Department of Sociology

The following programs offer significant coursework and field immersion opportunities for Sociology related coursework. This is meant to highlight a variety of programs by region; please note there are many more available beyond what is listed here and this is not a guaranteed list for credit transfer. Students will still need to meet with their major/minor departments to discuss fulfilling degree requirements. Please visit our website at https://studyabroad.wwu.edu/ for additional opportunities.

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Study Abroad Programs

- Independent organizations that facilitate or administer study abroad programs for students
- Quarter, semester, academic year, calendar year, & summer
- Pay a program fee that includes tuition, housing, etc. (varies)
- More services provided
- Includes excursions, onsite pickup, varied housing options
- Part time internships can be available for credit

Global Learning Programs

- WWU faculty organize and lead academic programs abroad
- Quarter, summer & over breaks
- Earn WWU credits in your field and learn from WWU faculty abroad while studying with other WWU students
- Pay tuition and fees at WWU in addition to a program fee for onsite costs

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Sociology Department
See Andrea Osborn for information or assistance in transferring study abroad credits to your Sociology program.

After you decide on a program and the courses you will take abroad, you must meet with an Andrea to complete the EdAbroad Departmental Academic Advising Form. The form must be completed before you leave on your study abroad program.


Consider an International Studies Minor to add an International focus to your degree!

Compare Programs and Budgets using the Things to Consider sheet.
WWU Global Learning Faculty-Led Programs

Global Learning Programs are sponsored by a WWU department and generally consist of a faculty member taking a group of students to study discipline based courses abroad. Study with other WWU students and learn from WWU faculty all while paying WWU tuition and in-country program fees

- **India-Himalaya Cultures & Ecology Field Program** - Students will earn 12 credits during the summer term studying Tibetan and Ladakhi culture, religion and history while learning about local issues of water scarcity, cultural survival and adaptation to a changing climate. Students will work with grassroots organizations on community development projects and trek in the Western Tibetan Plateau
- **Rwanda – Field Studies & Collaborative International Service Learning** - Students will earn 12 credits during the summer term exploring the history and cultures of Rwanda and actively collaborating with in-country experts to implement field experiences and service learning. Projects may include working with local community based and government organizations in areas of teaching English as a second language, and more
- **Kenya- Fields Studies and Collaborative International Service Learning** - Students will earn 15 credits during the winter quarter discovering the culture and politics of Kenya, examining grassroots approaches to community development, and applying these perspectives
- **Thailand & Burma – Discover Southeast Asia** - Students will earn 15 credits during the winter quarter exploring environmental and social justice issues in Northern Thailand and Burma. Students will work on local community projects and trek in the jungles of Thailand and Burma. Open to students from all fields
- **China – Changing China: Culture, Community, and Citizenship** - Students will earn 15 credits during the fall quarter exploring the global perspective of one of the oldest civilizations with the fastest economic growth rate in the world and focuses on social stratification, political control, and social change
- **Guatemala – Building Cross Cultural Connections** - Students will earn 10 credits during the summer term exploring the history, politics, cultures, and social issues of Guatemala while expanding cultural competence by engaging in cross cultural service and immersion. Students will work with children and families in educational, health, and food distribution projects while developing an understanding of global citizenship
- **Check out all of WWU’s Global Learning Programs to find a program that meets your interests!**

**Africa**
Accra, Ghana

- Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for this program through ISEP
- Students on the GEO Ghana program will engage in service learning or internship experiences with community based institutions related to health, environment, education, youth, gender, and more
- Attend the University of Ghana through a CIEE program or through ISEP Exchange and have access to coursework in the areas of social sciences, African studies, population studies, statistical research, and more
- The USAC Ghana program allows students to choose from a wide variety of Sociology courses
- Academic Year, Semester, and Summer terms available
  - International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Exchange
  - Center for International Education Exchange (CIEE)
  - Global Education Oregon (GEO)
  - University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

Cape Coast, Ghana

- Choose from several courses in Sociology at the University of Cape Coast, all taught in English
- Semester terms available
  - CIS Abroad

Kochia, Kenya

- Explore the history and cultures of Kenya through a Winter quarter, 15 credit service learning program
- Join Western faculty and other WWU students while collaborating with in country experts in the implementation of selected service learning and field experiences highlighting the culture and politics of the region, challenges that rural Kenyans face, and examine grassroots approaches to community development
- The program consists of 3 weeks at WWU and an intensive six weeks in Kenya
- Course offerings focus on communities, village studies, and social action
- Quarter terms available
  - WWU Global Learning Faculty-Led Program

