Religious Studies – Off-Campus Study

The study of philosophy and religion engages us in deepening and expanding critical thinking and demands not only that we learn to communicate our own ideas with eloquence and clarity, but also that we develop a sensitivity to and appreciation for the perspectives offered by others.

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

Study Abroad Programs

Note: Students studying Philosophy or Religious Studies can find compatible courses, such as ethics, political thought, history, peace and human rights, and interdisciplinary courses on many study abroad programs. Because the department encourages double majors, students also can seek study abroad programs to enhance the second major or minor. If a student wants to take a Philosophy or Religious Studies class, the choices may be limited to direct enrollment at a university.

Ecuador - Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ)

Language: Spanish, some courses may be partly in English
Prereq: 2 years of college Spanish, 3.0 cumulative gpa and gpa in Spanish, previous course work for studio art courses, courses with a Latin American focus strongly recommended.
Housing: Host family
Details: Orientation in Quito; small private university; wide range of courses available, some attract American students; Quito in Transition course explores trends in Ecuadorian society, politics, history and economics through the study of the city of Quito; study with local students; excursions; volunteer opportunities. https://www.beloit.edu/oie/off_campus/find_program/beloit/

Egypt – American University in Cairo

Language: English, Arabic language available
Prereq: Junior or senior standing preferred, 3.0 gpa; previous coursework in classics, courses relative to the understanding of Egypt
Housing: On-campus residence halls, single or shared rooms; students purchase own meals; campus cafeteria, no cooking facilities.
Details: New suburban campus in fall 2008; emphasis on liberal arts; wide selection of courses on ancient Egypt history, literature, art, architecture, religion, Coptic studies, hieroglyphics, Arabic and Middle-Eastern studies; study with Egyptian and other international students. http://www.aucegypt.edu/Pages/default.aspx

Germany – Erfurt University, Erfurt

Language: German, English
Prereq: 2 years college German, previous coursework relative to the understanding of Germany.
Housing: Campus dormitory with international and German students, provide own meals.
Details: Intensive German language at beginning of term; university courses in social sciences, humanities; religious studies offers an integrative course of study on the 3 major religions: Judaism, Islam and Christianity; some courses may be taught partially in English; study with local students; few non-native German speakers in Erfurt; region is historically rich with archives, museums and study centers; travel opportunities in Germany and Central Europe. https://www.beloit.edu/oie/off_campus/find_program/beloit/
Scholarships available for study in Germany. See the Scholarships page on the OIE Study Abroad website.

Ghana – ISEP: University of Ghana, Legon

Language: English, beginning Twi language course
Prereq: 3.0 gpa, previous coursework with African content recommended; students expected to enroll in a beginning Twi language course at the University of Ghana.
Housing: International student hostel on campus, stipend provided for meals.
Details: Study with Ghanaian and international students; Institute of African Studies (beginning level courses), courses in history, philosophy and religious studies at the beginning to advanced levels; orientation program; resident director; sports and volunteering available. http://www.isep.org/students/Directory/member_site.asp?CSID=78&ID=193

India – ISEP: University of Hyderabad

Language: English, with language study in most Indian languages.
Prereq: junior or senior standing, 3.0 gpa; previous coursework relative to the understanding of India.
Housing: Single or double room on-campus, shared bath; meal plan.
Details: The University is one of India’s newest, smallest (2000 students) and best-equipped campuses. Study with Indian and international students; courses in Sanskrit as well as directed field studies offer opportunities to explore this historic and changing nexus of Islam and Hinduism; orientation, access to campus sports and cultural programs. http://www.isep.org/students/Directory/member_site.asp?CSID=249&ID=334
India and Bhutan/Tibet Autonomous Region – SIT: Tibetan and Himalayan Studies*  
**Fall, spring**  
**Language:** English, beginning Tibetan  
**Prereqs:** 2.5 gpa, previous coursework relative to the understanding of Tibet; previous independent research.  
**Housing:** homestay (4 weeks), guesthouses/hostels, some camping; meals provided.  
**Details:** Study with Americans students; limited curriculum designed for non-specialists; student plans 4-week research project selected with director; urban and rural stays; excursions to Tibetan Autonomous Region (fall), Kingdom of Bhutan (spring).  
**Scholarships:** SIT scholarships for specified programs, diversity, need.  
http://www.worldlearning.org/ssa_npt.htm

