

***Off-Campus Programs Fact Sheet***

**Off-Campus Programs Participation – SOAN 2017-2018**

- Total Participants – 8
- Percentage of All Participants – 2.2%
- Percentage of SOAN Students Who Study Off Campus – 110.3%

**Top SOAN Programs 2017-2018**

- Cross-Cultural Courses
- Scholars' Semester in Oxford
- Uganda Studies Program

**Top SOAN Programs for Past 4 Years**

- Cross-Cultural Courses
- Australia Studies Centre
- GoED Africa or GoED Mekong
- Scholars' Semester in Oxford
- Uganda Studies Program

**Best Programs with SOAN Options**

- GoED Africa or GoED Mekong
- Goldsmiths: University of London
- LCC International University
- Pontifical Catholic University Valparaiso

**Messiah College Participation**

- Currently ranked 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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