Gashora, Rwanda

- Join Western faculty and WWU students on a 12 credit, 9-week program to Rwanda focusing on the history, culture, and politics of the region through examining grassroots approaches to community development
- Service learning projects include working with local community-based and government organizations in areas of teaching English as a second language, community development, health, education, income generation, sustainable agriculture, conservation, family and childhood, and more
- Prior to travel, students will participate in team building and preparatory study on Rwandan history and culture, cross cultural relationship building, and ethical travel and global citizenship
- Summer terms available
  - WWU Global Learning Faculty-Led Program
Cape Town, South Africa
- Devote your summer to community engagement through Arcadia University’s Community Development Program where students take coursework in sociology, social policy, and social work
- Study with CIEE or SIT and take innovative courses while integrating community service projects
- Studying through ISA or IES Abroad, students can take a variety of sociology related coursework at the University of Western Cape, a major research university and partake in service learning
- Semester, Academic Year, and Summer terms available
  - Arcadia University
  - Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)
  - IES Abroad
  - International Studies Abroad (ISA)
  - School for International Training (SIT)

Johannesburg, South Africa
- Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for this program through ISEP
- Take courses at the University of Johannesburg on ISEP Exchange
- The University of Johannesburg embraces South Africa's rich histories, cultures, religions, races, genders and social and economic classes and languages. Field Research, Internships and Service Learning available
- Semester terms available
  - International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Exchange

Port Elizabeth, South Africa
- Take Study Human Rights, Conflict Management, and Service Learning on CEA's Summer 4-week program in Port Elizabeth worth 9 quarter credits
  - Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA)

Americas

Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Students on the CIEE Undergrad Research – Globalization & Development Program can help expert researchers and local sources explore the many developmental and globalization issues facing the region through a Social Science Research Methods Course, and develop solutions for helping the country grow
- Explore Argentina’s major identity issues during CIEE’s summer Gender and Ethnic Studies program
- Participate in thematic course seminars and independent research projects related to political and social history of social movements, human rights, justice and ethics through SIT's Social Movements and Human Rights in Argentina program
- Semester, Academic Year, and Summer terms available
  - Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)
  - School for International Training (SIT)

Rosario, Argentina
- Earn 10 credits during the summer studying Human Rights & Transitional Justice in Rosario through GEO
- Summer terms available
  - Global Education Oregon (GEO)
Valparaiso, Chile

- Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for this program through ISEP
- Through seminar based learning, students on the SIT program will examine the political, economic, and social changes that have shaped Chile, including its cultural identity, community fabric, and development
- Take social sciences coursework in English or Spanish at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso (PUVC) while participating in service learning or internships for credit through API, ISA, or ISEP Exchange
- Semester, Academic Year, and Summer programs available
  - International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Exchange
  - Academic Programs International (API)
  - International Studies Abroad (ISA)
  - School for International Training (SIT)
  - IES Politics, Social Justice & Language

Antigua, Guatemala

- Earn 10 credits during the summer term with other WWU Students and WWU faculty on the Summer Global Learning Faculty-Led Program in Guatemala: Building Cross Cultural Connections; explore the history, politics, cultures, and social issues of Guatemala while working with families in educational, health, and more
- Summer terms available
  - WWU Global Learning Faculty-Led Program

Cusco, Peru

- Through SIT, students can explore the social, economic, political, and cultural impacts of globalization
- Courses available in indigenous rights, advocacy and policy, community empowerment, identity recognition, historical legacies and contemporary social movements, impacts of global change, society and culture
- Semester terms available; students need 2 years of Spanish
  - School for International Training (SIT)

Lima, Peru

- Study Gender & Queer Studies in Latin America through CIEE’s Summer Lima Sessions II & III program
- Summer terms available
  - Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)

San Cristobal de las Casas, Mexico

- Study Maya Communities and Social Justice in Chiapas through GEO’s Summer program
- Summer terms available
  - Global Education Oregon (GEO)

Asia

Thimphu, Bhutan

- Through API and the Royal Thimphu College take courses in Social Theory, Quantitative Research Methods, Social Institutions, Sociology of Development, and Social Change
- Semester terms available
  - Academic Programs International (API)
Beijing, China
- Study contemporary culture and social change while completing a capstone project, internship, or documentary film as part of the Alliance for Global Education’s Popular Culture and Social Change Program
- Through IES Abroad, students can study contemporary issues in China with a program that includes an Understanding China Seminar, and is structured around modules that students take in sequence
- Semester terms available
  - The Alliance for Global Education
  - IES Abroad

Bangalore, India
- The USAC Bangalore (Bengaluru) program provides the extraordinary opportunity to study Indian culture, sociology, and global issues, and to volunteer in the local community
- Course offerings available in sociology, anthropology, cultural studies, human rights, dance, yoga, political science, history, healthcare and service learning
- Semester, Academic Year, and Summer terms available
  - University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

