

Studying Political Science Off-Campus & Abroad

Several opportunities exist for students interested in political science 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 and year-long 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 Center for Global Education (www.coloradocollege.edu/offices/globalandfield), 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 participants. For additional questions about credit transfer to your major, or specific questions about academic planning and goals, check with your academic advisor within Political Science faculty.

London School of Economics and Political Science: General Course (year-long only)

The General Course is LSE's study abroad program, drawing students from overseas universities to spend a full academic year at LSE. With a range of 300+ courses offered in departments of Government, Economic History, Geography, International History, International Relations, Law, Social Policy, and Languages, you will be joining a culturally diverse population of 11,000 students, around 70% of whom join us from outside the UK, representing over 140 countries. General Course students have access to a range of resources to make the most of your studies, including the world-renowned British Library of Political and Economic Science. Application for the LSE opens in the December of the year prior to your fall start date in London, and the campus faculty advisor for LSE applicants is Dr. Dan Johnson in the CC Economics Department.

DIS: Copenhagen or Stockholm

DIS offers students the opportunity to study abroad in English and explore the social and political systems in Scandinavia, with comparative course-integrated field trips throughout Europe. DIS's Stockholm location offers core courses in either *European Security Dilemmas* and *Public Health and Migration: Access, Politics, and Human Rights* and electives in areas such as *Economics and Gender*, *Psychology of Political Behavior*, and *Swedish Politics & Society*. In Copenhagen, DIS offers core course programs in *European Politics, Justice & Human Rights*, or *Terrorism and Security*. Additional political science electives are available in areas such as: *Danish Politics and Society*, *Equality in Scandinavia: Developments & Challenges of the Welfare State*, *Partners and Rivals: EU/US Relations*, *Religion and Politics of Europe*, and *Enemy Within: Spies and Espionage in the Cold War*.

Hebrew University Jerusalem: Rothberg International School

Jerusalem and Israel present a wide array of intriguing issues and contemporary topics for study within political science and the social sciences, and Hebrew U is the highest-ranked university in Israel, one of the world's top 100, and one of the top 25 schools outside of the United States. From internships to meetings with diplomats to tours of Jerusalem, the political science program at Rothberg International School (RIS) takes you outside the classroom to understand the complex political situation in the hub of Israel. Example courses include: *Israeli Politics*, *Negotiating Middle East Peace*, *Theories of International Relations and the Realities of the Middle East*, *The Role of International Law in Formulating Foreign Policy*, and *Game Theory: Applications in International Relations*.

Augsburg University – Conflict, Peace, and Transition in Northern Ireland

Did you know that Northern Ireland has more "peace walls" currently dividing Protestant and Catholic communities now than when the renowned peace accords were signed in 1998? Northern Ireland has grappled for centuries with an ongoing identity-based conflict that divides neighbors, communities, and the country (and island of Ireland) itself. Deeply segregated communities are byproducts of the trauma caused by years of violence, and the conflict and its legacy ripples out into the language, governance, and everyday life of Northern Irish citizens. Throughout this semester program, students critically examine the work of justice, reconciliation, and repair. Field seminars focus on human rights, equality, conflict transformation, and education for democracy, and help students see in action the tools used to transform conflict. A seven-week, nearly full-time internship in the historic 17th-century walled city of Londonderry/Derry allows students to participate directly in efforts toward a peaceful future. Course offerings include: *Understanding the Politics of the Northern Ireland Conflict*, *Building a Sustainable Democracy*, and *Northern Ireland Internship and Integration Seminar* (equivalent to two courses).

Syracuse University in Strasbourg

Strasbourg, France is home to several of Europe's most important political institutions, including the EU Parliament, the Council of Europe, and the European Court of Human Rights. Located just over the Rhine River from Germany, and not far from Switzerland, the Syracuse Strasbourg program allows students to take a variety of classes in English or French, at the Syracuse Center and partnering French institutions. Available courses include topics like: *Politics of the European Union*; *Minorities, Migrants, and Discrimination in Europe*; *European Human Rights*; *Europe, Russia, and the Eastern Borderlands*; *Economic Policies of the European Union*. An internship course "Internship at the Council of Europe" is available fall and spring semesters, where students observe, assist, and conduct research for various Directorates of the Council of Europe Secretariat, including Political Affairs, Office of the Clerk (parliamentary assembly), Human Rights, Public Health, Cultural Affairs, and the Environment.

