spring: early July</td>
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<td>CIEE: Buenos Aires - Liberal Arts</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>2.75 6 sem Spanish</td>
<td>Coursework in Latin American studies recommended</td>
<td>Program-run courses in Spanish at FLASCO in Buenos Aires.</td>
<td>homestay, dormitory</td>
<td>Fall: mid July-mid Dec; Spring: mid Feb-mid July</td>
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<td>IES Abroad: Buenos Aires</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 min 3 semesters Spanish required by Colby</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses and access to university courses with higher level Spanish. Internships available.</td>
<td>homestay, dormitory</td>
<td>Fall: July/Aug-Nov/Dec; Spring: late Feb/March-late June/July</td>
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<td>SIT: Argentina-Social Movements and Human Rights</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.5 min 3 semesters Spanish required by Colby</td>
<td>Previous college-level coursework and/or other significant preparation in social work, political economy, development studies, or Latin American studies, as assessed by SIT.</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Buenos Aires.</td>
<td>Combo of homestays, hostels, campsites, and/or private homes</td>
<td>Fall: late Au-early Dec; spring: late Feb-early June</td>
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<td>SIT: Bolivia-Multiculturalism, Globalization, &amp; Social Change</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.5 3 recent semesters of Spanish</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Cochabamba.</td>
<td>Combo of homestays, hostels, campsites, and/or private homes</td>
<td>Fall: late Aug-mid Dec; Spring: late Jan-Mid May</td>
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<td>* CIEE: Rio de Janeiro or Sao Paulo, Salvador da Bahia - Liberal Arts or Language and Culture (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>2.75 min 3 sem of Spanish or Portuguese (or equiv) or more</td>
<td>some additional requirements may apply, depending on program</td>
<td>Program-run courses or university courses depending on program and Spanish/Portuguese level.</td>
<td>varies by program</td>
<td>Fall: late June or early July-mid Dec; Spring: early Jan- late June or early July</td>
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<td>* SIT: Brazil-Social Justice and Sustainable Development (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.5 3 sem Spanish/Portuguese req. by Colby</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Fortaleza..</td>
<td>Combo of homestays, hostels, campsites, and/or private homes</td>
<td>late Aug-mid Dec; March-June</td>
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<td>SFS: Turks &amp; Caicos- Marine Resource Management Studies</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>1 semester college level ecology or biology</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, research-focused program</td>
<td>dormitory</td>
<td>Fall: early; Sept-mid Dec; Spring: early Feb-early May</td>
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<td>CIEE: Valparaiso - Liberal Arts</td>
<td>A (Not Approved for SP or LAS majors)</td>
<td>F,S</td>
<td>5 sem Spanish. Spanish language course within the past year recommended</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>University based program, classes at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>mid July-mid December; mid February-mid June</td>
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<td>Round River Conservation Studies: Patagonia Chile Student Program</td>
<td>A (Not Approved for SP or LAS majors)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 sem Spanish (see Colby language req. according to your major)</td>
<td>Coursework in biology, basic math, statistics, genetics, and ecology</td>
<td>Intensive field-based program with research project.</td>
<td>tents, hotels</td>
<td>mid Jan-mid April; mid Sept-mid Dec.</td>
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<td>SIT: Chile-Cultural Identity, Social Justice, and Community Development</td>
<td>A (Not Approved for SP or LAS majors)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 recent semesters of Spanish</td>
<td>Previous college-level coursework in the social sciences, sociology, anthropology, gender, and/or cultural studies.</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Valparaiso.</td>
<td>Combo of homestays, hostels, and/or private homes</td>
<td>late Aug-mid Dec; Jan-end May</td>
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<td>SIT: Chile-Education &amp; Social Change</td>
<td>A (Not Approved for SP or LAS majors)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 sem Spanish</td>
<td>Previous coursework education, Latin American studies, &amp;/or development studies.</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Santiago.</td>
<td>Combo of homestays, hostels, and/or private homes</td>
<td>late Aug-mid Dec; Jan-end May</td>
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<td>SIT: Chile-Public Health, Traditional Medicine, and Community Empowerment</td>
<td>A (Not Approved for SP or LAS majors)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>4 sem Spanish</td>
<td>Previous college-level coursework in public health, development studies, community or social sciences, or other related fields.</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Arica.</td>
<td>Combo of homestays, hostels, and/or private homes</td>
<td>Late Aug-early Dec; late Feb-early June</td>
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<td>Washington University in St. Louis: Program in Chile (Santiago)</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>at least 7 sem of Spanish (SP 231)</td>
<td>coursework on Latin America</td>
<td>University-based classes at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile (PUC) in Santiago</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>Fall: June 30-Dec 15; Spring: Jan 3-July 17</td>
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<td>* CIEE: Costa Rica-Tropical Ecology &amp; Conservation (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.75 3 sem Spanish (see Colby language req. according to your major)</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>program-run courses in English and Spanish, field research.</td>
<td>homestays, field station, campsites</td>
<td>Fall: mid Aug- late Nov.; Spring: early Feb-mid May</td>
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<td>* Organization for Tropical Studies, Duke U.: Costa Rica-Tropical Biology on a Changing Planet Semester (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 sem Spanish (see Colby language req. according to your major)</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, program-run courses held in field stations in various ecosystems.</td>
<td>homestays, field station, campsites</td>
<td>Fall: late Aug – early Dec; Spring: late Jan–mid May</td>
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<td>* Organization for Tropical Studies, Duke U.: Costa Rica - Global Health Semester: Tropical Medicine and Public Health (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 sem Spanish (see Colby language req. according to your major)</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, program-run courses held in various locations.</td>
<td>homestays, field station, campsites</td>
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<td>SFS: Costa Rica-Sustainable Development Studies</td>
<td>A (Not Approved for SP or LAS majors)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 sem Spanish (see Colby language req. according to your major)</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, research-focused program and courses in English.</td>
<td>dormitory</td>
<td>Fall: early Sept-mid Dec; Spring: early Feb-early May</td>
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<td>* IFSA-Butler: Universidad de la Habana (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 5 sem Spanish</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Two program courses and university based classes at Universidad de la Habana</td>
<td>double/triple rooms in home-style atmosphere</td>
<td>Aug-Dec; Jan.-May</td>
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<td>* Brown University in Cuba (Havana) (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 4-5 sem of Spanish or equivalent</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Combination of courses offered through the Cuba study center and direct-enrollment courses through the University of Havana in partnership with Casa de Las Américas and University of Havana</td>
<td>Student Guest Residence</td>
<td>late Aug-mid Dec; late Jan-mid May</td>
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<td>* CIEE: the Dominican Republic– Liberal Arts in Santo Domingo or Santiago (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.75 4-5 sem of Spanish or equivalent</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses or university courses depending on program and Spanish/Portuguese level.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>varies by program (Fall starts in summer; Spring starts in January)</td>
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<td>SIT: Ecuador-Comparative Ecology and Conservation</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>4 sem Spanish coursework in ecology, biology or environmental studies</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Quito.</td>
<td>Combo of homestays, hostels, campsites, and/or private homes</td>
<td>Late Aug-mid Dec; Jan-end May</td>
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<td>SIT: Ecuador-Development, Politics, and Languages</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>3-4 sem Spanish</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Quito.</td>
<td>Combo of homestays, hostels, campsites, and/or private homes</td>
<td>Late Aug-mid Dec; Jan-end May</td>
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<td><em>IFSA-Butler Univ- Mexico: Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán in Merida (BY PETITION)</em></td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION &amp; TRAVEL WARNING PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4 sem Spanish</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program and university-based classes at Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán in Merida.</td>
<td>Homestay</td>
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<td><em>SFS: Panama: Tropical Island Biodiversity and Conservation Studies (BY PETITION)</em></td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
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<td>3 sem Spanish (see Colby language req. according to your major)</td>
<td>One college-level ecology, biology, or environmental studies course</td>
<td>Field-based, research-focused program and courses in English. Located in Bocas del Toro, Panama.</td>
<td>Dormitory in field station</td>
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<td>SIT: Panama: Tropical Ecology, Marine Ecosystems, and Biodiversity Conservation</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>3 sem Spanish (see Colby language req. according to your major) coursework in ecology, biology or environmental studies, sponsored by Biology, Environmental Studies</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits.</td>