Hyderabad, India
- Courses available in sociology, anthropology, human rights, women’s studies, GLBTQ, and more
- Semester, Academic Year, and Summer terms available
  - American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS)

Ladakh, India
- In partnership with the Institute for Village Studies, WWU students and Western faculty will embark on a journey to the Himalayas to support local community projects and learn about grassroots development
- The program is an intensive 6-week, 12 credit course that encompasses academic studies in Tibetan culture, history, religion, and ecology, with service learning projects
- Summer terms available
  - WWU Global Learning Faculty-Led Program

Pune, India
- The Alliance for Global Education’s Contemporary India: Development, Economy, Society program in Pune, India allows students to examine environmental issues, development, social justice, economics and public health issues by providing a core academic base and allowing progressive specialization through electives, internships, directed research, and documentary films
- Course offerings are available in public health, social justice, development economics, social entrepreneurship and interventions, gender and Indian media, as well as beginning Hindi
- Semester terms available
  - The Alliance for Global Education

Varanasi, India
- The Alliance for Global Education’s program in Varanasi, India allows students to examine the intersections between religious life, urban studies, and the environment in contemporary India
- Course offerings available in sociology, gender studies, cultural studies, dance, yoga, Hindi, religion, and peace
- Semester terms available
The Alliance for Global Education

Bedulu, Indonesia

- Study in central and southern Bali, through SIT’s Indonesia: Art, Religion, and Social Change where students can examine the important roles played by Indonesia’s six officially recognized religions and the arts in shaping sociocultural discourses in Bali and Java
- Focus on the current debates relating to the future of Balinese culture and society in relation to global pressures such as increased development and international tourism
- Course offerings available in arts, religion, social change, field methods and ethics, independent study projects
- Semester terms available
  School for International Training (SIT)

Kathmandu, Nepal

- The SIT Nepal: Development and Social Change program examines the historical, religious, economic, and political forces that have impacted the diverse country of Nepal and participate in seminars related to Development and Social Change, Nepali language, Field Methods and Ethics, and Independent study projects
- Semester programs available
  School for International Training (SIT)

Seoul, South Korea

- Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for this program through Direct Exchange or ISEP
- Western students can study at Yonsei University or Korea University through exchange, as well as through third party study abroad providers like CIEE, ISA, and USAC
- Both have developed a wide range of university courses taught in English, including Anthropology, Culture, Psychology, Public Health, Political Science, Social Sciences, Sociology, and International Studies
- Semester, Academic Year, and Summer terms available depending on program
  WWU Direct Exchange - Yonsei University
  International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Exchange
  Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)
  International Studies Abroad (ISA)
  University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

Chiang Mai, Thailand

- Take courses related to humanities and social sciences at Chiang Mai University through USAC where curriculum is taught entirely in English, TEAN's program also includes taking a Gender & Development course in Vietnam and spending half the semester in Vietnam as well as Thailand
- In addition to courses, students can participate in 10-15 hours of community service immersion through IPSL
- Semester, Quarter, and summer options available depending on program
  International Partnership for Service Learning (IPSL)
  The Education Abroad Network (TEAN)
  University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

Bangkok, Thailand

- Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for this program through ISEP
- Study at Thammasat University through ISEP Exchange and take courses in English in a variety of fields including Thai Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Social Work, Human Rights, and Sociology
- Take social sciences courses in English at Mahidol University through CIS Abroad or ISA
- Semester and quarter options available depending on program
**Europe**

**Prague, Czech Republic**
- Take sociology courses in English related to culture, identity, lifestyles, multiculturalism, gender, and inequality in Prague through programs like AIFS, GEO, CEA, ISA, USAC
- Take themed coursework related to Jewish Studies, Central European Studies, and the social sciences as well as opportunities for service learning and internships through CET Academic Programs, and CIEE
- Semester, Academic Year, & Summer terms available
  - American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS)
  - Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA)
  - CET Academic Programs
  - Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)
  - Global Education Oregon (GEO)
  - International Studies Abroad (ISA)
  - University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

**London, England**
- Study on GEO’s Gender, Race, and Class in London Fall Semester program
- Courses include Gender, Race, Class, Religions, and Law & Order: UK worth 12 quarter credits
- Semester terms available
  - Global Education Oregon (GEO)

**Amsterdam, Netherlands**
- Major topics of study include gender studies, sexuality, race, class, religion, feminist movements, and more
- Semester and Summer terms available depending on program
  - Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)
  - IES Abroad
  - School for International Training (SIT)

