The Capitol Hill Internship Program (CHIP) provides students with internship opportunities in Washington, DC. These placements can include government agencies, nonprofit organizations, associations, lobbying firms, and private corporations, in addition to the Capitol and its House and Senate offices. Students will stay in premium housing in the immediate vicinity of Capitol Hill. Note: this program does not place the students in internships. It is the student’s responsibility to find his/her own placement. Students must submit the required application via the Office of International Programs' website to be considered. Applicants must be of at least sophomore standing and have a 3.0 GPA.

The billed fee above includes the application fee, housing in a furnished apartment (including linens and household goods, light bulbs, paper towels, dishes, and cooking utensils), utilities, local phone service, computer use, internet access, laundry facilities, and instruction.

Additional estimated expenses: $1,750 (meals, transportation to Washington DC, local transportation, personal spending money)

In the United States, and here in Spartanburg, we are experiencing unprecedented rates of income inequality, unemployment, violence, low educational attainment, children going hungry or arriving at school ill-prepared to learn, community health crises, and the like. We’ve seen well-meaning people try to swoop in to improve social challenges, without input and buy-in from the community, to disastrous results. It’s far from all bad news, though. The same communities that have all of these recognized community challenges are also home to all sorts of important assets. So, what is a college student, an emerging community leader, a human being with talents and energy to give, living across the street, but behind a gate, to do? This course will ask the question and help the students answer it. Students will examine the role of institutions, agents of those institutions (like students), and ordinary citizens in community development and learn from experienced community organizers and activists. The community in which we will work and learn is Spartanburg and we will also travel to Washington, DC to learn from community members there.

The billed fee above includes airfare, lodging, transportation to and from the airport, on-site transportation, most meals while in DC and seminar program fees.

Additional estimated expenses: $100 (some meals, local transportation)
Morocco has long been a crossroads of culture - a nation that is at once African, Middle Eastern, Arab, and Muslim, and which still bears the influence of its European colonial past. In this interim, we'll explore how these cultures shape the Morocco of today and learn about Morocco's rich history. Our home base will be the capital city of Rabat, where we'll experience everyday life by living with host families, visiting the famed public baths, and exploring the traditional arts of pottery and calligraphy while visiting the local souks (marketplaces). From there, we'll travel to a half dozen cities, visiting the medinas of Tangiers, the leather tanneries of Fez, and the famed historical sites of Casablanca, location of the world's second largest mosque. We'll have a guided tour of the Royal Institute of Amazigh Culture and see the one of the most spectacular waterfalls in Africa at Ouzoud. We'll finish by traveling to Merzouga, a city in the Sahara desert, where we'll take a camel tour and see the world's most beautiful sunrise and sunsets over the dunes. Once we return, students will work together to create a digital magazine showcasing the intersecting cultures that make Morocco a fascinating mix of old and new, east and west.

This course will focus on several aspects of a single country: nature, culture, art, politics, and religion. Prior to departure, students will be introduced to Moroccan culture through movies, short videos, Moroccan storytelling, and a survival course in Moroccan Arabic. While abroad, students will stay with host families and visit various sites around Morocco, including cultural activities with music, calligraphy, and pottery. As part of the class, students will create a digital magazine in order to exhibit what was observed in country through digital media.

The billed fee above includes international airfare, lodging, transportation to and from the airport, on-site transportation, most meals, all guides and entrance fees for pre-arranged site visits and cultural activities, cell phones to be used on-site, and international insurance coverage.

Additional estimated expenses: $520 (some meals, local transportation, gratuities, spending money, course book, passport)
"Traditions of Japan" will immerse students in one of the most dynamic, exciting and culturally rich countries in the world. Participants will prepare for their journey with an intensive one-week training session at Wofford that will include learning basic conversational Japanese, social etiquette, Soto Buddhism and Shintoism, traditional Japanese arts and crafts, Japan's nuclear power systems, and Japan's volcanic geology. We will then spend 15 days in Tokyo, Nagoya, Kyoto, and Hiroshima. Students will stay with host families for five days, with the rest divided between traditional Japanese Inns and western hotels. Days will be spent learning Japan's history, people, and culture by visits to castles, temples, museums, fish markets, Anime/Manga hotbeds and Sumo competitions. We'll make traditional Japanese pottery in Seto and learn ancient Japanese paper-making techniques in Kyoto; we'll attend a Kuguki theater performance and enjoy a traditional tea ceremony; we'll be dressed in Samurai robes (men) and as Geisha (women), walk the ancient and serene streets of Kyoto, explore 13th century temples, and reflect at the Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima. Students will record their experiences in photographs, video, and journal entries. Upon our return to Wofford, students will produce a final report and give oral presentations.

