

# OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS (INTERNATIONAL)

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Please contact the Office of Off-Campus Programs/ International Studies for more information regarding program options, eligibility, application processes and billing policies. The programs listed in the catalog are a sampling of offerings and locations, not an exhaustive list.

## Semester Programs

To participate in a semester program, students must have at least sophomore status (second year or minimum of 30 credits). Seniors interested in a semester abroad must participate in a program meeting the Bethel residency requirement or receive special permission to pursue admission to a different program. Bethel requires a minimum 2.5 grade point average, with some programs having higher requirements. Students must complete the approval process through the Office of Off-Campus Programs/ International Studies.

### Daystar Term (Bethel program)

Bethel University students can choose to attend fall or spring semester at Daystar University, currently one of the few accredited evangelical Christian liberal arts colleges in Africa. The scenic Athi River campus, about 25 miles from Nairobi, offers courses in Bible, communication, literature, education, business, psychology, and more. Participants live with African students and can participate in campus life through numerous extracurricular activities and various student associations. Courses taught in English by African nationals. Open to all majors.

### England Term (Bethel program)

Bethel University offers a biennial (fall of odd-numbered years) academic program of residential study and travel in Great Britain, Ireland, Northern Ireland, and France. Led by a faculty member from the Department of English, England Term emphasizes serious academic study, the building of Christian community, and the experience of other cultures in ways that are not possible in on-campus programs. Students are abroad for an entire semester, alternating between extended stays at home bases and travels throughout England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Northern Ireland, and France. Sites are chosen for their literary, historical, and cultural significance, and usually include such places as Edinburgh, the Lake District, Oxford, Cambridge, Stratford, London, and Dublin. The program offers opportunities for deeper cultural

contact (e.g., homestays with British or Irish families) and approximately two weeks for independent travel in Europe. Students complete the Z-tag cross-cultural component and take courses in literature, drama, and travel writing.

### Europe Term: Communication (Bethel program)

Europe Term is a semester-long study experience based in Austria with excursions to Italy, Germany, France, and Eastern Europe. The program is led by Bethel faculty and utilizes an intercultural communication perspective to analyze communication and cultures of Europe. Students live and study in small but cosmopolitan European cities, building relationships with individuals from all over the world. The program is sponsored by the Department of Communication Studies and is open to students of any major. Students typically take 15 credits and complete the Cross-cultural Experience (Z) and Science, Technology, and Society (K) requirements of Bethel's General Education curriculum.

### Guatemala Term (Bethel program)

Every spring Bethel University offers an academic and service program in Antigua, Guatemala. The 15-credit program emphasizes an integration of academic study, Christian service, and cross-cultural interaction. Students take 8 credits of Spanish language, studying one-on-one with tutors from the *Centro Linguisto Maya* in Antigua. They take a local development course and also participate in a 4-credit practicum experience, working side-by-side with Guatemalans who have expertise in education, social work, medicine, appropriate technology, and economic development. This program is a good fit for students interested in applying their field of study to international Christian service.

### Spain Term (Bethel program)

Bethel University offers a fall semester academic program in Segovia, Spain. An hour from the capital city of Madrid, Segovia is a town rich in history, architecture, and cultural sites. This program is primarily directed toward students interested in furthering their proficiency in the Spanish language and knowledge of culture. All classes are taught in Spanish at the Center for Hispanic Studies. Students have the opportunity to interact with native Spanish speakers and university students through organized culture and language exchanges at the center. More cultural interaction takes place with Spanish host families. Though geared toward Spanish majors, Spain Term is open to students who have completed the equivalent of two years of college-level Spanish courses or the equivalent.

### **Australia Studies Centre**

ASC is offered in partnership with Christian Heritage College (CHC), a CCCU affiliate member in Brisbane, Queensland. The ASC is designed to integrate the firsthand observation and study of Australian culture, history, religion, politics, and Indigenous cultures together with experiential service learning and formal instruction in Christian studies, business, ministries, social sciences, and education and humanities.

### **Latin American Studies Program**

LASP provides an opportunity to live and learn in San Jose, Costa Rica. The semester-long program allows students to study the language, literature, culture, politics, history, economics, ecology, and religion of the region while living with a Costa Rican family. Students also participate in a service opportunity and travel for three weeks to surrounding countries. Students participate in one of four concentrations: Latin American Studies (offered both fall and spring terms); Advanced Language and Literature (limited to Spanish majors and offered both fall and spring terms); International Business and Management (offered only fall term); and Tropical Sciences (offered only spring term). Students in all tracks enroll in 16 semester hours of credit.

