

THE WHAT OF GEO

AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Hampshire Exchange Programs (Domestic & International)

These semester programs have either been designed by Hampshire faculty or were created through an affiliation with an academic institution. With approval from your committee and advisor, with satisfactory academic progress your enrollment in semester exchange will be accepted as a substantial part of your divisional work and counted as if you had been at Hampshire for the semester. Div II and 1st semester div III students are eligible to participate. Students apply through the Global Education Office.

Field Study (International)

All other semester programs fall into the Field Study category. Field Study includes enrollment in a non-affiliated overseas university or with a study abroad program provider. It may also take the form of a self-designed semester of field research or internship. Academic credit will apply to your course of study; however, your committee and advisor's consent and satisfactory academic progress is necessary. Div II and 1st semester Div III students are eligible to participate.

Hampshire Short-Term Field Courses (January, May/Summer)

These are faculty-led courses offered during January term or May/summer. These intensive academic programs generally last between two and three weeks and are designed around a particular area of study. They vary each year. All students, including 1st year/div I students, are eligible to participate in these programs. Students apply through the Global Education Office.

Other January & Summer Options

Many students opt to do internships, language learning, short-term study programs, or other educational activities outside of Hampshire during January term or summer. Whether a student can apply this work towards their division II portfolio or as division III research or a learning activity is entirely contingent upon their faculty committee's approval.

EXPLORING YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Info Sessions: Navigating Study Abroad

Every Thursday at 4pm in the Global Education Office, come to a half-hour information session and find out how study abroad works at Hampshire. We strongly encourage all students who are considering studying off-campus while at Hampshire attend this info session; if your schedule conflicts with this time every week, please call (x5542) or come by GEO Monday - Friday (9-12pm | 1-4pm).

Info Table and Special Interest Sessions

Information Sessions feature outside study abroad programs. GEO also arranges special interest sessions highlighting a specific program or topic about the study abroad process. Check the GEO event calendar on our website (geo.hampshire.edu) for up-to-date information.

One-on-One Advising Meetings

After attending an info session, GEO staff are available to meet with you to discuss programs, processes & funding options more in depth. Call x5542 for an appt.

RESOURCES

GEO Website

geo.hampshire.edu

For Students

Quicklinks to the resources below.

Program Options

Explains Hampshire's off-campus opportunities and study abroad policies.

Finances & Funding

Resources for finding scholarships and grants for funding study abroad.

Blogs from the Field

Read about students' experiences.

Deadlines & Events

Check the GEO calendar for upcoming deadlines, info sessions and events.

Fees & Funding

hampshire.edu/geo/funding.htm

Hampshire Exchange Programs

Students participating in these programs are charged Hampshire College tuition for that semester. The majority of your financial aid package will likely apply to these programs.

Field Study

A field study fee equivalent to 1/3 of a semester's tuition at Hampshire is charged, which Hampshire financial aid packages can be applied toward. However, Hampshire financial aid may not be used to cover outside program costs. All other aid (state, federal, or private) may be applicable and should be discussed with the financial aid office.

Short-Term Field Courses

Students who receive need-based aid from Hampshire College are eligible to apply for financial assistance through the global education office to offset the program fee. There is an application process and program fee for all short-term field courses.

For specific questions about how your aid may apply to your study off-campus experience, please contact the Financial Aid office:

financialaid.hampshire.edu

HAMPSHIRE EXCHANGE

Hampshire in Havana, Cuba

Offered: Spring semester

(Fall semester for prior participants.)

Students on this program design their own course of study to include Spanish language, a seminar in contemporary issues in Cuban arts and society, and an individualized project with tutors from UNEAC (the National Association of Writers and Artists in Cuba) toward Division II or III requirements.

Hampshire in Berlin, Germany

Offered: Every other spring semester (2013, 2015 etc.)

The Berlin program is appropriate for students studying across all disciplines, providing them the opportunity to develop their own programs of study to include German language; courses at leading German universities; a seminar on historical and contemporary issues in German arts and society; and the option of arranging an internship or independent project if they choose.

Hampshire in Hefei, China

While in Hefei, Anhui province, students participate in an intensive language program in Mandarin Chinese, take part in community activities such as language exchange, Chinese art, and cooking, and pursue independent projects with faculty members from our two affiliate institutions: Anhui Agricultural University and Anhui Academy of Social Science.

Institute for Central American Development Studies (ICADS): Costa Rica & Nicaragua

The ICADS program offers students with Spanish language ability the opportunity to study in Costa Rica and/or Nicaragua for one semester. Students live with a Spanish-speaking family while they incorporate an internship or structured field research into their academic studies.