This course will focus on the history and culture of Japan through a multi-modal, interdisciplinary, and experimental approach. Prior to departure, students will learn about Japanese language, etiquette, Soto Buddhism and Shintoism. In addition, students will be exposed to research topics relevant to the places and sites seen in country, researching topics such as Japan's nuclear power industry, the geographical formation of the Japanese islands, and the history and culture of Japan. While abroad, students will record their experiences in photographs, short films, and journals as well as through writing a reflection essay and giving a presentation upon return.

The billed fee above includes international airfare, lodging, transportation to and from the airport, on-site transportation, most meals, a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, all guides and entrance fees for pre-arranged site visits and cultural activities, and international insurance coverage.

Additional estimated expenses: $410 (some meals and passport)

For the third year in a row, from 2015 to 2017, Chile has been named the best adventure travel destination in South America. Snaking its way along South America’s western coast, Chile flows across parched deserts and glacial plains, collecting all the hallmarks of this remarkable continent on its way. From Santiago to the remote southern lands of Patagonia, the world’s longest country has an even longer list of essential experiences. Our trip starts in stunning Santiago before we head south to Pucon and experience one of the world’s meccas for outdoor adventure. We'll climb a volcano, ride horses, mountain bike on beautiful single-track trails, kayak and raft on glacial rivers, and explore ancient communities, all while learning about the impact that adventure tourism has had on this country’s economy and culture. We next travel south to the lakes district. With trusted outfitters, students will have the opportunity to go hiking, biking, kayaking, or exploring Puerto Vares. After leaving the lakes district we again travel south to Patagonia. We arrive in Punta Arenas in a region known as the Magallanes, considered to be the end of the world. Here we travel by boat to the surrounding islands and see colonies of 120,000+ Magellanic penguins. The final excursion of the trip is a visit to Torres del Paine, a national park encompassing mountains, glaciers, lakes, and rivers in southern Chilean Patagonia. With its distinctive granite peaks it is rated as the ‘finest national park on the continent’. This is an adventure-based interim with hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, and horseback riding.

This course will focus on experiential learning, and students will gain an understanding of how the emergence of ecotourism and adventure tourism as sources of revenue for communities affects the social structure and culture of those communities. While abroad, students will explore the role of tourism in traditionally rural areas and consider how communities have changed with the popularity of adventure tourism. Additionally, the group will discuss how European cultures have affected tourism and the role that immigration plays in ongoing development. Students will keep daily travel journals and will reflect on their travel experiences and what economic impacts adventure tourism has on the environment and society.

The billed fee above includes international airfare, lodging, transportation to and from the airport, on-site transportation, all meals (except two in-country lunches and on travel days), all guides and tickets for pre-arranged site visits and activities, and international insurance coverage.

Additional estimated expenses: $200 (some meals, passport)
Covering only 0.03% of the planet's surface, Costa Rica is home to more than 6% of all known species. Recognizing this rich biodiversity as a key natural resource, Costa Ricans have made their country into the poster child of ecotourism, with its extensive national parks, sustainable agriculture, and renewable energy, highlighting new dimensions of the interdependence between the people of Costa Rica and their natural world. The focus of our trip will be learning about the complex ecosystems of Costa Rica, while investigating their conservation. At the same time, we'll learn about the history of the country and the cultural implications of its transformation into a tourist economy. We will spend much of our time in the cloud forest around Monteverde, visiting agricultural projects, a butterfly garden, and most importantly, investigating the area's extensive wildlife. While there we will also explore Santa Elena, a nearby town transformed economically and educationally by the rise in English-speaking ecotourists and expats. An overnight excursion to Tirimbina Biological Station will allow us to visit an organic banana plantation, take a dip in volcanic hot springs, and set out in search of even more of Costa Rica's famous biodiversity. Finally, we will spend 3 nights on the beach at Playa Grande with an opportunity to snorkel and, if we're lucky, spot a nesting sea turtle with a conservation group there. This project includes activities such as walking, hiking, swimming, cycling, zip lining, and snorkeling.

In this course, students will learn firsthand about Costa Rica's profound biological heritage and how that heritage has impacted the country's culture through the rise of ecotourism. Through hands-on experiences in country, students will develop an understanding of basic concepts in ecology and conservation biology as well as further their knowledge of Costa Rica's political, economic, and cultural history.