<td>Combo of homestays, hostels, campsites, and/or private homes</td>
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<td>IFSA-Butler Univ. Peru: Pontificia Universidad Católica (PUC) del Perú</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F,S,Y</td>
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<td>min 5 sem. Spanish</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>University based classes at Pontificia Universidad Católica (PUC). Internship/volunteer opportunities available.</td>
<td>Homestay</td>
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<td>* SIT: Peru-Indigenous Peoples &amp; Globalization (BY PETITION)*</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION) (Not Approved for SP or LAS majors)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>4 recent sem. Spanish</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Cusco</td>
<td>Combo of homestays, hostels, campsites, and/or private homes</td>
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<td>Middlebury College School in Uruguay (Montevideo)</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 sem Spanish + B in Spanish</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university based classes at the Universidad Católica del Uruguay, the Universidad de la República, or the Universidad ORT in Montevideo. Internships available.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>Fall: early Aug-mid Dec; Spring: early March-late July</td>
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<td>American University: Washington Semester (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>an internship + 3 American University courses in 12 different academic tracks, combines a professional internship with coursework that examines a particular academic area. Some tracks include a short term study abroad component.</td>
<td>dormitory</td>
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<td>Colby at Bigelow: Changing Oceans at Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, Boothbay Harbor, Maine</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>Fall Only</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Juniors who have taken at least three lab science courses and one semester each of chemistry, biology and pre-calculus/calculus</td>
<td>20-Feb</td>
<td>A research program focused on ocean science within a changing global climate Located at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences in East Boothbay, Maine. (Students enrolling in this fall program are automatically granted a full year abroad without petition, if they so choose).</td>
<td>Shared house</td>
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<td>Dartmouth University Dual Degree Program in Engineering</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>Year Only</td>
<td>2.7</td>
<td>Colby requires a B average to qualify.</td>
<td>Consult Dartmouth Advisor at Colby</td>
<td>Dual degree program in Engineering. Junior year and fifth year at Dartmouth University.</td>
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<td>Headlong Performance Institute, Philadelphia (Bryn Mawr College) (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>Fall Only</td>
<td>work sample and phone and/or in-person interview following our receipt of your application.</td>
<td>Rolling</td>
<td>Headlong Performance Institute is a fall semester hybrid performance training program in the heart of Philadelphia equivalent to a full semester of academic credit, granted through Bryn Mawr College.</td>
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<td>Pomona College or Pitzer College, Claremont, CA (Exchange)</td>
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<td>F, S</td>
<td>Apply through Colby OCS</td>
<td>Consult with OCS</td>
<td>Exchange program. Direct enrollment in Pomona or Pitzer Colleges with classes at other Claremont Colleges.</td>
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<td>*SEA Semester (Multiple Programs) (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>Depends on voyage</td>
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<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based program based at Woods Hole and ship board in different voyages. Multiple Programs: *The Global Ocean *Colonization to Conservation in the Caribbean *Oceans &amp; Climate *Sustainability in Polynesian Island Cultures and Ecosystems *Marine Biodiversity &amp; Conservation *Ocean Exploration</td>
<td>dormitory, shipboard</td>
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<td>Semester in Environmental Science (SES): at MBL Ecosystems Center in Woods Hole</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F only</td>
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<td>Background in Biological Science, Chemistry and Mathematics.</td>
<td>Field-based program. Science classes taught by professional researchers. Core courses, electives and independent lab research project. Located at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA</td>
<td>apartments</td>
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<td>The Washington Center</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.75</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>An intensive internship experience, administered by The Washington Center. Your course of study will include: a) One or two Washington seminars (2 credits each) b) Internship (6 credits) c) Independent study (4 credits) to be arranged with a Colby Faculty member.</td>
<td>shared apartments</td>
<td>Fall: late Aug-mid Dec; Spring: late Jan-mid May</td>
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<td>Trinity/La MaMa Performing Arts Program in New York City</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>Fall Only</td>
<td>rolling beginning December 1 (Apply early)</td>
<td>Provides full immersion in the NYC theater, dance, and performance communities with the goal of fostering artistic, academic, and personal growth. Each week is dedicated to a specific theme that connects all of the ideas and artistic approaches included.</td>
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<td>Williams College: Mystic Seaport, American Maritime Studies</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>interview required</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based program.</td>
<td>shared house.</td>
<td>Fall: late Aug-mid Dec; Spring: late Jan-mid May</td>
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<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 semesters Chinese required by Colby</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program run courses in association with local universities. Internships available.</td>
<td>dormitory or homestay</td>
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<td>Associated Colleges in China (ACC) in Beijing</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>minimum 4 sem Chinese</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Intensive Chinese language program administered by Hamilton College and hosted by Capital University of Economics and Business (CUEB) in Beijing. Program run courses.</td>
<td>dormitory &amp; host family</td>
<td>Sept-Dec; Jan-May</td>
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<td>China Studies Institute (Beijing)</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2 sem Chinese (3 req by Colby)</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program run courses in English, in addition to Chinese language courses held at Peking University. Internships available.</td>
<td>dormitory, apartment</td>
<td>Fall: end Aug-mid Dec; Spring: mid Jan-Apr.</td>
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<td>CET: Harbin OR Beijing</td>
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<td>4 sem Chinese</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Language intensive immersion program. Program run courses</td>
<td>dormitory with Chinese roommates</td>
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<td>CIEE: Shanghai-Business, language &amp; culture</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>3 sem Chinese req by Colby</td>
<td>Min 3 sem of college-level microecon or macroecon, accounting, finance, management, or marketing. Check citizenship restrictions.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses. Internships available.</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>3 min 4-5 Sem Chinese.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program run courses, intensive Chinese language, in conjunction with CET and hosted at the Zhejiang University of Technology (ZUT).</td>
<td>dormitory with Chinese roommates</td>
<td>Fall: Late Aug-mid Dec; Spring: mid Feb-early June</td>
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<td>* Middlebury College School in Kunming (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>3 min 4-5 Sem Chinese.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program run courses, intensive Chinese language, in conjunction with CET and hosted at Yunnan University</td>
<td>dormitory with Chinese roommates</td>
<td>Fall: Late Aug-mid Dec; Spring: mid Feb-early June</td>
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<td>F, S</td>
<td>On site course in Mandarin or Cantonese required during semester</td>
<td>Meeting with Colby OCS required</td>
<td>Direct enrollment as Visiting Student at the University of Hong Kong.</td>
<td>University housing is usually not available so student must be able/willing to seek housing independently</td>
<td>Fall: early sept-early Dec; Spring: mid Jan-mid May</td>
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<td>Direct enrollment as Visiting Student at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.</td>
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<td>The Alliance for Global Education: Contemporary India in Pune</td>
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<td>3 Students must study Hindi on site.</td>
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<td>Antioch University Education Abroad: Buddhist Studies in India</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>Students must study Hindi or Tibetan on site.</td>
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<td>SIT: India-Sustainable Development and Social Change</td>
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<td>South India Term Abroad (SITA) in Madurai</td>
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<td>Associated Kyoto Program</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>3 sem overall &amp; in Japanese req. by Colby</td>
<td>1 other Japan related course, passport valid through September 2009 to apply</td>
<td>program-run courses, intensive Japanese study, affiliated with Doshisha University in Kyoto. Contact Hideko Abe for more info.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>Sept-Dec; Jan-Late April</td>
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<td>Kansai Gaidai University: Asian Studies Program</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 sem Japanese req. by Colby</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>program-run courses (in English) affiliated with the University, Japanese language &amp; Asian studies courses. Located in Hirakata city near Osaka city and close to Kyoto and Nara.</td>
<td>homestay, dormitory, and off-campus housing.</td>
<td>Late Jan-Late May; End Aug-Late Dec</td>
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## Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies

**A** Colby-Approved  
**F, S, Y**  
**Min GPA:** 3  
**Language Required:** 4 sem Japanese with 3.0 in language  
**Additional Admission Info:** Basic course in history of Japanese civilization is strongly recommended  
**Application Deadline:** Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!  
**Program Characteristics:** Program-run courses, intensive Japanese language.  
**Housing Options:** Homestay, apartments  
**Approx. Program Dates:** Sept-Mid Dec; Jan-Late April

## *Temple University: Japan Campus (Tokyo) (BY PETITION)*

**P** PROGRAM PETITION  
**F, S**  
**Min GPA:** 2.75  
**Language Required:** 3 sem Japanese req. by Colby  
**Additional Admission Info:** Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!  
**Program Characteristics:** English-taught classes except for language alongside degree-seeking Japanese students. Internship opportunities available.  
**Housing Options:** Student residence halls or homestay  
**Approx. Program Dates:** Late Aug-Mid Dec - Jan-late April

## Republic of Korea

**CIEE: Seoul, Korea - Arts & Sciences**  
**A**  
**F, S**  
**Min GPA:** 2.75  
**Language Required:** Korean language study on site req.  
**Additional Admission Info:** Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!  
**Program Characteristics:** Courses in English at Yonsei University and Korean and course CIEE course.  
**Housing Options:** Dormitory  
**Approx. Program Dates:** Mid Aug - late Dec; mid Feb - late June