Mexico Solidarity Network (MSN)

Through MSN, students have the opportunity to spend a semester studying critical international grassroots alliances in the struggle for democracy, sovereignty and economic and political justice at several sites in southern or northern Mexico. MSN is committed to developing these grassroots alliances on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border, and organizing to promote dialogue and collective action for social change.

Macquarie University Sydney, Australia

Macquarie's innovative courses, cutting-edge research programs and state-of-the-art facilities are located on a spacious parkland campus just 35 minutes from the heart of Sydney. In addition, students have an opportunity to undertake an unpaid internship or earn a certificate in global leadership during the course of their studies at Macquarie.

Goldsmiths College in London, England

Goldsmiths offers 15 academic departments focusing on creative, cognitive, cultural and social subjects. The college's departments co-operate in interdisciplinary ways, to offer new perspectives and insights into each other's subjects.

University of Edinburgh, Scotland

The University of Edinburgh is one of Europe's leading universities, located in the heart of the city. Students can enroll in courses across the College of Humanities & Social Sciences and the College of Science and Engineering.

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po), France

Sciences Po is an international center of excellence for teaching and research in the social sciences that is committed to understanding the contemporary world through an international perspective. The main campus is located in Paris with six other campuses offering regional focus: Eastern European campus in Dijon, the Franco-German campus in Nancy, the Latin American, Spain and Portugal campus in Poitiers, the Middle Eastern and Mediterranean campus in Menton, the Euro-Asia campus in Le Havre, and Reims - transatlantic relations.

University of Puerto Rico

Hampshire students, through an institutional affiliation with the university, have the opportunity to take part in research and creative projects in the sciences, technology, the humanities, and the professional disciplines.

International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)

As a nonprofit membership organization of partner institutions in over 50 countries, ISEP provides students the opportunity to fully integrate into some of the most highly regarded institutions in the world. Students can choose from a wide variety of sites and fields of study; many ISEP universities assist students in obtaining community placements for volunteer or service learning.

New York Institute for Architecture & Urban Studies, New York, NY

The Institute provides immersion in the culture of architecture in NYC with hands-on experience in the field. Students work in a studio setting to explore issues of architecture and urban design.

Semester in Environmental Sciences (SES) at Marine Biological Laboratories at Woods Hole, MA

Offered: Fall semester

SES provides undergraduates with an opportunity to learn about ecosystems and conduct environmental research with some of the top scientists in the field. This is open primarily to Div III students.

Consortium for Innovative Environments in Learning (CIEL): U.S. Member institutions

CIEL is a growing network of distinguished, progressive higher education institutions with a common goal: to advance innovations in student learning. Member institutions share an educational philosophy that focuses on the individual; emphasizing student-centered, experiential, reflective and interdisciplinary learning. Students can participate in exchanges at CIEL member campuses throughout the United States.

APPLICATION TIMELINE & DEADLINES FOR STUDENTS

Contact our office or visit our website to find out when these dates occur during the current academic year.

September

- [Spring semester ISEP Priority Application Deadline - Sept 1](#)
* Priority varies by location.*
- Campus Fulbright Application Deadline (contact CORC for info)

October

- [January Short-Term Field Course Application Deadline](#)
- [Spring Semester Hampshire Exchange Programs Application Deadline](#)

November

- Hampshire Enrollment Notification [Deadline for Spring Semester Field Study](#) (contact CASA for info)

January

- Hampshire January Short-Term Field Courses Take Place

February

- [Fall Semester/Full Year ISEP Priority Application - Feb 1](#)
* Priority varies by location.*

March

- [May/summer Short-Term Field Course Application Deadline](#)
- [Fall Semester Hampshire Exchange Programs Application Deadline](#)

April

- Hampshire Enrollment Notification Deadline for Fall Semester Field Study (contact CASA for information.)

May

- Hampshire May/Summer Field Courses Take Place

**** All Programs are offered during fall & spring semesters except as indicated****



THE 10 STEPS

To Studying Off-Campus

Study Abroad | Independent Project | Internships | Etcetera

BECOME INFORMED

1. **Go to an INFO SESSION:** "Navigating Study Abroad" information sessions are held by the Global Education Office every **Thursday @ 4pm**. What's the difference between Exchange and Field Study? What's the right program for you? When to go and for how long? We can help!
2. **Got a PASSPORT?** If you're a U.S. citizen, you're going to need one **if you plan to leave North America**. So, **apply** (if you do not have a passport) or **renew** (your passport must be valid for *6 months beyond your return*), and consider beginning the process as soon as possible (processing can take time, you'll need to plan ahead)!
<http://travel.state.gov>
3. **RESEARCH** – What do you want to do: language study, course work, field research, internship, etc.? **Where? When? What? How?** You have options...*lots* of them! This means you'll likely have lots of questions too. Check out GEO online (geo.hampshire.edu) or come browse our resource library in the office for inspiration and answers.