College Year in Athens (semester or year-long)

Study political science in the birthplace of the first democracy, now a crucial centerpoint at the crossroads of the migration debate in Europe. Spend a semester or year with the College Year in Athens program, which offers a substantial curriculum at the junior-year level augmented by study-travel to important historical sites. The following political science and international relations courses are regularly offered: *The European Governance of Migration: Reflections on Emerging Responses*; *The European Union: Challenges and Strategic Choices*; *Peace, Conflict, and International Politics: Lessons from the Mediterranean Region*; *Crisis and Change in Greece and Europe*, and *Solidarity, Social Movements, and the Fight for Justice and Change in Greece*. Round out your semester with a language class, and coursework in a range of disciplines like philosophy, economics, history, literature, art, archaeology, and cultural heritage.

Washington Semester: American University

The internship-based Washington Semester program at American University in D.C. offers you the opportunity to take interdisciplinary seminar coursework from world-class experts in our nation's capital, while also helping you to secure a semester-long internship in areas as varied as Politics & Government, International Affairs & Foreign Policy, Business & Economics, non-profits like Diversity and Social Justice Organizations, Journalism, Communications, and more. Students select two interdisciplinary academic seminars, in areas such as *Political Transitions and Policy Implications*, *Managing the Pandemic in Globalized Societies*, and *Criminal Legal System: Roots of Mass Incarceration & Racial Disparity*, and earn academic credit also from their internship and AU elective courses.

Sciences Po Exchange: France

The Colorado College-Sciences Po exchange program allows CC to nominate two full-year students to study in France each year, while welcoming two French students to CC. The Reims campus of the Sciences Po has developed special international studies curriculum for visiting exchange students, allowing you to earn certificates in *European Affairs*, *International Affairs & Strategy*, and *Business & Economics*, one per semester, from the premier social science institution in France, attended by 6 of the last 8 presidents of France. Sciences Po's campus in Reims, in the heart of the Champagne region, is housed in a magnificent seventeenth-century building—the former Jesuit College—near the famous Reims cathedral. This certificate-awarding exchange has been specifically designed for students to thrive in the growing community of media and international scholars and students in France. Previous French language study is helpful, but fluency is not required.

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

This multi-country program (Guatemala, El Salvador, and Costa Rica) offers students an opportunity to develop and expand Spanish language skills while immersing in the lives of host families, urban and rural communities, and grassroots organizations dedicated to work on issues related to conflict, U.S. foreign policy, gender, and economic and social justice. Students will learn about the history, culture, and anti-oppression struggles of the people of Central America, with on a focus on indigenous peoples in Guatemala, Nicaraguan immigrants, and youth involved in social movements in Central America. Coursework will explore the legacies of armed struggle, the role of religion in social change and liberation, women's participation, and the impact of globalization on immigration. Open to all levels of Spanish, from beginner through advanced.

CET Prague: Central European Studies or Jewish Studies

From its founding in the 6th century at the crux of Western and Eastern Europe, Prague has weathered many different political systems -- from empire to communism, through the Velvet Revolution and into democracy. In this city of Bohemian castles and cobblestones, political science students on the CET program can choose to focus on either Jewish Studies or Central European Studies. Prague is a longstanding hotbed of political resistance and artistic experimentation, and on the **Central European Studies** program, you can take classes in *Resistance & Dissent*, *Nationalism, Minorities, and Migrations*, *Conflict & Cooperation in International Relations*, and *Political & Cultural History of East Central Europe*. Or, in a city with sites steeped in Jewish political and cultural history, Prague is also a great place to pursue **Jewish Studies**, with courses including: *Modern History of Jews in East Central Europe*, *Jews & Anti-Semitism in a Multi-Ethnic Society*, and *Memory of the Holocaust in Europe*. Past students have been shown the Terezín concentration camp by a Holocaust survivor, led through Lidice (a village destroyed in WWII) by a survivor who was a child at the time, and heard from a former political prisoner about Jáchymov (site of former Communist labor camps). No language prerequisites.

School for International Training (SIT) and International Honors Program (IHP, SIT's comparative multi-country programs)

SIT offers thematic semesters around the world, each organized to focus on a "Critical Global Issue," including: Peace & Justice Studies, Development & Inequality, Geopolitics & Power, Identity & Human Resilience, Climate & Environment, Education & Social Change, and Global Health & Well-being. See their website for current locations/themes -- many SIT programs are popular with political science students, including:

- Rwanda: Post-Genocide Restoration & Peacebuilding
- Mexico: Migration, Borders, and Transnational Communities
- Serbia, Bosnia, and Kosovo: Peace and Conflict Studies in the Balkans
- Argentina: Social Movements & Human Rights
- Switzerland: International Studies and Multilateral Diplomacy
- Morocco: Migration & Transnational Identity
- Nepal: Development, Gender and Social Change in the Himalaya
- Spain: Policy, Law, and Regional Autonomy in Europe
- IHP (Multi-country) Human Rights: Movements, Power, and Resistance
- IHP (Multi-country) International Relations: Global Governance, Human Security, and Civil Society