

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - SPRING 2022

COLGATE IN GENEVA

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Tentative Program Dates:

early January - late May, 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. Fogarty at efogarty@colgate.edu

Information Sessions will be held on:

Tuesday, October 20 at 5pm - <https://colgate.zoom.us/j/91663571134>
and

Thursday, October 22 at 5pm - <https://colgate.zoom.us/j/95185578292>

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Geneva Study Group (GSG) is a spring semester program in Geneva, Switzerland that allows a small group of students, primarily concentrators in Political Science, International Relations, PCON, and History to explore international and European governmental and nongovernmental organizations; European politics, culture, and history; and international and pan-European law and courts.

Students take a French language course; complete two semester-long courses and a part-time internship in an international governmental or nongovernmental organization (IGO or INGO) while residing in Geneva; and travel in two group field trips in western and central Europe. The first field trip occurs soon after arrival in Geneva in early January; the internships begin toward the end of January; and then classes at the Graduate Institute for International Studies begin in mid-February.

Students reside in single rooms at a residence hall connected with the Graduate Institute.

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



2022 GSG Academic Program

Courses

POSC 357: International Institutions (Prof. Fogarty). This course will explore the literature on international institutions to inform group trips to institutions such as NATO, the International Criminal Court, and various United Nations and European Union bodies. The course will give students the theoretical and conceptual tools to understand these institutions' work and the constraints they face.

Elective course. All students will take an elective course at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, a world-renowned academic institution in Geneva. Students will be able to choose between two courses addressing international politics and/or history.

FREN 122Y, FREN 200, FREN 300. To help students navigate life, work, and culture in French-speaking Geneva, they will take a French language course at their existing competence level. (Note: IR concentrators pursuing French as their foreign language must complete both 300-level courses on Colgate campus.)

Internship course. Students will be placed in semester-long internships in international governmental and nongovernmental organizations resident in Geneva. Students will work 15-25 hours per week in their internship organization while also taking the three other courses, and will undertake a major research project related to their internship work. (Political Science and IR concentrators will receive elective credit for this course.)

Excursions

Two group trips will complement and build upon the coursework and internships undertaken in Geneva. The first trip will be to central Europe, with visits to Berlin, Krakow and Auschwitz, and Vienna emphasizing historically and culturally significant sites as well as international institutions like OPEC and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The second will involve visits to Strasbourg, Luxembourg, The Hague, Brussels, and Paris to visit major international and European institutions such as the European Parliament, the International Criminal Court, and NATO.

While in residence in Geneva, an integral part of the curriculum will be group visits to international organizations in and around the city.

Geneva sits in the heart of Europe, and thus students will also have an opportunity for independent travel.

Independent travel is “elective” and must always defer to formal study group activities (i.e., classes, internships, and Geneva site visits).

After Geneva

Classes and internships will finish at the end of May 2020, but there will be opportunities for students to reconnect with Geneva after the study group ends. Some interested study group alums might have the opportunity to return to their internship organization for a full-time job. Others can follow in the footsteps of previous study group participants who returned to the Graduate Institute for a Master’s degree.

Colgate has established a **joint AB-MA program with the Graduate Institute** in which students can complete both their Colgate degree and a Master’s degree at the Graduate Institute in five years.

Participating students begin the graduate program in Geneva during their senior fall semester, return to Colgate in the spring to complete their undergraduate degree, and return again to the Graduate Institute for one more of year of study to complete the MA program. Application to the program takes place during students’ junior year. Contact Prof. Fogarty for additional details.

Calendar and Deadlines

All students interested in applying should plan on attending one of the informational sessions. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday, November 4, 2020**.

Applications are submitted online at offcampusstudy.colgate.edu. After submitting your application, Prof. Fogarty will contact you about scheduling an interview, which will be done on Zoom. Applicants will be notified of selection decisions in late December 2020.

Selection criteria and prerequisites

It is expected that most applicants will be sophomores in the fall of 2020. Juniors are also welcome to apply, but the group’s schedule would preclude participation in graduation ceremonies in May 2022. First-year students will also be considered, but only under exceptional circumstances are they likely to be selected. Students studying a range of disciplines are welcome to apply, though those who are not Political Science or International Relations concentrators should consult their academic advisor regarding the possibility of receiving transfer credits for their major.

NB: Acceptance to the study group is provisional. Students must remain in good academic and disciplinary standing at Colgate prior to departure for Geneva.

Pre-departure required courses

Students accepted to the study group must complete POSC 232 and, at minimum, FREN 121 before the start of the study group. Students with strong interest in a language other than French can petition to waive the FREN 121 requirement, though such exceptions are rarely granted.

Courses in modern European politics and history are highly recommended, and ECON 151 and/or 249 might also prove useful.

All accepted students will also be required to enroll in a half-credit internship preparation course during the semester prior to departure (fall 2021). This course will offer a brief introduction to Swiss history and European politics, and will impart skills and knowledge of greatest interest to potential Geneva-based internship organizations, including mastery of standard word processing and accounting programs (i.e., MS Word and Excel), formal writing, and familiarity with “international Geneva.”

Passports and Visas

You must confirm that your passport is valid through December 2022. All students participating on the Geneva Study Group will be required to obtain a Swiss student visa. With participation on this study group comes the responsibility of understanding and complying with Swiss government 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 Hall, to learn as much as you can about the regulations. For some students there are significant visa requirements to be met that take time, advance planning, and incur extra costs.