

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?

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 the student were on campus. If the program tuition is higher, the student would pay the difference. The cost of travel, room and board, and personal expenses is the additional cost.