## Nepal - REQUIRES A PETITION TO THE TRAVEL WARNING COMMITTEE

**SIT: Nepal/Tibet-Tibetan & Himalayan Peoples (BY PETITION)**  
**P** PROGRAM PETITION  
**F, S**  
**Min GPA:** 2.5  
**Language Required:**  
**Additional Admission Info:** Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!  
**Program Characteristics:** Field-based, independent study project, rural visits.  
**Housing Options:** Combo of homestays, hostels, campsites, and/or private homes  
**Approx. Program Dates:** Fall: sept-mid - dec; Spring: late Jan-mid May

**SIT: Nepal-Development and Social Change (BY PETITION)**  
**P** PROGRAM PETITION  
**F, S**  
**Min GPA:** 2.5  
**Language Required:**  
**Additional Admission Info:** Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!  
**Program Characteristics:** Field-based, independent study project, rural visits.  
**Housing Options:** Combo of homestays, hostels, campsites, and/or private homes  
**Approx. Program Dates:** Fall: sept-mid - dec; Spring: late Jan-mid May

## Sri Lanka

**Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Education (ISLE)**  
**A**  
**F, S**  
**Min GPA:**  
**Language Required:** Sinhala study required during semester  
**Additional Admission Info:** Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!  
**Program Characteristics:** Program run courses Sinhala and material culture, electives and an independent study. Based in Kandy, Sri Lanka and affiliated with the University of Peradeniya  
**Housing Options:** Homestay  
**Approx. Program Dates:** Fall: end Aug-mid Dec; Spring: end Jan-end May

## Thailand

**ISDSI: People, Ecology, and Development in Chiang Mai, Thailand**  
**A**  
**F, S**  
**Min GPA:** 2.7  
**Language Required:** Study of Thai required during the program  
**Additional Admission Info:** Coursework in sustainable development, ecology and ecosystems, development studies recommended  
**Application Deadline:** Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!  
**Program Characteristics:** A field-based program run by the Intl Sustainable Development Studies Institute (ISDSI). Program-run courses in ecology, sustainability, culture.  
**Housing Options:** Combo homestay and dormitory  
**Approx. Program Dates:** Late Aug-mid Dec or end Jan; Early Feb-Mid June or early July
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<td>Check program deadlines. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits based in Ho Chi Minh City.</td>
<td>Combo of homestays, hostels, campsites, and/or private homes</td>
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<td>* Bowling Green State University: Salzburg (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>3 semesters of German</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program course and course at the University of Salzburg.</td>
<td>Student residence hall</td>
<td>Fall: late sept-end of Jan; Spring: early March-late June</td>
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<td>none - 3 sem German req by Colby</td>
<td>4-5 sem of college-level German required for students enrolling in German-taught or University courses.</td>
<td>Program runs courses in English &amp; German, university courses at University of Vienna. Internships available.</td>
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<td>American University: European Union in Action (Brussels)</td>
<td>A (Not Approved for French Majors)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.75</td>
<td>3 sem French required by Colby</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program run courses + internship</td>
<td>Homestay</td>
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<td>* CIEE: Belgium - Advanced Liberal Arts (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>2.75</td>
<td>6 semesters French</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>University-based courses in Brussels</td>
<td>Homestay</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>On site Czech language course required by Colby</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program courses and at FAMU, the Film and Television School of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague.</td>
<td>Shared apartments</td>
<td>Late Aug-mid Dec; late Jan-mid May</td>
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<td>CIEE: Prague - Central European Studies</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>2.75</td>
<td>On site Czech language course required by Colby</td>
<td>Rec. course in general European studies, in history, sociology, economics, political science, language, or literature</td>
<td>Program-run courses on political, social, and/or economic transformation in Czech Rep &amp; Central Europe</td>
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<td>3 On site Czech language course required by Colby</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>program-run courses focused on European Studies in the humanities and social sciences.</td>
<td>dormitory</td>
<td>Fall: late Aug-mid Dec; Spring: Jan-May</td>
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<td>A</td>
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<td>2.5 On site Czech language course required by Colby</td>
<td>Apply early as visa process is lengthy</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>Sept-Dec; late Jan-mid May</td>
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<td>UPCES (Undergraduate Program in Central European Studies) (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 On site Czech language course required by Colby</td>
<td>Fall: June 1; Spring: October 31</td>
<td>Offers a wide variety of liberal arts courses affiliated with Charles University and CERGE-EI as well a challenging program in International Economics and Finance (IEC) for qualified students.</td>
<td>shared apartments</td>
<td>Sept-Dec; Feb-May</td>
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**Denmark**

| DIS Study Abroad in Scandinavia (Copenhagen)                                  | A             | F,S       | 3 On site Danish language course required by Colby | Some course- and program-specific prerequisites | Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended! | Wide variety of program run courses in over 20 specialized tracks and electives. | Homestay, Kollegium, residential community, living & learning community | End Aug-end Dec; mid Jan-mid May |

**England - FOR MANY ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES YOU MAY APPLY DIRECTLY OR THROUGH IFSA-BUTLER.**

