

# CC Off Campus Study Opportunities

## Parent Information

### Introduction

International Education at Colorado College is about more than 'just' study abroad opportunities. Every year, international resident scholars, guest lecturers, and professional performers come to CC to teach, mentor and perform. Our own faculty not only teaches on campus, they also take their blocks abroad to teach students on locale. Abroad opportunities also include international service learning in Peru or venture grant funding for student research projects. At CC, we want our students, staff and faculty to experience the world, both on and away from campus.

### Data

In 2007/08, 195 students went abroad; in 2008/09, 191 students; and in fall 2009, 170 students are studying abroad. The Office of International Programs reports an increase in student interest in semester and yearlong study abroad programming.

### Frequently asked questions

1. *When do CC students typically study abroad?*

Most CC students study abroad in their junior year, however, sophomore and seniors with the proper planning can also participate in study abroad.

2. *Where do CC students study abroad or off campus?*

During the fall 2009 semester, CC students studied abroad in more than 30 different international locations, from Africa to Europe, and Asia to Latin America. Students also chose to study off campus domestically in locations such as Chicago, Washington D.C., and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

3. *What majors can go abroad?*

With careful academic planning, students from all majors can usually study off-campus at some point in their time at Colorado College. Freshman year is not too early for students to start exploring options that match their academic interests, and arranging their course schedule to allow room for off-campus study. Every block offers off campus informational meetings where students can meet the off campus advisor.

4. *What costs are associated with off-campus study?*

Programs exist to meet students' needs at all levels of financial aid and program cost. Programs vary widely in cost, and it is important for students and parents to pay close attention throughout the

selection process to ensure that the program will match their financial needs. Affiliated, exchanges, or CC-faculty-led programs are those for which students will continue to pay the standard CC tuition rate and can access all financial aid. There are also certain Approved Third-Party Providers that CC works with, and for these programs students will pay the cost of the program directly through the program (instead of being billed CC tuition), and cannot use their CC financial aid towards these costs. For additional information, the student is encouraged to work closely with the Financial Aid Office to ensure a smooth off-campus study experience. For more information on the differences with these types of programs, please see below.

5. *The CC study abroad Program classification*

**Affiliated Programs** are study abroad programs with which CC have a Memorandum of Understanding. In most instances, the partnership allows for CC faculty involvement in the form of teaching or research. Students are charged CC tuition and receive CC credits for their successful participation. Grades are transferred and calculated into the student's GPA. Institutional aid is transferable to the affiliated program tuition cost.

CC offers students enrollment in **Exchange Programs** (Brazil, China, Finland, Germany, Japan, Sweden and Wales). Each exchange program is administered differently, but in most cases a student pays CC tuition and receives CC credits for successful participation. Grades are transferred and calculated into the student's GPA. Institutional aid is transferable.

**Approved study abroad programs** are programs which have been vetted carefully by the CC International Studies Committee. Students can choose from 60+ such programs. Students apply directly to the program and are also responsible for paying the study abroad provider directly. Credits appear on the transcript as transfer credits and grades are not transferred. Institutional aid cannot be transferred to an approved program cost, although the Financial Aid Office at CC can work with students to transfer eligible Federal or State aid.

6. *Is there a Study Abroad Administrative Fee?*

When students study abroad on non-affiliated programs, they are not paying any Colorado College tuition or fees. However, many offices still provide support and services to these students. In order to defray some of the costs of these services, students studying abroad on non-affiliated programs will be assessed a \$300 administrative fee, charged to a student's account on December 1 for spring semester programs and on May 1 for programs that begin in the fall. If the fee presents a financial burden, students should contact the Office of International Programs to request a special waiver of the fee.

7. *Can a CC student take a course during the summer?*

Yes. Each summer, students can enroll in up to three different block courses offered through the CC Summer Session. The courses are taught by CC faculty and specially invited guest faculty. Courses are offered on campus as well as internationally. Students receive credits and financial aid is available.

<http://www.coloradocollege.edu/summerprograms/summersession/>

8. *Can I make an appointment to meet with International Programs Office staff?*

Studying off-campus is an endeavor that takes a high level of initiative and responsibility on the part of the student to make it successful. The staff in Office of International Programs works primarily with the student as the main constituent, as research shows that the more involved a student is with their own planning process, the more successful the off-campus study experience is on many levels. We believe that while taking full responsibility for planning the off-campus study experience, students can learn and practice skills that prepare them for future travels. If parents wish to meet with a staff member from the Office of International Programs we strongly encourage the student to make the appointment and be present at the meeting.

9. ***Information for Winter Start Students***

Students who are admitted under the Winter Start program have a variety of study abroad programs to choose from. Some are credit-bearing (either a full semester's worth or offering partial credit), while others do not bear credit but offer other opportunities like volunteering and language learning. These are the only pre-approved options. Students who wish to take part in another academic opportunity will need to save all their work and petition for credit once they arrive at CC.

[http://www.coloradocollege.edu/international/study\\_abroad/winter\\_start.asp](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/international/study_abroad/winter_start.asp)

10. To read more about CC study abroad click one of the following links:

[http://www.coloradocollege.edu/international/study\\_abroad/study\\_abroad\\_parents.asp](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/international/study_abroad/study_abroad_parents.asp)

[http://www.coloradocollege.edu/international/study\\_abroad/health.asp](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/international/study_abroad/health.asp)

Please contact the Office of International Programs for more information.

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