The billed fee above includes international airfare, lodging, transportation to and from the airport, on-site transportation, most meals, fees/tickets for planned events, tours, and recreational activities, a course photo book, and international insurance coverage.

Additional estimated expenses: $345 (some meals, local transportation, textbook, passport)

During the Middle Ages in Europe, "pilgrimage" served as a metaphor for the nature of human existence. Life was both a physical journal and a metaphysical movement toward God. The spiritual quest was often pursued through actual travel to a distant sacred place, such as Jerusalem, Rome or Santiago de Compostela, the latter a site in northwestern Spain, where, it was thought, the remains of the apostle James were preserved. Pilgrims traveling to Santiago endured hardship, but they also found adventure and excitement in leaving behind their ordinary routines. Participants in this Interim will depart from Wofford for two and a half weeks of travel from Lisbon, Portugal to Santiago, along the route known as the "Camino Portugues." We will spend multiple days in the cultural centers of Lisbon and Porto, see the Knights Templar city of Tomar and the University of Coimbra, visit the famous modern Catholic shrine at Fatima, and devote part or all of seven days to walking (about 75 miles total) as pilgrims did and still do, across Portugal and Spain to Santiago de Compostela. Carrying only minimal possessions (but backed up by motor coach) and spending several nights in simple refuges will enable us to experience something of the physical rigors and emotional psychology of pilgrimage while studying the history of this ancient route. This project includes a substantial amount of walking (about 75 miles total over the course of seven days).

This course will explore the concept of pilgrimage in general with a specific focus on the Camino. Additionally, students will learn about Iberian history and art history and medieval religious practices. While abroad, students will keep a travel journal focused on their observations and experiences during the trip.

The billed fee above includes international airfare, lodging, transportation to and from the airport, on-site transportation, many group meals, admission to pre-arranged exhibitions, sites and museums, and international insurance coverage.

Additional estimated expenses: $390 (some meals, local transportation, passport)
This interim will be centered on a two-week excursion to Greece, which will take us from the Acropolis in Athens to the Oracle at Delphi to the monasteries at Meteora; then we'll head to Mt. Olympus and walk with the gods before we continue north to Thessaloniki. We'll spend time in the cosmopolitan city of Athens, tourist towns, and small villages in fairly remote areas. We'll behold ancient ruins and breathtaking scenery, including mountains, valleys, and the deep blue Aegean Sea. Before we go, we'll introduce ourselves to Greek history, literature, culture and food. When we return, we'll reflect on what we've seen and learned and the impact that Greece has had on our lives.

This course will focus on the history and culture of Greece. Students will learn about Greek history in general from the era of Homer to the present. In addition, students will study the unique characteristics of the Greek mind and character, the impact of Homer, Socrates and Plato and explore the essential elements of Greek culture (art, music, and food).

The billed fee above includes international airfare, lodging, transportation to and from the airport, on-site transportation, 11 breakfasts, 10 main meals, tour guides and fees/tickets for pre-arranged events and museums, and international insurance coverage.

Additional estimated expenses: $410 (some meals, personal expenses, passport)

There's no place in the world quite like the Galápagos Islands. Located 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, these 3.5-million-year-old islands are home to some of the rarest species on the planet, and are where Charles Darwin first formulated his Theory of Natural Selection. Studying abroad here allows you to discover the incredible beauty and biodiversity of the Galápagos Islands that has captivated famous scientists and world travelers for decades.

This course will focus on marine ecology and environmental studies. Classes will take place at the Galápagos Academic Institute for the Arts and Sciences (GAIAS) on the island of San Cristóbal. This remote campus of the Universidad San Francisco de Quito was established to further efforts in conservation and sustainable development on the Galápagos Islands.

During this Interim, students will learn about the ecology of the marine habitats found on and off the coast of these islands. Through course readings, discussions, and course-related trips, participants will also begin to discover the effects human impact is having on these delicate ecosystems. To learn more, see the Galapagos Islands Interim course syllabus. This course is taught in English, and previous Spanish study is not required. This project is graded A-F.

The billed fee above includes pre-departure advising by IES Abroad staff, lodging, on-site orientation, 24 hour emergency support, course-related trips, daily breakfast and dinner with homestay hosts, and international insurance coverage.

Additional estimated expenses: $1760-$2640 (international airfare, some meals, textbooks/course packets, cell phone rental, local transportation, personal expenses, passport)

Examine the early Christian church from the role Pontius Pilate played in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, to the inception and adoption of Nicene Christianity throughout the Roman Empire in the fourth century. Home to the Vatican, Rome provides the perfect setting to study the early Christian church and to visit many of the archaeological sites associated with the early centuries of Christianity.

