

STUDY AWAY

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The opening of the Office of Extra Mural Studies in 1970 established the College's early commitment to international education. Today Hiram's study away programs offer students an even greater array of opportunities. Program participants live and learn in cultures that are different from their own. Students learn about life as others live it, whether that is in a country that appears to have a culture very similar to that of the U.S., for example, Great Britain, or one that stems from a different tradition, such as China. The typical program centers on the disciplines of Hiram College faculty, who offer courses in a host country. Since 1970, more than 120 Hiram College faculty members have led over 4,000 students on educational programs to Europe, South and Central America, Africa, Asia, and Australia.

Students apply to participate in these programs. While it is expected that most students who apply will participate, acceptance is not guaranteed. Criteria for selection are not limited to, but may include, grade-point average, class year, recommendations, and participation in previous programs.

The College's academic calendar format, The Hiram Plan, provides students with opportunities for study away each semester and summer.

Students enrolling in study abroad programs offered outside of Hiram College purview must have the courses they intend to take approved by the appropriate program(s) prior to enrolling in the program to ensure accurate credit is awarded.

Summer or Spring Break Study Away: Overseas programs offered in the summer or during spring break may or may not provide academic credit. For additional information, please contact the study away director.

Three-Week Study Away: Students may elect to study away during the three-week part of term, which fall in December and May. This is the most common time for students to study away in a Hiram College program. Contact the study away coordinator to find out about upcoming programs. There are scholarships to support students who wish to participate in these trips. The study abroad director will have information for students and faculty.

To learn more about overseas programs, visit www.hiram.edu/academics/study-abroad/ (<http://www.hiram.edu/academics/study-abroad/>).

Hiram students who wish to participate in an overseas independent study must go through a process, beginning with the study away director, in order to qualify for a transfer of credits.