<p>| Advanced studies in England (ASE)                                             | P (PROGRAM PETITION) | F, S      | 3 | Fall: April 7; Spring Oct. 7 | Program-run courses in the humanities, arts and social sciences in the heart of the beautiful, eighteenth-century city of Bath, 90 minutes west of London. It offers a variety of classes, many opportunities for cultural integration and internship options. | shared apartments | Late Aug-Dec; Late Jan-mid May |
| Boston University: London Internship Program                                   | A               | F,S       | 3 | Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended! | Program-run courses + internship in London. This program, with 11 different academic tracks, combines a professional internship with coursework that examines a particular academic area. Courses taught by selected British faculty exclusively to students enrolled in the Boston University program. UKBA Tier 4 Visa required for internships | BU student residence | Fall: Early Sept-mid Dec; Spring: early Jan-Late April |</p>
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<td>Approve d for Fall only</td>
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<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Four program options with combination of program-run courses and some university courses: Study London program; London &amp; Oxford Health Practice &amp; Policy Program; Theatre Studies program; Internships available.</td>
<td>residence hall or homestay</td>
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<td>Kings College, London</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>S only, Y</td>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>3.5 for music, history, war studies, and english.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university-based.</td>
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<td>Kings College, London-Health &amp; Society program</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>S only</td>
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<td>Admissions is highly competitive. Apply early.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>health-focused curriculum and practicum for pre-med students.</td>
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<td>A</td>
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<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Classical acting program</td>
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<td>London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) (FULL YEAR PETITION)</td>
<td>A (FULL YEAR PETITION)</td>
<td>Year only</td>
<td>3.3 for qualitative subjects 3.5 for quantitative subjects</td>
<td>Requires a full-year petition.</td>
<td>Rolling admission starting Feb 1</td>
<td>university-based. UKBA Tier 4 Visa required for year long study</td>
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<td>Queen Mary, University of London</td>
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<td>S only, Y</td>
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<td>applications will be considered from students with a slightly lower GPA, especially if special circumstances apply.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university-based varied course options for study abroad students</td>
<td>College accommodation is modern, self-catered flats</td>
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<td>Royal Holloway, Univ of London</td>
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<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university-based, outside of London (40 minutes by train)</td>
<td>on-campus residence</td>
<td>mid Jan- mid June</td>
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<td>School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) - Univ. of London</td>
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<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university-based, esp social science, languages</td>
<td>dormitory</td>
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<td>S only, Y</td>
<td>3.2 arts &amp; sci 3.5 for science; letter of recommendation</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university-based, varied course options for study abroad students.</td>
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<td>University College London</td>
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<td>S only, or Y</td>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>Some departments expect at least 3.5 and a good background in relevant subjects. 2 recommendations</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university-based, specialized courses in 2 departments</td>
<td>off-campus housing (may be limited).</td>
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<td>University of East Anglia</td>
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<td>We recommend meeting with OCS to discuss the application process and/or applying through IFSA-Butler, if possible.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university-based, located in Norwich (Two hours northeast of London)</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>Y or S only</td>
<td>3.5+ varies by College</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university-based, tutorial system</td>
<td>residence hall</td>
<td>Year: Oct-mid June; Spring: Jan-June</td>
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<td>university-based, located in York (Yorkshire, in northern England)</td>
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<td>American University Center of Provence (AUCP): Aix-en-Provence</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>3 4 sem French ability to take a literature or other &quot;subject matter&quot; class in the language.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>a full immersion program for intensive language study and community service required. Universite de Provence classes: French &amp; European Studies, literature and the arts.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>sept-mid Dec; mid Jan-mid May</td>
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<td>American University Center of Provence (AUCP): Marseille (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F,S,Y</td>
<td>3 4 sem French ability to take a literature or other &quot;subject matter&quot; class in the language.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>a full immersion program for intensive language study and community service required. Curriculum focused on Intl relations, political science, immigration, Middle Eastern studies.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
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<td>Boston University: Grenoble Language &amp; Liberal Arts Program</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 or 5 sem of French Language intensive program OR University level program</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Intensive French Language at the Centre Universitaire d’Études Françaises (CUEF) OR Advanced University Studies at the Université de Grenoble depending on your French level.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>Sept-Dec; Jan-Apr or May</td>
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<td>Boston University: Paris Internship program</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 4 sem of French</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses + internship in Paris.</td>
<td>homestay, residence hall</td>
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<td>Colby in Dijon: language acquisition program</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>Fall only</td>
<td>2.7 min. 1 sem French</td>
<td>20-Feb</td>
<td>Intensive French language Contemporary France, art, and history classes. May satisfy Colby's language requirement</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>late Aug-mid Dec.</td>
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<td>Colby in Dijon: university level program</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>Fall only</td>
<td>min 4 sem French</td>
<td>20-Feb</td>
<td>Regular University of Burgundy courses in addition to a Colby in Dijon class.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>late Aug-mid Dec.</td>
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<td>Columbia-Penn in Paris</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>3 4 sem French. 3 GPA in French.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program run courses in French at Reid hall and/or Direct enrollment in French Universities.</td>
<td>homestay, student residence, independent housing</td>
<td>late Aug-mid Dec (or early Feb); mid Jan-mid May-(or end June)</td>
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<td>Hamilton College in Paris</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>3 equiv. 5 sem French</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program run courses in French and/or Direct enrollment in French Universities. Internships available.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>early Sept-end May</td>
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<td>IES Abroad: Paris - French studies program</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>3 4 sem French</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses and university courses at a variety of Paris universities. Internships available.</td>
<td>homestays or apartments</td>
<td>Sept-Dec; Mid-Jan-May</td>
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<td>Wellesley in Aix</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>5 sem of French</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program run courses in French and/or Direct enrollment in French Universities (Universite de Provence). Pre-session in Paris</td>
<td>dormitory, apartments, homestay</td>
<td>Mid Aug-mid Jan; Jan-June</td>
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<td>IES Abroad: Berlin- Language and Area Studies</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>3 F/Y: 4 sem of German; S: 5 sem of German</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses, as well as access to classes at a number of Berlin universities, including the renowned Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Courses taught in German. Internships available.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>Fall: Late Aug-mid Dec or mid Feb; Spring: March-mid July or early Aug.</td>
