

## Off-Campus Requirement Options

There are many different ways to fulfill your off-campus requirement. Here are some examples:

- **PSCI 396 Project-model internship** (e.g., an ARC project).
- **PSCI 397 Apprentice-model internship** (e.g., work for a political campaign or law office).
- **Department-approved May term course.** Professor Renner's trip to Martinique and Professor Munro's trip to South Africa are examples. Other May term travel courses may also be eligible. See the department chair for approval of May travel courses outside the department..
- **Summer internship.** The Curry Fellows, a paid internship program in Springfield and Chicago, sponsored by the State of Illinois, is an example of this kind of experience. Paid internships CANNOT be taken for course credit, but they can satisfy the department's off-campus requirement.
- **Summer study.** Here the example is the Beloit College language institute.
- **Summer internships.** On your own or with a program like Georgetown in Washington DC.
- **Summer study abroad.** Arcadia has six week summer programs in Paris, Cape Town, Pune (India), and Arusha (Tanzania). Fulbright Fellowships are available to fund these opportunities. One scholarship opportunity that should not be overlooked is offered by the Rotary Foundation. See <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/TheRotaryFoundation>.
- **Domestic semester study.** For example, the Washington Semester at American University.
- **Semester study abroad.** Here the possibilities are endless. See the International Programs office. Highlights include the DIS program in Copenhagen, Denmark, the SACI program in Florence, Italy, and the Arcadia, IES and SIT programs that go all over the world. See the [IWU Study Abroad website](#). IWU's London and Barcelona programs also qualify.
- **Year-long study abroad.** Many of the semester opportunities can also be taken for a full year. The Pembroke College program with Oxford University is one such year-long opportunity, as is our exchange program with Keio University in Tokyo, Japan.

## How do I sign up for an internship? And which kind should I take?

Students do not sign up for internships during registration. Instead they complete a "learning contract" (fillable form available on the career center website) to be signed by you, the on-site supervisor, and the political science instructor—who is currently Professor Simeone. The "learning contract" must be filled out by the instructor after students have been accepted for an internship and have discussed details with their on-site supervisor. Students should select the approach below that best suits them:

PSCI 396 follows the project model. Requirements: ¼ journal; ¼ supervisor's evaluation; ¼ process component of the project component; and ¼ outcome component of the project. The project must be agreed upon by the student, supervisor, and professor before the learning contract deadline.

PSCI 397 follows the apprentice model: Requirements: ¼ supervisor's evaluation; ¼ presentation; and ½ policy paper. The paper is usually on the same topic as the presentation, and covers the academic side of the material the student as apprentice learned during the internship. The paper topic must be agreed upon by the student, supervisor, and professor before the learning contract deadline.

## Off-campus study for political science students: questions and answers

*Is study abroad more expensive than a regular semester at IWU?*

Yes, but mainly because of (1) airfare, (2) more expensive room and board, and (3) personal expenses, particularly travel that takes place during the semester. A good estimate of the additional cost for a study abroad student is between \$4000 and \$6000—comparable to what a student would pay for an international May Term course. IWU charges students their regular IWU tuition (unless the program tuition is higher) and allows students to use all of their current aid, so the cost for coursework is the same as if they were to stay on campus. Room and board in European countries is generally more expensive; in many developing countries located in Latin America and Africa, it is less. The SIT program is especially affordable.

*How are these extra expenses handled with the London Program?*

In the case of the London Program, IWU charges a fixed program fee. This fee includes airfare, a pass good for unlimited bus and subway travel in central London, and all ticket and entrance fees for classes and required program activities. This amount also covers the additional room and board costs for living in London, an International Student ID Card (ISIC), use of a cell phone, and support services through our educational partner AIFS.

*Do students still get financial aid if they study off campus?*

Yes, they receive the same aid as they would receive on campus for up to and including one May Term, one abroad semester, and one domestic off-campus semester, e.g., the American University program. The only aid that cannot travel is a work study job.

*Are loans and scholarships available?*

From IWU, there are loans and some need-based scholarships to replace lost work study wages. (Note: You do not need to apply for the need-based funds). All of our affiliated programs (e.g., IES, CIEE, Arcadia, etc.) have scholarship programs of their own to which all eligible students are encouraged to apply. Other external scholarships include the Benjamin A Gilman Scholarship, the Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant, and the NSEP/Boren Scholarship (for study abroad in areas of critical interest), and the Bridging Scholarship (for study in Japan).

*Can you get financial aid for a summer study abroad program?*

Not from IWU: Because the university does not have a summer school option, there is no aid to pass along. Some programs, however, have summer scholarships, and the Phi Kappa Phi scholarship can be used for summer study abroad.

*Are there summer internships abroad?*

Yes, through a number of our affiliated programs.