**Italy – IES: Rome**  
**Fall, spring**  
**Language:** English & Italian  
**Prereqs:** No language requirement;  
**Housing:** host family or apartments  
**Details:** Courses on advent of Christianity, the contemporary Catholic church, Jews in Rome, and social issues of southern Italy; Required course in Italian language. Students take elective courses at Università degli studi Roma Tre or Università degli studi di Roma 1 "La Sapienza"; internships and volunteering opportunities available.  
https://www.iesabroad.org/IES/Programs/Italy/Rome/romeSemester.html

**Japan – Kansai Gaidai University, Hirakata City, Osaka**  
**Fall, spring, academic year**  
**Language:** English, Japanese language courses in Japanese  
**Prereqs:** Beloit requires 2 years college Japanese, 3.0 cumulative gpa and 3.0 in Japanese; previous coursework in Asian history, politics or other related areas.  
**Housing:** Host family (strongly recommended); dormitory with international students, student provides own meals.  
**Details:** Asian Studies Program courses focused on Japan and taught in English; intensive Japanese language study; orientation program; Speaking Partner Program; courses with other international students and a few Japanese students; most courses are .75 Beloit units; courses on Buddhism, Shinto, Japanese Buddhist art; field trips, excursions.  
https://www.beloit.edu/oie/off_campus/find_program/beloit/  
**Scholarships** available for study in Japan. See Scholarships page on the OIE Study Abroad website.

**Jordan – CIEE: Language and Culture, University of Jordan, Amman**  
**Fall, spring**  
**Language:** English, Arabic  
**Prereqs:** 2.75 gpa, previous coursework relative to the understanding of Jordan/Middle East.  
**Housing:** Host family (cannot guarantee for male students), or apartment with other CIEE students with meal stipend.  
**Details:** CIEE area studies courses and colloquial Jordanian Arabic with other CIEE students; modern Arabic with international students; courses on Islamic civilization, diplomacy in the Middle East, core concepts of Islam; orientation and excursions; language peer tutors; volunteer opportunities.  
**Scholarships:** CIEE scholarships for merit, need, travel, under-represented groups.  

**Senegal – Baobab Center, Dakar, Senegal**  
**Spring starting in spring 2011**  
**Language:** French, Wolof  
**Prereqs:** 5 semesters college French, Cities in Transition Foundations (in Beloit, .25 unit).  
**Housing:** Host family  
**Details:** Collaboration, the Baobab Center locates students into Dakar for field and classroom study. Students take Wolof, Dakar in Transition (explores trends in society through studying the city of Dakar), Health Advocacy and Policy course focusing on responses to HIV and AIDS in Senegal and Africa; and a course on Islam; excursions.  
https://www.beloit.edu/oie/off_campus/find_program/beloit/  
Enroll directly in ISEP universities http://www.isep.org/ or other English-speaking universities with a department in Religious Studies or Philosophy and study with local students. Examples:  

**University of Glasgow, Scotland** - Theology and Religious Studies (3.0 gpa)  
http://www.gla.ac.uk/international/studyabroadprogramme/  

**Lancaster University, England** – Religious Studies (2.8 gpa expected)  
http://www.lancs.ac.uk/users/international/exchprog.htm

**University of Otago, New Zealand** – Theology and Religious Studies (3.0 gpa)  
http://www.otago.ac.nz/international/studyabroad/  

* Exceeds the cap on tuition transfer off-campus.  

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