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<td>IES Abroad: Freiburg-Language and Area Studies</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F,S,Y</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>F/Y: 4 sem of German; S: 5 sem of German</td>
<td>Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Dormitory (with German students)</td>
<td>Fall: Sept-mid. Dec or mid Feb.; Spring: late Feb- Late June or Late July</td>
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<td>IES Abroad: European Union (Freiburg)</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F,S</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3 sem German required by Colby</td>
<td>Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Dormitory</td>
<td>Fall: Sept-mid Dec; Spring: TBD</td>
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<td>IES Abroad: Freiburg-Environmental Studies and Sustainability (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P</td>
<td>F,S</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3 sem German required by Colby</td>
<td>IES and university English-taught curriculum in Environmental Studies and Forest Ecology. Post program research assistantships available.</td>
<td>Residence hall</td>
<td>Fall: Sept- late Dec (assistantship in January); Spring: March 1-</td>
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<td>Lewis and Clark College: Munich</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>Y only</td>
<td>3 in German</td>
<td>4 sem German required by Colby</td>
<td>Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Dormitory</td>
<td>Sept-mid July</td>
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<td>Tufts University: Tübingen</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>S,Y only</td>
<td>2 years German</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>University-based, fully integrated in Eberhard-Karls University, Tübingen</td>
<td>Dormitory</td>
<td>Fall: Sept-mid Feb; Spring: March-mid July</td>
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<td>College Year in Athens</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>a course in Modern Greek language is required on site</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses. Modern/ancient Greek study on program required by Colby</td>
<td>Apartments</td>
<td>Fall: Sept-mid Dec; Spring: mid Jan-mid May</td>
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<td>AIT (Aquincum Institute of Technology) - Budapest</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>On site Hungarian language course required by Colby</td>
<td>Intensive computer science program for American students in Budapest</td>
<td>Shared apartment</td>
<td>Early Sept-mid Dec; mid Jan-late May</td>
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<td>Budapest Math Semester (BSM) (St. Olaf College)</td>
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<td>F,S</td>
<td>On site Hungarian language course required by Colby</td>
<td>Intensive math-focused program for American students, courses in English.</td>
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<td>Fall: mid Aug - mid Nov; Spring: mid Jan-late May</td>
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<td>CIEE in Budapest (BY PETITION)</td>
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<td>2.75 On site Hungarian language course required by Colby</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses and courses at Corvinus University of Budapest Hungarian and Central European art, ethnicity, history, and politics.</td>
<td>student residence</td>
<td>Fall: Spring: Feb-end of May</td>
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<td>Trinity College, Dublin</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S (Early start required in fall)</td>
<td>3.3 Semester Start up program required for Fall</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university-based</td>
<td>student residence, apartments</td>
<td>Fall: Early Start: late Aug- mid Dec; Jan-late May</td>
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<td>University College Cork</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 (2.8+ may be considered)</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university-based</td>
<td>student residence</td>
<td>Fall: late Aug- mid Dec; Jan-late May/June</td>
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<td>Boston University: Padova</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F,S,Y</td>
<td>3 3 sem Italian req by Colby; B or better in Italian</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>program-run and university-based courses at the Università degli Studi di Padova. Internship options available.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>Fall: Sept-mid Dec; Spring: early Feb-early June</td>
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<td>Brown University: Bologna</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F,S,Y</td>
<td>3 3 sem Italian; B or better in Italian</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university-based, fully integrated in the Università di Bologna. Students may also take visual art classes at the Accademia di Belle Arti.</td>
<td>apartments (with Italian roommates)</td>
<td>Fall: late Aug - mid Dec; Spring : Jan-June</td>
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<td>Eastern College Consortium (E.C.C.O.) in Bologna</td>
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<td>3 3 sem Italian req. by Colby</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>program-run and university-based courses at the Università di Bologna.</td>
<td>dormitory (with Italian roommates)</td>
<td>Fall: Sept- late Dec; Spring: early Jan - late May</td>
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<td>IES Abroad: Siena</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 3 sem Italian req. by Colby</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses in Italian and English and/or at Università degli Studi di Siena. Internships available.</td>
<td>homestay or apartment</td>
<td>Early Sept-mid Dec (or TBD); Late Jan- early May (or mid June)</td>
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<td>Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies (ICCS): Rome</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F,S</td>
<td>3 background in Roman history strongly advised</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses, In English. Courses on ancient history and archaeology, Greek and Latin literature, and ancient art</td>
<td>dormitory</td>
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<td>New York University: Florence</td>
<td>A ART</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 sem Italian required by Colby</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>program-run courses, in English. Italian immersion program available. Internships &amp; service learning available.</td>
<td>dormitory, apartments, homestay</td>
<td>Fall: late Aug-mid Dec; Spring: TBD</td>
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<td>Syracuse University: Florence</td>
<td>A ART</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.5 sem Italian required by Colby</td>
<td>recommendation, portfolio of slides, language study is required</td>
<td>program-run and/or university-based courses at the University of Florence. Internships available.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
<td>Depends on program Option-Fall: early Dept-mid Dec (or Jan); Spring: mid Jan-late Apr.</td>
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<td>Temple University: Rome</td>
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<td>2.75 (3 sem Italian required by Colby)</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>program-run courses in English. Internships available.</td>
<td>apartment residence</td>
<td>Fall: Sept-mid Dec; Spring: mid Jan-late Apr.</td>
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<td>Trinity College: Rome</td>
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<td>3 sem Italian required by Colby</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>program-run courses. Internships available.</td>
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<td>* Brandeis in The Hague (BY PETITION)</td>
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<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>academic courses around international law taught by professors from Brandeis University and the nearby Leiden University and an experiential practicum.</td>
<td>residence halls at Leiden University</td>
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<td>* CIEE: Amsterdam-Social Sciences (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F,S</td>
<td>3 Dutch language study required during the semester</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>some CIEE courses and classes at the University of Amsterdam (UvA)</td>
<td>internationa student residence hall or homestay or student hotel</td>
<td>mid Aug-mid Dec; late Jan-late May</td>
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<td>* IES Abroad: Amsterdam: Sciences &amp; Psychology (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F,S</td>
<td>3 Dutch language study required during the semester</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>IES courses and classes in science or psychology at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU)</td>
<td>single room with a private bathroom in a VU campus residence hall</td>
<td>mid Aug-mid Dec; late Jan-late May</td>
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<td>* Euroscholars: Leiden University or Utrecht University <em>(BY PETITION)</em></td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3.4 + English will be the common language for the research work. Additional requirements may apply</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>A unique study abroad program whereby students can spend a semester as a junior researcher conducting research at a high caliber institution while taking a language and culture class. The program is especially designed for students who are interested in discovering their potential for a research career.</td>