This course will focus on early Christian church from the role Pontius Pilate played in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, to the inception and adoption of Nicene Christianity throughout the Roman Empire in the fourth century. The course is taught in English and incorporates extensive course-related excursions to places in and around Rome. This project is graded A-F.

The billed fee above includes pre-departure advising by IES Abroad staff, on-site orientation, housing, course-related excursions, one two-day field trip, 24 hour emergency support, and international health insurance.

Additional estimated expenses: $1900-$2580 (international airfare, textbooks/course packets, meals, cell phone rental, local transportation, personal expenses, passport)
1012 JAN 419 A  IES Abroad - Health Studies: Clinical Observation and the Cultural Aspects of Health Care in Chile
Laura Braun  Amy Lancaster
Instructor Permission Required
Graded Interim (A-F)

Enrollment: 0/30  TBA
Billed Fee: $3,630.00  TBA

Ideal for students considering careers in health-related fields, this program offers you the opportunity to learn about health care policy and delivery systems in the context of Chile’s community-centered public and private health care system. An important component of the program introduces you to historical, social, and cultural aspects of health care specific to Chile, including the treatment of illness and patients’ rights.

The program consists of one course, Health Studies: Clinical Observation and the Cultural Aspects of Health Care in Chile, divided into two components: Clinical Observation and Spanish for Health Care Practitioners. The primary component, Clinical Observation, allows you to observe patient care in public and private clinics. A classroom seminar provides a framework for clinical observations and analyzes themes such as efficiency, equity, and the quality of service delivery to patients. Spanish for Health Care Practitioners is designed to help you develop Spanish language skills focusing on medical terminology. This project is graded A-F.

The billed fee above includes pre-departure advising by IES Abroad staff, housing, some meals, on-site orientation, 24 hour emergency support, field trips and cultural activities and international health insurance.

Additional estimated expenses: $2020-$3000 (international airfare, textbook/course packet, some meals, cell phone rental, lab coat, local transportation, personal expenses, passport)

1013 JAN 420 A  CIEE - Barcelona: International Marketing
Laura Braun  Amy Lancaster
Instructor Permission Required
Graded Interim (A-F)

Enrollment: 0/30  TBA
Billed Fee: $3,685.00  TBA

What will you need to succeed in an increasingly globalized economy? Pack your January with business insights and experiences that will give you a leg up in the job market and offer memories you’ll never forget. CIEE’s January International Marketing program in Barcelona allows you to discover a new culture and gain critical global perspective. Study abroad in Spain and you will explore the region of Catalonia and surrounding provinces with exciting day and overnight trips, take a class on international marketing (in English), live with a Spanish family or in a student residencia, and explore the city and immerse yourself in local culture with CIEE-organized activities.

The course is designed to enhance the student’s understanding and appreciation of the importance and relevance of international marketing in today’s global economy. The course emphasizes the knowledge of world geography, regional alliances/conflicts, and cultural diversity in the world. It approaches the complexity of marketing environs and decisions, and the global marketing issues that challenge American companies. It focuses on marketing strategy, development, and implementation. This project is graded A-F.

The billed fee above includes pre-departure advising by CIEE staff, housing, some meals (if living in a homestay), on-site orientation, 24 hour emergency support, field trips and cultural activities, and international health insurance.

Additional estimated expenses: $2055-$2935 (international airfare, meals, cell phone or SIM card, local transportation, books and supplies, personal expenses, passport)
Pack your bags this January and study abroad in Cape Town! Learn about the unique history and culture of South Africa. Come to Cape Town and witness the changes taking place in this vibrant country. The CIEE course - From Rhodes to Mandela and from Apartheid to AIDS - offers an in-depth understanding of the complexity of a country in transition. Discover firsthand South Africa's First World infrastructure and Third World development challenges, and join our culturally diverse community. January is the perfect time of year to stroll South Africa's beautiful beaches and take hikes on the ever-present Table Mountain. During your three week term, you'll enjoy a balance of in-class and extra-curricular activities.

Students will enroll in JAN 421 A for Interim. This course is designed to enhance the student's understanding and appreciation of the history and culture of South Africa. This overview course introduces students to key events, people and processes in South Africa's social and political transformation, from the late-nineteenth century to the present. Topics covered include: industrialization and the British colonial period, African nationalism and anti-apartheid resistance, urban segregation, the political miracle of the 1990s, and the impact of HIV/ AIDS. By the end of the course, students will have a strong grounding in recent South African history and contexts. This project is graded A-F.

