

Off-Campus Study Options of Special Interest to Sociology Majors

All of the SLU programs abroad are open to students from any major as long as they have a solid academic record and can show appropriate preparation (prerequisites, etc.) Many students use a semester off-campus to develop an academic interest outside of or in addition to the major, and that is fine. However, it is also true that virtually ANY off-campus program would provide a sociology major with great opportunities for comparing how different societies work. Still, some programs have courses and internships that you may not be aware of. We provide this list of suggestions by way of helping you begin to consider your options. You can check out all our programs in more detail on our website: <http://www.stlawu.edu/ciis>. We encourage you to meet with your sociology advisor and/or come to our office in Carnegie to discuss your options.

China:

Language of instruction: English

The Shanghai, China program runs both fall and spring semesters. Its focus is on the rapid modernization and new economic developments in the most populous nation in the world. The curriculum is limited to required courses in Chinese language, history, government, and economics. However, the program as a whole introduces students to many sociological aspects of contemporary Chinese society. Students come from a wide range of U.S. colleges. The pre-requisite is a course dealing with some aspect of the Asian world.

Denmark:

Language of instruction: English

The Denmark program runs fall and spring semesters and offers several courses of potential interest to sociology majors: **Criminal Justice in Scandinavia, Danish Politics and Society, Nationalism and Minorities in Europe, Health Care in Scandinavia**. A week-long study tour in Russia is another feature of this program. A 3.0 gpa is required and students take 5 courses on this program.

England:

Language of instruction: English

The program in London is offered fall and spring semesters, and includes **Soc/Hist 244: The Legacy of British Imperialism**. This course may be elected at the 300 level (with department chair approval) with the student having an additional tutorial meeting and doing an independent research paper on a topic of interest. The course is designed to explain how the imperial past continues to shape British realities: consideration of political culture, literature, the media, and related institutions. ND 250 begins with many field trips which take students to different parts of London and into different sub-cultures of London; this concludes in a 4-week long internship in the last month of the program. These internships are tailored to student interests and have included placements with political parties and social service agencies, with humanitarian NGO's such as Oxfam, health and mental health clinics, and the like.

India:

Language of instruction: English

The India program runs in the fall only. Students must take all four classes offered: these include a course on the history of India and an anthropology course on society, politics and economy of contemporary India. Each student designs an independent project in consultation with the India program coordinator and his or her major advisor during the preceding spring semester.

Kenya:

Language of instruction: English

The Kenya program (both fall and spring) offers opportunities for insight into the processes of modernization in a developing country. The core course, AFS 337: Culture, Environment, and Development in Kenya, takes students into four or five different kinds of societies within Kenya. Students can elect **Soc. 326: Critical Issues in Socio-Economic Development in Kenya**. The final 4 weeks of the program involve an independent project which can be tailored to a sociology major. Previous students have worked with a wide range of NGO's on environmental and development issues, in refugee camps, in centers for homeless children, in AIDS children's organizations, and with grass roots political organizations.

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France:

Language of instruction: French (fall) English (spring)

The fall or year program is for students who have completed the equivalent of 4 college semesters of French. While no sociology course is offered in the fall, year-long students may direct enroll in sociology courses at the University of Rouen during the spring term. They also do a January internship which may be related to the student's interests.

The spring program (in English) is on comparative French cultures, and students study in Quebec and Senegal as well as in Rouen, France. Students need only 1 semester of French as a pre-requisite.

Japan:

Language of instruction: English and Japanese

SLU has exchange programs with two Japanese universities, one in Tokyo and one in Nagoya. ICU in Tokyo is only full-year, while Nanzan offers a semester program. Both universities are noted for their language study programs and all SLU students take intermediate or advanced Japanese. Students make elect sociology courses which are taught in English. Japanese 102 or its equivalent is required.

Spain:

Language of instruction: Spanish

The Spain program may be elected for fall, spring, or the full year. The pre-requisite is Spanish 201 and 202. No sociology courses per se are offered although the program provides ample opportunities to learn about another society. The Spain program begins with a course on "the Spanish Village" with students living in small communities outside of the capital and studying these closely. Students staying for the year do a January internship which can be in a sociology-related area.

Washington D.C.:

Language of instruction: English

This program at American University is organized around specific tracks. Students take a seminar in their chosen track and work in a related internship. Tracks likely to be of special interest to sociology majors include: **Gender and Politics, Justice, Transforming Communities, Public Law and IT & Telecom Policy.**

Direct enroll programs in universities with a full curriculum in sociology

Australia:

Language of instruction: English

Students enroll at James Cook University in Townsville, Australia. The sociology department department is large.

Canada:

Language of instruction: English, French

Direct enrollment at any of the following universities: McGill University in Montreal, Laval University in Quebec City, or Carleton University in Ottawa.

Costa Rica:

Language of instruction: Spanish

If you have completed Span 201 or the equivalent, you are free to enroll directly in the sociology courses offered at the Universidad de Costa Rica.

Trinidad:

Language of instruction: English

The program's core required course is "Caribbean Culture and Society," with a particular emphasis on the role of Carnival. Students direct-enroll in two elective courses at the University of the West Indies, which offers a variety of sociology courses. Program includes a service learning component. (Spring only; Application deadline: May 20.)

Fisk:

Language of instruction: English

As an exchange student at Fisk, all of the government courses offered are available to you.