<td>Housing varies by city/institution.</td>
<td>Varies by institution. The fall semester generally runs from late August/early September to just prior to Christmas. The Spring semester runs mid-March to mid-May.</td>
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<td>* USAC: University of Oslo <em>(BY PETITION)</em></td>
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<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 Norwegian language study required during the semester</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Broad range of courses are taught in English at the University of Oslo</td>
<td>Student villages at the University of Oslo</td>
<td>Early August-late December; January-late June</td>
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<td>* Univ of Tromsø: UNIS Svalbard- Arctic Studies Program <em>(BY PETITION)</em></td>
<td>P BIO/ES/GEO (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>Significant prior science study required. For example, the arctic biology program requires about 30 credits of general natural science, of which 15 within the field of biology.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>A rigorous field-based program where students study arctic biology, arctic geology, arctic geophysics, OR arctic technology and conduct research at a research center in Svalbard, Norway.</td>
<td>The student housing (barracks) is located in Nybyen, about 3 km from the UNIS campus. It takes about 30 minutes to walk from UNIS to Nybyen.</td>
<td>Fall: early August - mid December; Spring : early January -mid June</td>
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<td>* CIEE: Lisbon-Language and Culture <em>(BY PETITION)</em></td>
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<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.75 3 sem of Spanish required by Colby</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program and/or university courses based at the Universidade Nova de Lisboa (UNL).</td>
<td>Homestay</td>
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<td>Colby in St. Petersburg</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.7 2 years Russian</td>
<td>20-Feb</td>
<td>Small Colby-run Intensive Russian language program</td>
<td>Homestay</td>
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<td>CIEE: St Petersburg</td>
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<td>2.75 4 sem Russian</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses, language-focused program. Located in St Peterburg</td>
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<td>4-5 sem Russian</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses in association with universities in Irkutsk, Moscow, or Yaroslavl.</td>
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<td>University of St. Andrews</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>3.2</td>
<td>2 recommendations. Early application is strongly recommended.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>university-based. Located in Fife, in eastern Scotland.</td>
<td>dormitory, apartment</td>
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<td>University of Edinburgh</td>
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<td>University of Glasgow</td>
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<td>IFSA Butler - Glasgow School of Art</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
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<td>Portfolio required as part of application.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>A high level course of study in a studio fine arts and design specialization for experienced art students.</td>
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<td>Arcadia Univ. in Granada</td>
<td>A (Not Approved for SP majors)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3 sem Spanish required by Colby</td>
<td>Pre-session required in September</td>
<td>academic program of courses (taught in English and Spanish) offered by Arcadia and the University of Granada, for beginners to advanced students.</td>
<td>apartment, residence hall, or homestay</td>
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<td>CIEE: Barcelona (Multiple Programs)</td>
<td>A (Not Approved for SP majors)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.75</td>
<td>3 sem Spanish required by Colby</td>
<td>other requirements vary by sub-program</td>
<td>program run courses and university courses at the Universitat de Barcelona (UB) depending on language level (6 different sub-programs depending on language level and academic focus).</td>
<td>homestay or residencia options depending on sub-program</td>
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<td>program run courses and university courses at the Universidad de Sevilla and/or the Universidad Pablo de Olavide (UPO) depending on language level (5 different sub-programs depending on language level and academic focus).</td>
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<td>Colby in Salamanca-Language acquisition program</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.7</td>
<td>min. 1 sem Spanish</td>
<td>20-Feb</td>
<td>Intensive Spanish language and civilization courses at Cursos Internacionales, affiliated with the University of Salamanca.</td>
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<td>Colby in Salamanca - Integrated program</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F,S,Y</td>
<td>2.7</td>
<td>7 sem Spanish (SP135&amp;231)</td>
<td>20-Feb</td>
<td>After an orientation session (courses in grammar, conversation, and culture), students enroll in regular University of Salamanca courses.</td>
<td>homestay &amp;/or apartment</td>
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<td>Hamilton College: Madrid</td>
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<td>equiv. 5 sem Spanish</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses taught by members of the Facultad de Filosofía y Letras of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid or by others. A number of courses at the Universidad San Pablo available. Internships available.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
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<td>PRESHCO (Programa de Estudios Hispanicos en Cordoba)</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4 sem Spanish</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>program run courses and university courses at the University of Cordoba. Note: administrative fee of $1,000 for non-consortium students in addition to program fee.</td>
<td>homestay, student dormitory</td>
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<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>3 or better in major and language</td>
<td>5 sem Spanish including at least one content course in Spanish</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>All courses taken at the University of Cordoba. This program is recommended for advanced students of Spanish who are both independent learners and highly motivated.</td>
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<td>The Swedish Program (Stockholm)</td>
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<td>Swedish language study required during the semester</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses in English sponsored by Stockholm School of Economics. Internships available.</td>
<td>homestay, apartments</td>
<td>Fall: mid Aug-mid Dec; Spring: mid Jan-mid May</td>
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<td>DIS Study Abroad in Scandinavia (Stockholm)</td>
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<td>3 Swedish language study req by Colby onsite</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program run courses in 3 specialized tracks (Gender &amp; sexuality students, Medical practice &amp; policy, and Psychology) and electives.</td>
<td>homestay, residential community, living &amp; learning community</td>
<td>End Aug- end Dec; mid Jan-mid May</td>
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<td>Boston University-Geneva Internship Program</td>
<td>A (Not Approved for French majors)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3 3 sem French req by Colby &amp; French study required on site.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program run courses + internship</td>
<td>dormitory</td>
<td>Fall: late Aug-Midl Dec; Spring: mid Jan-early May</td>
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<td>Smith College in Geneva</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S, Y</td>
<td>3 2 years French</td>
<td>Apply by February 2 for fall &amp; spring admission. Check program deadline. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>International Internship Semester or University Studies in French or English at the Université de Genève.</td>
<td>university residence halls</td>
<td>Sept-July</td>
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<td>SIT: Switzerland-International Studies and Multilateral Diplomacy</td>
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<td>2.5 3 sem French req by Colby Previous college level coursework in intl studies or related</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, based in Geneva with site visits.</td>
<td>homestay</td>
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<td>*Euroscholars: University of Zurich (BY PETITION)</td>
<td>P (PROGRAM PETITION)</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>3.4 + 3 sem French or German required by Colby though English will be the common language for the research work.</td>
<td>Demonstrated academic background in the field of study and the specialization chosen. Additional requirements may apply</td>
<td>A unique study abroad program whereby students can spend a semester as a junior researcher conducting research at a high caliber institution while taking a language and culture class. The program is especially designed for students who are interested in discovering their potential for a research career.</td>
<td>Housing varies by city/institution.</td>
<td>Varies by institution. The fall semester generally runs from late August/early September to just prior to Christmas. The Spring semester can run mid-</td>
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### MIDDLE EAST