The billed fee above includes pre-departure advising by CIEE staff, housing, on-site orientation, 24 hour emergency support, field trips and cultural activities, and international health insurance.

Additional estimated expenses: $2330-$2910 (international airfare, meals, local transportation, SIM card or cell phone, books and supplies, personal expenses, passport)

Expand upon your knowledge of the dramatic events of the 20th century with CIEE this January in Berlin. Along the way, you'll examine how historical forces have shaped Germany's turbulent past and are building its vibrant future. Deepen your understanding of Germany through your coursework, day trips, and excursions. While in Berlin, you will identify the major cultural, social, and political moments of the 20th century as illustrated by events centered in Berlin and take part in site visits and excursions that turn the city into a laboratory for learning.

This course examines both the Holocaust and modern day revival of Jewish life in Europe. To lay the historical groundwork for the course, focus is placed on the history of anti-Semitism in Germany and Europe and rise of Nazi ideology and propaganda that accompanied the seizure of power in 1933. The bulk of the class closely examines of the development and execution of the "Final Solution," the Nazi plan for the total extermination of the European Jewry initiated at the Wannsee Conference (1942). The role of the Waffen-SS, the Gestapo, Einsatzgruppen (mobile death squads), collaborators and bystanders, and the concentration camp system and associated train transportation system are all examined. Throughout the course students examine the implications that the Holocaust has had on our understanding human nature including, individual vs. group mentalities; human obedience and self-preservation; notions of nation, identity, and race. To conclude, the course looks at the legacies of the Holocaust and the search for meaning, justice and repentance following the horrors of the persecution and murder of over 10 million people. This project is graded A-F.

Billed fee above includes pre-departure advising by CIEE staff, housing, on-site orientation, 24 hour emergency support, field trips and cultural activities, and international health insurance.

Additional estimated expenses: $2,570 - $3,250 (international airfare, meals, local transportation, SIM card or cell phone, books & supplies, personal expenses, passport)
Dive into the words of Diderot. Wonder at the brush strokes of Monet. Climb the steps of the Eiffel Tower. CIEE's January Paris program is like a Parisian cubist painting, offering a multitude of perspectives. Along the way, you'll discover your own favorite sights, tastes, and memories of the City of Lights. Study abroad in Paris and you will take the fascinating course, Paris Collage: History, Culture, and Architecture, see architecture from Roman times to today, go on faculty-led outings and weekend excursions with your class, and see places like Vaux-le-Vicomte and Chartres on daytrips and overnights.

This course is a multi-faceted and multi-disciplinary approach to the evolution of the city of Paris, with an emphasis on the impact of cultural, social, and political forces on the city's built environment. Students will study how construction and urban planning activities at various scales negotiate demands for respecting and protecting the city's architectural heritage on one hand and preserving the role of Paris as a center of architectural/cultural innovation and avantgardist experiments on the other. Students will analyze aesthetic and functional aspects of urban structures and individual buildings, learn about different architectural styles and urban planning approaches and how these have been shaped by given geographic and climatic factors as well as by contingent cultural movements and political ambition. This project is graded A-F.

Billed fee above includes pre-departure advising by CIEE staff, housing, on-site orientation, 24 hour emergency support, field trips and cultural activities, and international health insurance.

Additional estimated expenses: $2,405 - $2,885 (international airfare, meals, local transportation, SIM card or cell phone, books & supplies, personal expenses, passport)

This project offers an opportunity for students who would like to explore study abroad on a smaller scale or for those who cannot spend a semester abroad because of academic or time constraints. The program is located at the University of Viña del Mar in the coastal resort town of Viña del Mar, just outside of Valparaiso. Situated on the central coast of Chile, Viña is nicknamed "The Garden City". Students will study intensive language at the Universidad Viña del Mar and be placed in homestay families for the complete immersion experience. The program will also offer a number of activities including possibilities for service learning as well as excursions in the area of Viña, including visits to Pablo Neruda's homes.

While abroad in Chile, Wofford students will study Spanish at the Universidad Vina del Mar with service learning opportunities scheduled in the afternoon. Placements into the correct level of Spanish are made through an entry interview and grammar quiz, and classes are small and encourage participation. Students take one four-credit course intensively during the four-week program. The Spanish course, offered at an intermediate or advanced level, emphasizes language learning through a critical and constant engagement. Completion of 102 or the equivalent in the language is required. This project is graded A-F.

Billed fee above includes instruction, lodging, meals with the homestay host, pre-arranged field trips and cultural activities, and international health insurance.

