OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - SPRING 2023
COLGATE IN SCOTLAND

Director: Ulrich Meyer, Department of Philosophy

Tentative Program Dates: January - May 2023

Learn about the 2022-23 Colgate Study Groups and Talk With Faculty Directors at the Study Group Fair at the Hall of Presidents on Wednesday, October 6th, 2021, 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. Meyer at umeyer@colgate.edu

Information Sessions will be held on:
Tuesday, October 19 at 11:30am in 101 McGregory Hall and
Tuesday, October 26 at 11:30am in 101 McGregory Hall

Colgate University’s

Scotland Study Group was founded in 1413, at the University of St. Andrews, the oldest university in Scotland, and one of the premier institutions of higher learning in Britain. The university draws over a fifth of its 5,700 undergraduates from overseas, representing some 75 different nationalities.

The town of St. Andrews — also known as the "home of golf" — is a beautiful burgh of about 15,000 people on the rugged east coast of Scotland. It has a vibrant town center filled with shops, cafes, and restaurants (plus the impressive ruins of the ancient cathedral). There is reliable train and bus service to nearby larger cities, such as Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Stirling. Edinburgh's international airport offers daily budget flights to European destinations.

This study group meets the Global Engagement requirement.

Academic Program:

Participants register as students at the University of St. Andrews and have the same access to all of its facilities as regular students do. In order to earn the equivalent of four Colgate credits, each student takes the course offered by the study group director and two to three courses from the St. Andrews curriculum.

Courses:
The Director's Course will be Phil 371Y: Philosophy of Space and Time.

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Students are expected to take 75 St. Andrews credits, which is the equivalent of 4.00 Colgate course credits. This includes the 15-credit director’s course. Exceptions to the standard course load must be pre-approved by the study group director, the director of off-campus study, and the associate dean of the faculty.

- Students register for courses (or “modules”) the first week of the term at St. Andrews.
- Students must notify the Colgate registrar’s office of final selections.
- Course catalogues are available at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/academic/Course catalogue.
- Students are expected to consult the online catalogues and meet with their Colgate advisers prior to departure to determine appropriate courses to best serve the student’s overall academic goals.
- The Colgate philosophy and religion departments will award concentration credit for all philosophy or divinity courses taken at St. Andrews. Credit levels will be determined by the department chair.
- Students are not permitted to take courses that duplicate or substantially overlap with previously completed coursework.
- All courses outside of the philosophy or divinity faculties at St. Andrews require preapproval from Colgate’s registrar’s office and also, in some cases, the relevant department or program. Courses are expected to fit within Colgate’s liberal arts curriculum. If there are questions about a specific course, please contact the registrar’s office.
- St. Andrews courses do not fulfill Core Curriculum requirements.

Living Arrangements:

Study group participants live with St. Andrews students in the university’s halls of residence. There are options to choose from (single or double, en suite or not, catered or not, etc.). Colgate students enter the university’s housing lottery along with everyone else.

Extracurricular Activities:

In addition to local day trips, this study group includes three group excursions: a weekend in Edinburgh at the beginning of the semester, a six-day trip to Cambridge and London during the first week of the two-week spring break, and a weekend tour of the Scottish Highlands.

Colgate makes all travel arrangements.

Prerequisites:

Ideally, students should have taken at least two courses in philosophy or religion by the time they arrive in St. Andrews. In order to be admitted to St. Andrews, students need to have at least a 3.2 grade point average.

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 2023. All students participating on the Spring 2023 Scotland 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 6, 2021, and will close on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. All applications are on the Colgate University Off-Campus Study website and are submitted online at 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 late December/early January.