

# OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - SPRING 2022

## COLGATE IN WALES

**Director:**

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**Tentative Program Dates:**

January 16 to June 18, 2022

**Learn about the 2021-22 Colgate Study Groups and Talk With the Faculty Directors at the Study Group Fair on Wednesday, October 7th, 2020, 4:00–5:00:**

<https://www.colgate.edu/academics/off-campus-study/campus-opportunities/virtual-study-group-fair>

**For more information about the program:**

Please contact Prof. Sommers at [jsommers@colgate.edu](mailto:jsommers@colgate.edu)

**Information Sessions will be held on:**

Monday, October 12 at 8:00pm - <https://colgate.zoom.us/j/93924888264>  
and

Thursday, October 22 at 12:00pm - <https://colgate.zoom.us/j/94879642166>

## Colgate University's

Wales Study Group, established in 1984, gives priority to majors in the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics who wish to live and study abroad. Although the program is designed primarily for juniors, sophomores in spring 2022 may also be considered.

The program is hosted at Cardiff University during the spring semester. The Colgate study group's orientation is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2022. The last final exam day is May 2022 with the official program end date May 2022.

The study group will be based at Cardiff University, which, with its student body of thirty thousand students, is the pre-eminent research university of Wales. Colgate students will register as non-matriculated students of Cardiff University and have access to all of the University's academic and athletic facilities, including libraries, gymnasiums, and student union.

*Courses taken on this study group satisfy the Core Global Engagements requirement.*



Wales is part of the United Kingdom and only in 1998 formed its own National Assembly. Its people consider Wales to be a separate and distinct nation; they are passionately conscious of their cultural heritage. While the dominant language of southern Wales is English, Wales is a bilingual nation. The Welsh language, a Celtic tongue, is alive and well as a second language and is strongly promoted in the Welsh educational system. Cardiff is an ideal locale for exploring this fascinating culture, serving as a center for the renaissance of Welsh language, literature, and national pride.

The city of Cardiff, the capital of Wales, has a population of approximately 350,000. The Welsh are justifiably proud of their artistic and cultural accomplishments, as exemplified by city theaters for opera, drama and ballet — the Welsh National Opera and the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra are located in Cardiff — and by the Welsh National Museum. In addition, Cardiff University, which is located near the center of Cardiff in Cathays Park, maintains a number of musical and drama theaters. The principal sport of Wales is rugby, and Millennium Park, an internationally known rugby ground, is within walking distance of the University's campus. Cardiff is an excellent gateway to Great Britain and Europe for students wishing to travel on weekends and semester breaks.

## Courses

All students will enroll in four courses: two elective courses (at least one normally must be in the student's concentration) and in two required courses, which are designed specifically to reflect the study group's unique location.

### **AHUM 360 - Welsh Culture (required Cardiff course taught by the Welsh Dept.)**

This course examines Welsh literature, language, and culture, and in so doing, augments the cross-cultural experience that is an integral part of any study abroad program. The specific course content varies with the instructors, all of who are Cardiff University faculty. Before the semester begins, a member of the Welsh Department provides an introduction to the Welsh language. This course has a number of required field trips, including excursions to the Welsh Folk Museum, the Dylan Thomas home site, and the National Assembly of Wales. This course has been approved for GE credit.

### **Director's Course (required course): COSC 140 - Developing Web Applications.**

Since its introduction in the early 1990s, the world wide web has grown to be one of the most important inventions of our time. The web and related technologies drive and mediate news, social interaction, commerce, financial transactions, and various forms of entertainment. The goal of this course is to introduce students to how modern web applications are designed, developed, and deployed. Students will gain a "full-stack" understanding of web development through the Python programming language and a modern framework such as Flask or Django. This course will pay special attention to how to design web applications that are sensitive to culture and locale, including character sets, colors, and layout. A 2-hour weekly hands-on laboratory session will accompany this course. No prior experience in computer science is required or expected for this course.

## Two Elective Courses at Cardiff University

Students enroll in 2-3 Cardiff University subjects of their choice, from various academic departments. Full year subjects in the Biological Sciences faculty are no longer available to Colgate students for Spring only. Students must have satisfied the pre-requisites for the elective courses before departure for Wales. Students will consult with their academic departments and the Registrar's Office to ensure that elective courses taken in Cardiff will be approved as Colgate credit.

### **Excursions**

Students are required to participate in all of the study group trips. Tentatively planned are several day trips for the Welsh Culture course and additional short trips to Caerphilly Castle, the Gower Peninsula, and other sites. The group will also take a week-long trip to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and to the culturally distinct north of Wales and Anglesey.

### **Costs**

For details of student expenses on this study group, please see Student Cost Estimate Sheets.

### **Passports and Visas:**

You must confirm that your passport is valid through December 2022. All students participating on the Spring 2022 Wales Study Group will be required to obtain a U.K. student visa. With participation on this study group comes the responsibility of understanding and complying with U.K. visa requirements. If you will not be traveling on a U.S. passport it is imperative that you contact an adviser in Off-Campus Study and International Student Services, 101 McGregory, to learn as much as you can about the visa requirements. For some students there are significant requirements to be met that take time, advance planning, and incur costs.

### **Calendar and Deadline:**

The study group application will open on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, and will close on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. All applications are on the Colgate University Off-Campus Study website and are submitted online at [offcampusstudy.colgate.edu](http://offcampusstudy.colgate.edu). Only finalists in the selection process will be interviewed. Interviews will be arranged by e-mail in November/December, and admissions decisions will take place December/January.