



Department of Visual Arts

Off-Campus Programs Fact Sheet

Off-Campus Programs Participation – Visual Arts 2017-2018

- Total Participants – 13
- Percentage of All Participants – 3.6%
- Percentage of VA Students Who Study Off Campus – 55.3%

Top Visual Arts Programs 2017-2018

- Cross-Cultural Courses
- Gordon in Orvieto
- Veritas South Korea

Top Visual Arts Programs for Past 4 Years

- Cross-Cultural Courses
- Gordon in Orvieto
- Scholars' Semester in Oxford
- Temple Rome
- Veritas South Korea

Best Programs with Visual Arts Options

- Gordon in Orvieto
- Temple Rome
- Scholars' Semester in Oxford

Messiah College Participation

- Currently ranked 18th in the nation for sending students abroad
- 65% of Messiah students study or serve off campus
- 364 students studied off campus in credit-bearing programs in 2017-2018

Top Programs for Messiah College

- Cross-Cultural Courses
- GoEd Africa
- International Business Institute
- LCC International University
- London Internship Program



“Every time you experience another culture firsthand, you get a glimpse of what it is like to see the world through the eyes of another. Once again, my worldview was shaped and stretched.”

Deadlines

Messiah College Pre-approval

Semester-Long Programs

Fall: December 1

Spring: April 1

Short-Term Programs

February the year before

Costs

Semester-long Programs

- Messiah tuition, room, board
- Off-campus fee (\$0, \$1,350, or \$1,910)
- Additional expenses: visas, flights, immunizations, local travel
- Scholarships available

Cross-Cultural Programs

- Messiah tuition (part of spring tuition)
- Course fees: \$3,000-\$5,000
- Flights and meals included

Experiential Learning Initiative (ELI) and Off-Campus Programs

Students . . .

- participate in four pre-departure orientation sessions
- develop learning objectives with their Intercultural Office ELI advisor
- complete a reflection component
- submit a deliverable (blog, web site, e-portfolio, LinkedIn)
- attend a reentry retreat

Intercultural Office Mission Statement

To embrace the diversity of God's Creation by providing safe, transformative learning environments and opportunities for students to engage the world as reconcilers and servant leaders at home and abroad.

Off-Campus Programs Purpose Statement

The purpose of Off-Campus Programs at Messiah College is to provide students with transformative, safe and quality semester-long and short-term cultural learning experiences that assist them in navigating the complexities of becoming global citizens and that encourage them to deepen their understanding of and appreciation for the world and their place in it.

Helpful Tips for Academic Advisors

- Encourage students to **explore their options early**; their first semester is not too soon!
- **Identify an optimal semester** for students to study off campus.
- Encourage students **to visit the Intercultural Office** or to browse the Off-Campus Programs information at www.messiah.edu/abroad.
- All Messiah-approved, semester-long, international programs **will meet students' third language / cultural requirements**. Students do not receive three credits; rather, the requirement is waived.
- All students who study off campus must complete an **Off-Campus Study Course Approval Form** as part of their Messiah approval process.
 - Please review this form so you can discuss how courses taken off campus will fit into the student's academic progress
 - Please work with your academic department / chair to approve major-related courses



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