Additional estimated expenses: $2,530 - $3,110 (international airfare, some meals, local transportation, SIM card or cell phone, personal expenses, passport)
This project offers an opportunity for students who would like to explore study abroad on a smaller scale or for those who cannot spend a semester abroad because of academic or time constraints. This program, sponsored by CET in Beijing, is designed for students who have previously studied Chinese and emphasizes the link between inside classroom study and outside language use. The condensed January program provides students with the advantages of a full semester - an intensive language class, a language pledge, and living with a local Chinese roommate - but in a quarter of the time. This program requires 3 semesters of Chinese as well as valid travel documents. This project is graded A-F and students with a 2.75 GPA will receive preference.

While abroad in China, Wofford students will study Chinese at Capital Normal University through CET’s Intensive Chinese Language program in Beijing. Students will enroll in one Chinese language course while abroad. Completion of 3 semesters of Chinese is required, and language placements will be made by the program. Available Chinese language courses range from Advanced Beginning Chinese through Advanced High Chinese.

The Chinese language classes focus on improving students' Chinese language abilities. Each week, classes revolve around a weekly theme, like Chinese holidays, rural life, or political reform. Homework assignments will introduce students to new vocabulary that can be used in real-life situations. Courses are interactive and provide opportunities for students to practice their Chinese outside of the classroom. Students also take a 24/7 Chinese language pledge while abroad.

The billed fee above includes instruction, housing with a local roommate, activities and excursions, course materials and transcripts, visa support, and international health insurance.

Additional estimated expenses: $2,215-$2,775 (international airfare, meals, local transportation, visa, personal expenses, passport)

This project offers an opportunity for students who would like to study French intensively and who would like to explore study abroad on a smaller scale. This program is designed for intensive language study at all levels and is sponsored by API.

Students will spend Interim in Grenoble, France. With a student population of 50,000, Grenoble is an ideal place to learn French. The slower pace of the city and the friendliness of the inhabitants make it easy to practice the language with locals. The city has several museums, numerous parks and plenty of opportunity for outdoor activity (skiing, hiking, biking). For the avid traveler, Grenoble is an excellent starting point for exploration, being about 3 hours from Paris by train and very close to Switzerland and Italy. In addition, the setting of this alpine city is what truly makes it unique. For a panoramic view of the city and surrounding mountains, take a ride on the téléphérique, or cable car, that takes you up to the Fort de la Bastille. From there, explore the hiking trails and the Grottes (caves) that were used as defense many centuries ago. This program is an excellent way to “warm up” for a longer semester abroad or to improve French language skills within a short time period.

Successful completion of French 102 and 2.5 GPA is required. While abroad in Grenoble, all students will take a comprehensive course that covers writing, oral expression and pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary. Classes are in groups no larger than sixteen students. Students spend three hours a day in class and one hour a day in the language lab, and classes are taught Monday through Friday. The language courses have three goals: to acquire a sound basis of grammar, vocabulary and idiom; to develop different means of expression and written and oral comprehension; and to learn about French culture. The methods of language teaching are varied and include such activities as the study of authentic documents, including newspapers, comic strips, literary texts and videos. All classes call for the active participation of students. Students are given a placement exam upon arrival to determine their language placement level.

The billed fee above includes housing, some meals, airport pick-up, transit pass, activities and excursions, course materials and transcripts, and international insurance.

Additional estimated expenses: $2665-$2865 (international airfare, meals, books & supplies, security deposit, personal expenses, overnight excursions, passport)
This project offers an opportunity for students who would like to explore study abroad on a smaller scale or for those who cannot spend a semester abroad because of academic or time constraints. Program locations vary according to the Interim calendar. Classes meet Monday through Friday, and the class size is small. Classes meet either in the morning or afternoon, depending on location and course level. The classroom learning experience can be enhanced by individual study in the media center. Additional culture and leisure programs are included in the formal program of study.

This project abroad is graded A-F. Acceptance by the program and by Wofford College is required for enrollment. Successful completion of German 102 and valid travel documents are required.

The billed fee above is paid to Wofford College. Program fees are paid directly to Goethe Institute (not billed through Wofford College).

Additional estimated expenses: $4250-$5015 (program fee paid directly to Goethe Institut includes instruction, housing, course materials and transcripts, and international insurance. In addition, students can anticipate costs associated with international airfare, meals, local transportation, personal expenses, and passport).