### **Middle East Studies Program**

MESP, based in Amman, Jordan, allows students to explore and interact with the complex and strategic world of the modern Middle East. Interdisciplinary seminars give students the opportunity to explore the diverse religious, social, cultural, and political traditions of Middle Eastern people. In addition to seminars, students study the Arabic language and work as volunteers with various organizations. Through travel to other Middle Eastern nations, students are exposed to the diversity and dynamism of the region. MESP encourages and equips students to relate to the Muslim world in an informed, constructive, and Christ-centered manner at a time of tension and change. Students enroll in 16 semester hours of credit.

### **Scholars' Semester in Oxford**

Honors and other highly qualified students have the opportunity to study in England through an interdisciplinary semester at one of the colleges of Oxford University. This rigorous academic program, aimed at increasing critical thinking skills and scholarship from a Christian perspective, allows participants to choose from a wide variety of tutorial study programs in religious studies, history, English, history of science, and philosophy. In addition to two Oxford tutorials, students participate in a seminar and an integrative course through which they produce a scholarly project or term paper. Field trips provide opportunities for experiential learning in England's rich

historical setting. Students enroll in 17 semester hours of credit.

### **Uganda Studies Program**

USP is an integrated study of culture, history, politics, and humanities that allows for a blended classroom and experiential survey of Ugandan life. The program includes an experiential course designed especially for USP students, flexible core classroom courses (choosing from religion, history, and literature), and electives from Uganda Christian University's Honours College. Students live in the university dorms in Kampala and have the opportunity for a two-week homestay with an African family. Students can complete a Social Work or Global Health track, as well as participate in ongoing service projects during the semester.

### **LCC International University (Lithuania)**

Lithuania is undergoing intriguing transformation, emerging as a nation in its own right. LCC is a four-year educational institution with a North American style of education focused on liberal arts and leadership development. LCC is noted for having an international campus community, with students and staff from all over Eastern Europe and faculty from Europe, the United States, and Canada. The campus is located in Klaipeda, a port city on the Baltic Sea and a major Eastern European cultural center. Courses are taught in English in the core areas of theology, psychology, sociology, writing, and business. Students live in dorms with European students and have the opportunity to travel to Russia, Latvia, Estonia, and other Eastern European destinations. Students generally enroll in 15 semester hours of credit.

## **Other International Study Opportunities**

Other study abroad programs approved by Bethel are available on a semester or interim basis. These programs can be arranged for students through the Office of Off-Campus Programs/International Studies.

### **Approved Semester Provider Programs**

The Office of Off-Campus Programs/International Studies maintains a list of approved organizations assisting students in their study abroad endeavors. Typically open to sophomores and juniors, these programs provide options in numerous locations and disciplines. Students can stay enrolled at Bethel and utilize most forms of financial aid while participating in an approved provider program.

### **Bethel Interim Programs**

Bethel faculty members often teach interim courses in international settings. These classes are offered in a variety of subject areas. Courses vary from year

to year. All students must have a minimum 2.2 grade point average and complete the Office of Off-Campus Programs/International Studies approval process. Open to any undergraduate grade level.

### **Outside Interim Programs**

Several study abroad programs offer January Term courses in a variety of locations and subject matter. Information is available in the Office of Off-Campus Programs/International Studies. All students must meet Bethel's minimum standards (minimum 2.2 grade point average and clear disciplinary record) and complete the Office of Off-Campus Programs/International Studies approval process as well as the application process of their chosen program.

### **Summer Programs**

All students must have a minimum 2.2 grade point average (or higher, depending on the program) and complete the standard study abroad approval process. Seniors must meet residency requirements. Contact the Office of Off-Campus Programs/International Studies for a complete list of summer options.

### **Oxford Summer Programme**

The Oxford Summer Programme (OSP) is a program of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. The program is designed for students wishing to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the relationship between Christianity and the development of the West and who wish to do specialized work under expert Oxford academics in the areas of history, religious studies, political theory, philosophy, English, and the history of science. The Programme is structured for rising college sophomores, juniors, and seniors; graduate and seminary students; nontraditional students; teachers; and those enrolled in continuing education programs.

### **Enrollment Requirements for Students**

All students participating in Bethel University's off-campus programs must register for the course(s) for academic credit.

### **Travel Warnings**

Bethel University prohibits students from participating in academic programs in countries where a U.S. Department of State travel warning is in effect. However, if a Bethel student chooses to study in a location where there is a travel warning in place, the student must formally withdraw from Bethel to do so. The student will be recommended for preferred readmit status for the semester when she/he returns to Bethel.