Health and Society — Off-Campus Study
Health and Society majors study off-campus to learn about health and medical care in the U.S. and around the world, explore cultural differences in health care systems in new settings, experience internships and other projects related to their studies, and develop cross-cultural understanding by becoming immersed in another culture.

More information: Office of International Education: oie@beloit.edu http://www.beloit.edu/oie/

Studying abroad in SA has focused my plans of becoming a nurse practitioner in the future, and has given me drive to accomplish those goals.

Katherine Miller ’13, SIT South Africa: Community Health and Social Policy, Spring 2012

Study Abroad Programs

Note: Majors are strongly encouraged to take ANTH 328 (Medical Anthropology) and/or BIOL 215 (Biological Issues: Emerging Diseases) before studying abroad. IDST 265 (Nicaragua in Transition: Health and Micro-Credit) taught in spring of odd numbered years, is also highly recommended.

Botswana - ACM: University Immersion in Southern Africa, University of Botswana, Gaborone
Spring
Language: English, beginning Setswana language course.
Prereqs: Juniors and seniors preferred, previous study of political development and social change, background in field methods recommended.
Housing: University graduate student dormitories, students provide their own meals.
Details: Study with American and Botswana students; limited curriculum; courses in African studies, development and social change, independent research project, introduction to Setswana language; field trips around the country; orientation in Chicago before departure.

Canada - ISEP: University of Brock

Chile - ISEP: Universidad del Norte - Coquimbo
Fall, spring
Language: Spanish
Prereqs: 4 semesters of Spanish, 2.75 GPA
Housing: All students are housed with host families and receive breakfast, lunch, and dinner from the host family. Housing for students traveling with their dependents may be available.
Description: The Pastoral Department and the Student Health Center provide many opportunities for volunteering in the community through campus organizations. Courses in Nursing, Physiotherapy, and Nutrition. Located in a northern mining region of Chile.

Denmark – DIS: Danish Institute for Study Abroad, Copenhagen
Fall or spring
Language: Study in English, courses in Danish available.
Prereqs: 3.0 GPA, previous coursework in your chosen program, several programs have additional requirements
Housing: 5 living options: host family, a kollegium (student residence hall), shared DIS housing downtown, Danish roommate in an apartment, folkehøjskole (rural campus with Danish students).
Details: Students are mostly from American colleges; choose a program to study (one or two core courses with unique program integrated study tours), elect 1 or 2 other courses many of which have field studies in Copenhagen; Danish language optional but recommended; optional adventure trips at extra cost; sports and volunteering available.

Ecuador - Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ)
Exchange, fall, spring or academic year
Language: Courses in Spanish or partly in English
Prereqs: 2 years of college Spanish; enrollment in a Spanish course the semester or summer before; 3.0 cumulative GPA and 3.0 in Spanish; previous course work for studio art courses; courses with a Latin American focus strongly recommended.
Housing: Host family
Details: Orientation in Quito; Quito in Transition course; full range of science and social science courses, some with field study trips; study with local students; excursions; volunteer opportunities.

Ghana - ISEP: University of Ghana, Legon
Fall, spring
Language: English
Prereqs: 2.75 GPA
Housing: Dormitory on campus, meal stipend
Description: Courses in adult health, community health, maternal and child health, nursing. Full-time coordinator can assist with locating community engagement opportunities in the health fields.

India - Minnesota Studies in International Development, Jaipur, India
Fall, spring
Language: English, Hindi
Prereqs: 2.5 GPA, junior or senior standing; experience in India and relevant course work or volunteer experience preferred; previous coursework relative to the understanding of India and development.
Housing: Homestay with one or two families, depending upon internship location.
Details: 4.25 units of credit, set course list with choice of track in the Development course; pre-departure assigned readings; semester is divided into: orientation, 7 weeks of class, 6 weeks in a grassroots internship, 1 week seminar at end of program; field trips.

India - SIT: Health and Human Rights
Fall, spring
Language: English, Hindi
Prereqs: coursework relative to the understanding of health care and human rights; previous independent research.
Housing: 10-week homestay in New Delhi.
Details: Study with American students; limited curriculum focusing on health issues; intensive Hindi; 1-week internship with Indian NGO; student plans 4-week research project selected with director; excursions in northern India related to the program theme.
Scholarships: SIT scholarships for specified programs, diversity, need.

Kenya - Minnesota Studies in International Development, Nairobi
Fall, spring
Language: English
Prereqs: 2.5 gpa, relevant coursework
Housing: Home stays
Description: Intensive study of development theory and practice, language study, research methods and independent internship in NGO. Public health track is one of several options, and local organizations can host students interested in engaging in health topics. NOTE: This program is currently unavailable for Beloit College students due to the current State Department Travel Warning.

Mexico - ISEP: Universidad Publica Autonima del Estado de Puebla, Puebla
Fall only (for pre-med program, described below), spring for regular classes
Language: Spanish
Prereqs: 4 to 5 semesters of university Spanish, or equivalent; 2.75 GPA
Housing & Meals: UPAEP offers two basic lodging options: Residence Halls or Homestays. Depending on the student's choice, meals will be either provided primarily by the host family or if living in the residence halls, through a semester meal stipend.
Description: Courses in Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, and Nutrition. In the fall, a 3 credit (.75 Beloit Unit) pre-med course offers students a unique look inside Mexican health care, hospitals and public health issues, through shadowing a physician, lectures, and meetings with a supervising physician.

South Africa - SIT: Community Health, Durban, South Africa*
Fall, spring
Language: English, Zulu
Prereqs: Background courses in health care policy useful; previous independent research.
Housing: Homestays (4 weeks in Durban area, 1 week rural homestay), hostels, private homes or small hotels.
Details: Study with Americans on the program; limited curriculum designed for non-specialists; student plans 4-week research project selected with director; educational excursions to a variety of health institutions; 2 week internship with a non-clinical health initiative, often linked to the internship.

United Kingdom – University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland
Fall, spring
Language: English
Prereqs: 3.0 GPA, previous study in your field, coursework relative to the understanding of Scotland
Housing: University assists students find housing in halls of residence or student flats, students provide own meals.
Details: Study with local and international students, wide variety of first and second year courses available, third year courses possible in major with background; classes for study abroad students in: arts, biomedical and life sciences (including a short course in clinical Human Anatomy for students planning to attend medical school), business and social sciences, physical sciences; lectures and tutorials, some art classes available in the Glasgow School of Art. Some year-long classes not open to spring semester students.

United Kingdom - ISEP: University of Sunderland

Domestic Programs
ACM: Urban Studies, Chicago
Fall, spring
Prereqs: Junior or senior standing preferred, approval through campus selection process, coursework relating to social change.
Housing: Students housed in double rooms in apartments with cooking facilities located in neighborhoods; students provide own meals.
Details: 4 units of credit: a city-centered Core Course, a choice of Seminar course topics; an internship connecting academics to the world of work; an independent study project related to the student’s academic goals, often linked to the internship.

* Exceeds the cap on tuition transfer off campus.

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