

Studying Feminist & Gender Studies (FGS) Off-Campus

Many opportunities exist for students interested in feminist and gender studies to take classes in another part of the world. In addition to blocks which may be taught off-campus by CC professors during the year and in the summer, many options exist on CC-approved semester programs around the world. Here are some options that you might consider; this list is not exhaustive.

If you have questions about participating in one of these programs, please visit the website for CC's Office of International Programs (www.coloradocollege.edu/international), where you can learn **how to apply**, see a **guide to credit transfer processes**, and also search the **course approval database** to see previous approvals from past semesters. For additional questions about credit transfer to your major or minor, or specific questions about academic planning and goals, check with your academic advisor(s) or department chair.

DIS Stockholm

Well known for its progressive norms and policies, Sweden is a unique place to study the challenges, ideas, and dilemmas of core topics within gender, body, sexuality, and race. In the *Gender, Equality, and Sexuality in Scandinavia* core course, students will explore the implications and challenges of living in a country with the world's first self-proclaimed feminist government, where "gender mainstreaming" policies are highest on the agenda, and visit with Swedish families raising their children in a gender-neutral manner. The program includes a week-long study tour to Berlin, where students will examine how constructions of gender and sexuality intersect with ethnicity, race, class, religion and (dis)ability in Europe. In addition to a required introductory Swedish language course, related electives to choose from to round out your semester include: Economics of Gender, Human Trafficking and the Sex Trade, and Transgender in Scandinavia (Stockholm is home to the Transgender Film Fest every year in November).

DIS Copenhagen

Denmark and other Scandinavian countries have liberal social policies and universal welfare, with a perceived high level of equality for all genders, sexual orientations, and family structures. Prostitution is legal in Denmark, Sweden, and the Netherlands, but each country has vastly different approaches and policies regarding sex work. Explore how national cultures construct their own narratives about sexuality, gender, and rights in the Copenhagen core course Prostitution and the Sex Trade in Europe. This course will also include a week-long study tour to Amsterdam-The Hague. In addition to taking a basic Danish language and culture course, there are a wide variety of FGS-related electives to choose from to round out your semester, including: Gender and Sexuality in Europe, Gender Perspectives on Human Rights, Psychology of Human Sexuality, History of Sexuality in Europe, Activism: Engagement and Resistance, Masculinities in Scandinavia, and LGBTQ in Europe: Theories, Communities, and Spaces.

CIEE Ghana

Interested in the political and economic challenges facing Sub-Saharan Africa and developing nations? One of Africa's most stable countries, vibrant Ghana offers a rich cultural heritage and fascinating history of politics and social change to explore, with coursework focusing on gender equity and development at the University of Ghana, studying in a classroom with the perspectives of local students and not just American classmates. You will get to know life in West Africa by living with a Ghanaian family, volunteering with a local organization, doing an internship. In addition to a required Twi language course, students may enroll in a wide range of courses, including West African performing arts, African studies, social work, politics, economics, and religion at the University of Ghana, ranked as the 7th best university in Africa. Courses offered at the University of Ghana may include: Geography of Gender and Development in Africa, Identities and Conflicts in Africa, African Philosophy, Sociology of Gender Studies, African Dance, The Black Diaspora, Gender and Politics, and Social Structure of Modern Ghana.

Kansai Gaidai

Established in 1972, the Asian Studies Program today annually welcomes over 600 competitively selected students who represent about 40 countries and regions. Located in Hirakata City, Osaka, Kansai Gaidai is accessible via a one-hour train ride to Kyoto and Nara, the ancient capitals, and Osaka, the second largest business hub in Japan. The goal of the program is to provide international students with a means of exploring Japan and Asian studies through classroom instruction and interaction with Japanese people. A number of courses are available that explore gender and sexuality in Japanese culture, including: Sexuality and Culture in Japan: Shifting Dimensions of Desire, Relationship and Society; Anthropology of Gender and Sexual Diversity: Japan, Asia and Beyond; Gender and Sexuality in Japan: Norms, Practice and Selves in Motion; Culture, Power and Belonging in Japan: Anthropological Perspectives on the Making of Minorities and Majorities; and Geisha, Gangsters and Samurai: Japan in Western Film. Students will take two Japanese language courses (at any level), one course focused on learning speaking, reading, listening, and writing Japanese, and one course in Kanji (script). Together, these two courses yield two blocks worth of language credit at CC.

SITA (South India Term Abroad)

Located in the southern Indian city of Madurai, the SITA program combines academic coursework with expressive cultural training (optional classes in dance, music, or art to provide you with a unique window into Indian culture), travel around the region on program field trips, and homestays. In addition to a required Tamil language course and an Ethnographic Research course that will allow you to undertake inquiry into an area of your choosing, you also can choose from elective courses. FGS students may be especially interested in these:

SOC 2181/WSTU 3170: Caste, Politics, and Gender in South India: Negotiating India's Diversity via Experiential Education - Discuss sociological theories of power and marginality, learn about the historical background of caste, politics, and gender in Tamil Nadu, and participate in experiential learning within a local NGO.

ENG 3730: Human Rights Literature- This discussion-based course aims to introduce students to the social realities in South India through the intersecting vantage point of Human Rights discourse and literature. Dalit, transgender, and Tamil authors will be featured.

Augsburg College - Social Change in Central America: Exploring Peace, Justice, and Community Engagement

This multi-country semester study abroad program travels to Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua in a single semester. It offers students a provocative and inspiring experience that develops Spanish language skills while immersing participants in the lives of host families, urban and rural communities, and grassroots organizations dedicated to working on issues related to conflict, U.S. foreign policy, gender, and economic and social justice. The community is the classroom and students will meet with liberation theologians, representatives of feminist movements, government officials, political party representatives, former guerrilla leaders, a Mayan priestess, Indigenous leaders, and youth groups. One of the required core courses is: History/Women's Studies 355-- Cultural Conflict and Social Change in Latin America: The Central American Context. One-on-one Spanish instruction allows students of all levels of language to participate in this semester.

Human Rights: Diversity, Minority, and Gender Studies Concentration -- IFSA-Butler Argentine Universities Program, Buenos Aires

Argentina is known for its tenacious work in favor of equality and diversity. The Human Rights: Diversity, Minority, and Gender Studies concentration examines issues about feminism, ethnic minorities and sexual diversity, and how these topics have become a focal point on the debate about the scope and nature of human rights. You will see clear examples of the fight against discrimination and violence, and how it still exists in many parts of the country. You need to have taken Spanish 305 at CC or the equivalent, as all coursework is conducted in Spanish. Students take an Advanced Spanish Language and Argentine Culture program class at the IFSA center, the core program course "Diversity, Minorities, Gender and Argentine Society," participate in a field experience with seminar and final paper, and then round out their semester with one or two direct enroll courses at one of the four Argentine partner universities that IFSA works with. Examples of Partnership NGOs in the past include: Mujeres 2000, Centro de Derechos Humanos, Universidad Nacional de Lanús, Asociación por el Derecho del Niño a Jugar (IPA) Argentina, Crear Vale la Pena, and Fundación Huésped. Students live in carefully-selected homestay families while participating in this concentration.