Egypt - Suspended until further notice - **REQUIRES A PETITION TO THE TRAVEL WARNING COMMITTEE. APPROVAL DEPENDENT ON SECURITY SITUATION.**

Israel - **REQUIRES A PETITION TO THE TRAVEL WARNING REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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<td>pre-term Ulpan &amp; Hebrew semester course required</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program and university courses in English and pre-term Hebrew language Ulpan (required).</td>
<td>Dormitory</td>
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<td>Hebrew University, Rothberg International School (Jerusalem)</td>
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<td>3 pre-term Ulpan &amp; Hebrew semester course required</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program and university courses in English and pre-term Hebrew language Ulpan (required).</td>
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<td>New York University: Tel Aviv</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>Hebrew study required for the duration of the semester</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program courses taught by local faculty in English including Hebrew and Arabic. Internships available.</td>
<td>Student residence</td>
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<td>Tel Aviv University</td>
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<td>University of Haifa</td>
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<td>Program-run courses in English and Arabic. Internships available.</td>
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<td>Apartments, homestays</td>
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<td>F,S</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits. Based in Amman.</td>
<td>Combo of hostests, hostels, and/or private homes</td>
<td>Fall: late Aug-early Dec; Spring: early Feb-mid May</td>
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<td>CIEE: Istanbul - Arts &amp; Sciences</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.75</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>One program course and all other courses at Koç University. Note fall term ends in mid January.</td>
<td>residence hall, homestay</td>
<td>Fall: early Sept-mid January; spring: late January-early June</td>
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<td>* Antioch University Education Abroad: Comparative Women’s and Gender Studies in Europe</td>
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<td>Explore and examine feminist and queer theory while conducting field research across Europe (Utrecht/Amsterdam, the Netherlands Berlin, Germany Istanbul, Turkey Prague, the Czech Republic Krakow, Poland)</td>
<td>hostels, hotels, and homestays</td>
<td>mid. August - mid November</td>
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<td>SIT: IHP Comparative: Health &amp; Community - Globalization, Culture, and Care</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses in Switzerland, India, China, South Africa or United States, Tanzania, Vietnam. (locations may vary)</td>
<td>homestays and varied accommodations (i.e., dormitories, camping, community centers, hostels, and retreat destinations)</td>
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<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses. Itinerary varies.</td>
<td>homestays and varied accommodations (i.e., dormitories, camping, community centers, hostels, and retreat destinations)</td>
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<td>A</td>
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<td>2.5</td>
<td>Coursework in social sciences, such as anthropology, history, economics, sociology, and/or political science. Humanities coursework (philosophy, religion, and/or ethics) is also recommended.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses in New York, NY, USA; Kathmandu, Nepal; Amman, Jordan; Santiago, Chile (locations may vary)</td>
<td>homestays and varied accommodations (i.e., dormitories, camping, community centers, hostels, and retreat destinations)</td>
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<td>2.5</td>
<td>Coursework in political science, economics, and/or environmental science recommended.</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses in USA, Vietnam, Morocco, Bolivia (locations may vary)</td>
<td>homestays and varied accommodations (i.e., dormitories, camping, community centers, hostels, and retreat destinations)</td>
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<td>NEW in Fall 2016! IHP: Rethinking Food Security: Agriculture, People, and Politics (BY PETITION)</td>
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<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses in San Francisco, CA; Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Iringa, Tanzania; Gujarat, India; Rome and Piedmont, Italy (locations may vary)</td>
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<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Program-run courses in San Jose, CA; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Dhaka, Bangladesh; Kampala, Uganda (locations may vary)</td>
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| OCEANIA | FOR MANY AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES YOU MAY APPLY DIRECTLY OR THROUGH IFSA-BUTLER | |

<p>| Australian National University (Canberra) | A | F, S | 3 | higher GPA for Australia National Internships | Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended! | university-based, internships available | student residence | mid Feb-late Jun; mid Jul-mid Nov |
| James Cook University (Townsville Campus ONLY) | A | F, S | 2.8 | | Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended! | university-based | student residence | Feb-late Jun, mid Jul-late Dec. |
| SFS: Australia: Rainforest Management Studies | A | F, S | 2.7 | 1 semester college level ecology or biology | Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended! | field-based, research project. | cabins | Sept-mid Dec.; Feb- early May |</p>
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<td>Coursework in environment, biology, or ecology</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project.</td>
<td>Combo of homestays, hostels, campsites, and/or private homes</td>
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<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
<td>Field-based, independent study project, rural visits.</td>
<td>Combo of homestays, hostels, campsites, and/or private homes</td>
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<td>University of Melbourne</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>F, S</td>
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<td>2 academic references</td>
<td>Check program deadlines. Most have Rolling Admissions. Early application recommended!</td>
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<td>Jul-Dec; Feb-Jul</td>
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