Little Cayman is the smallest and least developed of the three Cayman Islands. It lies 87 miles northeast of Grand Cayman, five miles west of Cayman Brac and 170 miles northwest of Jamaica. Little Cayman is one of the world’s premier diving destinations and is recognized for the unspoiled natural beauty of its spectacular marine environment. The brilliantly colored reef is an astonishing haven for a diversity of marine organisms, including sea turtles, luxurious corals and sponges and over 500 species of fish.

The Little Cayman Beach Resort is designed to maximize the tropical diving experience. They invite you to immerse yourself in lush tropical foliage, the crystal blue Caribbean water, swaying palms, amazing sunsets, superb diving and uncluttered beaches. The dive operation is professional with fantastic boat support. There are 57 dive sites many of which are within protected Marine Park Zones, including the world renowned Bloody Bay Wall. The resort offers 500 feet of beautiful milky white sand beach with hammocks, swimming pool, a Jacuzzi and hot tub overlooking the beach, tennis, beach volleyball, bicycles, kayaks, relaxing guest rooms, the taste of the tropics in The Bird of Paradise Restaurant (all Meals on Little Cayman are included and the food is amazing), night activities and much more.

The project consists of three weeks of SCUBA diving and marine biology classes, and an eight day dive trip to Little Cayman Island. In Spartanburg, students will complete a PADI open water SCUBA course (The SCUBA certification will allow you to dive anywhere in the world over the course of your lifetime) and participate in class presentations on coral reef ecology. The SCUBA classes will be taught by Corey and Mike Atkins (PADI certified SCUBA instructors and owners of The SCUBA Shop in Spartanburg). Marine biology class work will prepare students to enjoy the beauty of the coral reef and enable them to critically observe and understand the complex nature of the ecosystem. At sunset we gather to discuss the diving and the reef community. Students will describe what they have experienced on each dive and explain how the organisms interact with each other and with the divers.

The billed fee above includes the lifetime PADI SCUBA certification course, international airfare, lodging in Little Cayman, all meals on Little Cayman, three boat dives per day, boat crew tip, equipment rental fees, selected reading materials, transportation to and from airport on travel days, and international insurance.

Additional estimated expenses: $455 (meals, SCUBA gear, passport)
In this immersion class, we will spend 15 days exploring Northern Italy, the birthplace of the Slow Food Movement and a regional leader in sustainability and agriturismo. Pack your hiking boots and aprons, we're going to stay at a 13th Century Castle—Brunnenburg—nested in the Alps on a working organic farm and vineyard to learn about sustainable agriculture. We'll take cooking classes where we'll learn about local cuisine, explore examples of eco-design and other sustainability initiatives throughout the region, and meet with leaders, activists, and scholars to discuss local environmental issues. In addition to our farm stay at Brunnenburg Castle, highlights of the class include visiting the famous Bosco Verticale, Via della Spiga, and Da Vinci's The Last Supper in Milan, the University of Gastronomic Sciences and Slow Food tours in Bra and Bergamo, cheese and pasta-making classes, the UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Development in Turin, day trips to Bolzano, Trento, Merano, the Dolomites, and Mals, which was the first town in the world to ban all pesticides. We'll end by winding our way to Venice where we'll learn about the ecological and social challenges of mass tourism in the city, visit the Venice Rialto Market, and sample a variety of authentic Venetian Slow Food cuisine.

For part of this course, the group will be staying in a 13th century castle that, while having modern amenities, will still be a very rustic experience. Participants must be able and willing to hike up very steep hills every day, in unpredictable weather, and on cobble-stone streets and other terrain.

This course will focus on the history of the Slow Food Movement that began in Northern Italy and which promotes an alternative to fast food and strives to preserve traditional and regional cuisine and encourages farming of plants, seeds, and livestock characteristic of the local ecosystem. In so doing, students will also learn about other sustainability efforts in the region and how it has become a model of sustainability within Europe and globally. This course will also introduce students to the languages, cuisine, architecture, art, ecology, and landscape of Northern Italy.

The billed fee above includes international airfare, lodging, transportation to and from the airport, on-site transportation, many meals, all guides and entrance fees for pre-arranged site visits and cultural activities, and international insurance coverage.

Additional estimated expenses: $500 (some meals, local transportation, art supplies, passport)

Thailand, formerly known as Siam, is an excellent example of a small nation whose culture has survived intact for seven centuries despite the threats posed by Asian conquerors and potential European colonizers. The classroom portion of this Interim will examine Thailand’s culture as it has evolved from its 20+ ethnic groups including Thai, Chinese, Indian, Karen, and its major religions including Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism and Christianity. We will also review the history of the country along with its diverse wildlife and geological features.