Eligibility

- **Semester or year off-campus**
 - Open to div II & 1st semester div III students
- **Short-term Field Courses**
 - Open to div I, II, and III students (specific course restrictions may apply)

Prerequisites

- **Language**
 - Some programs require applicants to possess a certain level of language acquisition.
- **Courses**
 - Some programs require applicants to fulfill certain prerequisite courses before they are eligible to participate in the program.

Financial Aid & Other Funding Sources

Will your aid apply to off-campus study? How will it apply? For specific information, see the Financial Aid Office and their Field Study Financial Aid Application/Budget. Don't forget to explore outside/other funding sources for off-campus study.

4. **Get OTHERS on board!**
 - Your **committee** will want to hear about your plans, we encourage you to start communicating with them as **soon** as you begin to consider going abroad – they will need to approve your plans.
 - Your **parents/guardians**. They may have questions. They may miss you. And they may be curious as to who'll be paying for this—will it be them?
 - **GEO:** After you have done some research, schedule an appointment with GEO to discuss your choice of exchange program or field study. geo@hampshire.edu | 413.559.5542

COMPLETE THE FORMS

5. **APPLY** – Deadlines, forms, materials! You will likely need a **transcript** (request this from Central Records, allow at least 5 days for processing), **recommendations** (give your sources enough notice so that they can complete these for you within the deadline), a **personal statement** (look at the application early as many applications request a personal

statement or essay), a **study abroad advisor approval**, and sometimes more. Continually check on **deadlines** so you don't miss out!

Exchange program deadlines (application process through GEO):

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- Spring program application materials due to GEO mid-October
- Fall program application materials due to GEO mid-March

Short-term January and May/summer course deadlines (application process through GEO):

- January course application materials due to GEO mid-October
- May/summer course application materials due to GEO mid-March

Field study semester/year-long program (field study) deadlines (application process through CASA, GEO, and outside parties):

- Spring program application materials due to GEO mid-November
- Fall program application materials due to GEO mid-April

****Please be aware of non-Hampshire provider/university application deadlines****

6. **PAPERWORK** - You cannot go unless you complete **Hampshire's Enrollment Notification** process. For *Field Study*, fill out the *Enrollment Notification Form* from CASA (pick it up on the 2nd floor of Dakin). For *Hampshire Exchange*, the appropriate form will be included in your acceptance packet from GEO. For students applying for a semester long program, all enrollment forms must be returned to CASA the enrollment notification deadline. *No* enrollment form is necessary for *January or summer programs*.

Enrollment notification deadlines:

Spring programs: due mid-November

Fall programs: due mid-April

If you miss the deadline, it may cost you a \$500 fine, yikes!

If you enroll as "off-campus" and later decide to stay on campus, no problem, simply alert the appropriate offices in writing.

7. **Acceptance MATERIALS** – Read and complete materials you receive **ASAP**. These could include time sensitive information regarding **visa (**students are responsible for understanding the visa regulations for the countries to which they are going**), international health insurance, and housing**. Going in the fall? Make sure you have summer contact information on file with your chosen program provider.

YOUR EXPERIENCE & RETURNING TO CAMPUS

8. **Have FUN!** You can always contact us here at GEO if you need assistance. Please be in touch if your **contact information changes**. We will need to have this on file in case of an emergency. **Blogging?** Share it with us, we want to hear about your adventures and extend them to the Hampshire community!
9. **Returning to campus** - Hampshire is eager to welcome you back. You will need to indicate your **intention to return** (this can be done on TheHub). Don't forget about the usual **course registration, housing preference, and financial aid forms**. (Note: Students returning for January term on campus after a fall semester away will need to contact CASA and Housing. This should be done before the January term registration deadline. Students interested in participating in a Hampshire short-term field courses for January or summer/May immediately following a semester away, should contact GEO.)
10. **Make the MOST of your experience** - **Reflect** (think critically about your experience in courses and independently). **Share** (your stories and what you learned with the Hampshire community) -- fill out an experience report through geo.hampshire.edu. **Help** (others have a similar experience). **Go again** (if you loved your time off-campus, think about another experience)! If you would like guidance in navigating the return process or support, GEO can help with that too.