

Studying Philosophy Abroad

Many opportunities exist for students who are interested in philosophy to take classes in another part of the world. In addition to blocks which may be taught off-campus by CC professors, many options exist on CC-approved semester and year-long partner programs around the world. Here are some of the 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 Center for Global Education (www.coloradocollege.edu/offices/globalandfieldstudy), where you can learn **how to apply, 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 Copenhagen and Stockholm](#)

Study philosophy in the hometown of Kierkegaard (Copenhagen), or in the Swedish capital city of Stockholm. Click the link in the title to see current Philosophy-related coursework available with DIS; past offerings have included *Making of the Modern Self: Existential Philosophy*, *Environmental Philosophy*, *Kierkegaard's Authorship*, *Philosophy of Gender*, *Concept of Evil in Contemporary Culture*, and more. There have been past Research Assistantships also available for undergraduates in areas related to emergence of consciousness, imagination, humor, and self-identity. Some philosophy classes are offered at the University of Copenhagen (where Kierkegaard attended as well), to allow you the experience of learning philosophy alongside the perspectives of your Danish peers.

[Carleton Buddhist Studies in India & Thailand \(Fall semester\)](#)

Explore Buddhism in India through interdisciplinary courses and Buddhist meditation traditions while living in a monastery near the site of Buddha Shakyamuni's enlightenment. This fall semester program is for students who want to take a deep dive into the theory and practice of Buddhism with other undergraduates who have a shared interest exploring the Burmese Vipassana (Theravada), Japanese Zen (Mahayana), and Tibetan Vajrayana traditions, while studying and living in community following the Buddhist precepts. All students will carry out an independent study project in South Asia as part of their study abroad experience.

[IES Vienna: European Society, Politics, and Culture](#)

Study in the beautiful, vibrant, and livable city of Vienna, birthplace of the Vienna Circle of logical empiricism (started in 1924 by philosopher Moritz Schlick at the University of Vienna). The IES Vienna program is housed in an ornate 18th-century palace, and is open to students of all levels of German language study with coursework in English. Past philosophy courses have included *PH300: Human Nature in European Thought*, and *PH380: Aspects of the Free Will Debate*, alongside German language study, and extensive coursework in cultural heritage, history, music, and political thought (with a track available studying the legacy of Jewish life in Vienna, past and present).

[College Year in Athens \(semester or year-long\)](#)

Athens has been a center of the philosophical world for millennia. Spend a semester with College Year in Athens, which offers a substantial curriculum at the junior-year level augmented by study-travel to important historical sites. As much as possible, all courses make use of the resources of the city of Athens and of what can be seen or experienced directly. Take Philosophy courses like *The Concept of Life in Ancient Greek Philosophy and Its Relevance Today* along with a language class, and coursework in a range of disciplines like political science, history, literature, art, archaeology, and cultural heritage.

[CIEE Korea: Arts + Sciences, Seoul](#)

Immerse yourself in Korean culture with classes at both the CIEE Center and integrated with Korean students at the prestigious Yonsei University, where previous philosophy classes (in English) have included *Philosophy in East Asian Literature* and *Introduction to Korean Philosophy*. With the Seoul Mates student-buddy program, university clubs, and a variety of cultural excursions, the program gives you access to rich Korean culture and the vibrant modern student campus experience.

[CIEE South Africa: Arts + Sciences at the University of Cape Town](#)

Cape Town is South Africa's stunning coastal city, celebrated for its natural beauty, vibrant arts scene, and cutting-edge advancements in science and sustainability. The city seamlessly blends African culture with modern innovation, offering world-class museums, historic landmarks like Robben Island, and breathtaking natural scenery. You'll get involved with the local community in so many ways—from community service to visits to local theater, museums, and historical sites—and take rigorous courses at the top-ranked University of Cape Town, at the foot of Table Mountain. Courses at UCT have included *Philosophy of Race*, *Metaphysics and Epistemology*, *Political Philosophy*, and *Logic and Language*.

[Japan Study Program at Waseda University, Tokyo](#)

The Japan Study Program enables students to become international citizens as they explore Japan in depth, build language skills, and experience Japanese culture. Living with a Japanese family, taking courses at the prestigious Waseda University, and participating in a six-week [cultural internship](#) (including a popular longstanding placement at a Zen monastery!) offers different windows for experiencing and understanding the complex society of contemporary Japan. Philosophy courses offered in the past at Waseda have included classes such as *History of Metaphysics and Its Critique*, *Mind and Consciousness*, and *Seminar on Philosophy and Religion*.

[Syracuse University - Florence, Italy](#)

For hundreds of years, Florence has remained a perpetual fountain of creativity and intellectual thought, as the birthplace of the Renaissance. The Syracuse Florence program is centered around the Villa Rossa, and site visits within Florence and field trips throughout Italy and beyond are integral to the academic program, while your homestay will round out both your personal and educational experience. In addition to studying Italian, coursework is offered in History, Art, Anthropology, Religion, Women's Studies, and, of course, Philosophy: past philosophy courses have included: *Philosophy of Catastrophe*, *Citizenship from Modernity to Globalization*, and *Identity and Difference*.

[SIT/IHP: Death & Dying: Perspectives, Practices, and Policies](#) (multi-country IHP semester)

While this new multi-country semester program from SIT doesn't offer specific coursework listed in the discipline of philosophy, the elements of philosophical, existential, and cultural-belief thinking woven through all four of the classes would likely be of interest to a CC Philosophy major or minor. Starting in New York City, the semester will take you to Ghana, Mexico, and Indonesia—three countries where death is granted a social place—to explore how cultural practices, social policies, and creative communities confront and celebrate death across very different perspectives.

[Institute for Study Abroad \(IFSA\) University Direct Enrollment](#)

IFSA facilitates your direct enrollment into world-class universities, with coursework integrated alongside your local peers, including several universities around the world with top-100-ranked Philosophy departments. From the IFSA program webpages linked below about the program structure and details (including admissions criteria), you can then click through to the universities' webpages themselves to explore courses available in their Philosophy departments for undergraduates:

- [IFSA England: University of Oxford Partnership](#) (any member college)
- [IFSA England: London School of Economics & Political Science Partnership](#) (full year General Course only)
- [IFSA Scotland: University of St Andrews Partnership](#)
- [IFSA Australia: University of Sydney Partnership](#)
- [IFSA Scotland: University of Edinburgh Partnership](#)
- [IFSA Australia: University of Melbourne Partnership](#)
- [IFSA England: University College London Partnership](#)
- [IFSA Ireland: University College Dublin Partnership](#)
- [IFSA New Zealand: University of Otago Partnership](#)

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