Our travel itinerary will begin in the capital, Bangkok followed by Chiang Mai and concluding on Phuket Island. Our program will include the magnificent compounds of both the Marble Temple and the Royal Palace in Bangkok, followed by a twilight cruise up the Chao Phraya River, the city’s busy main waterway, on which the impressive ruins of Thailand’s ancient capital are located. Our time in Chiang Mai will feature the mountaintop Doi Suthep Buddhist shrine. Students will spend a day with an individually assigned elephant and guide including a bareback elephant riding experience. Wildlife including a Panda family will be studied at the Chiang Mai zoo. Students will also spend time at a local Hmong-tribe orphanage run by a local Thai Christian church. Another highlight will be a lecture on the hill tribes found in the border regions of Southeast Asia followed by a day trip to interact with the local people. Finally, we’ll conclude our program on Phuket Island. In Phuket, we will have a daylong tour of a marine habitat and have a guided sea kayak tour at low tide to explore the caves of volcanic offshore outcroppings whose lagoons harbor rare wildlife. We will also devote a separate day to snorkeling in the crystal-clear Indian Ocean, whose rich fields of colorful coral and anemones abound with giant turtles, crabs and exotic tropical fish.

The billed fee above includes international airfare, lodging, transportation to and from the airport, on-site transportation, all breakfasts, some lunches and dinners, all guides and entrance fees for pre-arranged site visits and cultural activities, and international insurance coverage.

Additional estimated expenses: $660 (some meals, passport)
Come explore the tales of Arabian Nights in Oman, the Jewel of Arabia! In this interim, we will read and then retrace the legendary stories of the 1,001 Arabian Nights. In the desert, we will sleep along the Silk Road and Frankincense Trail like ancient caravans and discover sparkling turquoise oases. We'll explore lost cities, ancient biblical tombs, and limestone cliffs, keeping an eye out for a cave of treasures like Ali Baba, and sailing the same seas as Sinbad the Sailor on a traditional Arabian dhow. Like Aladdin, we'll learn the stories of genies and jinns, wondering at the beauty of the quintessentially Arabian cities like Salalah and its coconut-fringed beaches. Oman, one of the most peaceful and open societies in the Middle East, offers a diverse blend of the ancient and modern worlds. Just as the Arabian Nights has been expanded, reinterpreted, and beloved, so too will we make our own stories in this fascinating country few get the opportunity to explore.

This course will explore the history, culture, and geography of Oman through the lens of "1001 Arabian Nights." As part of this course, students will study the book itself and the history and cultural context of the stories, looking for mirrors of the stories in present-day Oman and exploring how the stories inform modern Omani culture. Students will also learn about Oman as a political entity, the story and importance of the Omani sultan, and Oman's place in the modern Arabian Peninsula and the modern world.

The billed fee above includes international airfare, lodging, transportation to and from the airport, on-site transportation, all meals (except on travel days), tickets/entrance fees for pre-arranged site visits and activities, and international insurance coverage.

Additional estimated expenses: $235 (some meals, passport, visa)
“Only in Rome is it possible to understand Rome.” -Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. This study abroad opportunity focuses on the theological, institutional, and political development of the Catholic Church in Rome. As home to the Holy See and a destination for pilgrims, Rome occupies the central place from which to study the history and ideals of the Christian faith. The physical landscape of the city with its buildings and churches, museums and statuary, forums and piazzas will serve as our canvas for this pilgrimage through the Roman Church’s evolution. We will study three major periods of Church history beginning with Early Church history and visiting important historic sites such as the catacombs of St. Callixtus, Priscilla and St. Agnes and the church of Santa Sabina. We will then proceed to the Medieval period and visit locations like the Basilica of San Giovanni in Laterano, the Basilica of San Paolo outside the Walls, and the church of Santa Maria is Cosmedin. Finally, we will conclude with the visual marvel of the Renaissance Roman Church visiting such sites as St Peter’s, Gesu and the Piazza Navona.

This course will focus on the history of the Catholic Church in Rome. As part of this course, students will learn about the institutional developments of the Catholic Church from its early period in Rome to the Renaissance era as well as gain an understanding of the theological development of Roman Catholicism. Through an experiential and hands-on approach, students will examine the political and social changes that have taken place during the history of the Catholic Church in Rome.

The billed fee above includes international airfare, lodging, transportation to and from the airport, on-site transportation, some group meals, all entrance fees/tickets for pre-arranged activities and museums, and international insurance coverage.

Additional estimated expenses: $580-$860 (meals, cell phone rental, books, passport)