**Belfast, Northern Ireland**
- Study conflict transformation and social justice in Belfast through AIFS
- A 4-week summer program offering an interdisciplinary course worth 4 quarter credits
- Summer terms available
  - American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS)

**Londonderry, Northern Ireland**
- Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for this program through ISEP
- Ulster University has multiple campuses. Among them, Magee Campus is especially recommended for Sociology with its excellent and well-respected programs in Peace Studies, Irish Studies, Cultural Studies, International Politics, History, Drama, Music, Dance, Psychology and Sociology.
- Students can attend the Ulster University- Magee Campus via ISEP Exchange, or through IFSA Butler
- Semester terms available
  - International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Exchange
  - IFSA-Butler University

Krakow, Poland

- Courses include stereotypes, prejudices, ethnocentrism, racism, anti-Semitism, holocaust studies, and more
- Semester and Summer terms available
  - Academic Programs International (API)

Wroclaw, Poland

- Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for this program through ISEP
- Students can study at Wroclaw University, a vibrant research and study institution through ISEP Exchange
- Courses in English are available in the social sciences, in addition to Polish courses offered at all levels
- Semester terms available
  - International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Exchange

Granada, Spain

- Students can study Spanish or Arabic language, as well as take English coursework in sociology
- Semester, Quarter, and Summer terms available
  - Academic Programs International (API)
  - Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA)
  - American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS)
  - International Studies Abroad (ISA)

Vaxjo, Sweden

- Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for this program through ISEP
- Students can study Swedish as well as a variety of coursework in English at Linnaeus University through ISEP Exchange or a study abroad program like USAC, and includes coursework in Peace, Development, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Communications, Health, and Social Work
- Semester terms available
  - International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Exchange
  - University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

Uppsala, Sweden

- CIEE offers a summer session II course in Social Justice, Gender Studies, and Health Care
- Summer terms available
  - Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)

Middle East
Haifa, Israel

- Study Peace and Conflict Studies in the Honors program through CIEE that offers additional coursework in Middle East Studies, Contemporary Society, Israeli Stories, Women in Israel, Religion, Spirituality, and more
- Take courses in Middle Eastern Studies, Jewish Ethnic Groups, Religious Studies and more through USAC
- Semester and Summer terms available depending on program
  - Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)
  - University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

Amman, Jordan

- Study Arabic language in addition to English coursework in Middle Eastern Studies, Gender in Islam, Cultural Studies, and Conflict Studies coursework through ISA at Al-Ahliyya Amman University
- Study Modernization and Social Change through SIT, taking themed coursework and beginning Arabic
- Semester and Summer terms available
  - International Studies Abroad (ISA)
  - School for International Training (SIT)

Istanbul, Turkey

- Through The Alliance for Global Education’s Urban Research Lab, students can take 15 semester credits including directed research and foundational coursework in English covering Islam and Modernity in Istanbul, in addition to Turkish language. Contact Alliance for information on Research Fellowships
- Take courses on AIFS’s summer program in Istanbul or participate in internships while taking Sociology related coursework through CIEE, or take courses in English in areas of Sociology through USAC
- Semester and summer options available depending on program
  - American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS)
  - The Alliance for Global Education
  - Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)
  - University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

Izmir, Turkey

- Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for this program through ISEP
- Study through ISEP at Yasar University and take English courses in a variety of subjects including sociology
- Semester and Academic Year terms available
  - International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Exchange

Oceania

Brisbane or Gold Coast, Australia

- Study at Griffith University or Bond University through providers like API, Arcadia, CCIS, CIS Abroad, TEAN, IFSA Butler, ISA or USAC that provide full university courses in English
- Participate in IFSA-Butler University’s Engage Programs that allow for tracked courses in the Social Sciences
- Semester, Academic Year and Summer terms available depending on program
  - Academic Programs International (API)
  - Arcadia University
Newcastle, Australia

- Pay WWU in-state tuition on Direct Exchange for this program
- WWU students can study at the University of Newcastle via Direct Exchange
- Semester or Academic Year terms available
  [WWU Direct Exchange - University of Newcastle]

Perth, Australia

- Pay WWU in-state tuition on Direct Exchange for this program
- Western students can study at Edith Cowan University via Direct exchange
- Semester or Academic Year terms available
  [WWU Direct Exchange - Edith Cowan University]

Sydney, Australia

- The city hosts several universities offering curriculum in Sociology, including the University of New South Wales, the University of Sydney, UTS Sydney, University of Western Sydney and Macquarie University
- Semester, Academic Year, and Summer terms available depending on program
  [Academic Programs International (API)]
  [Arcadia University]
  [The Education Abroad Network (TEAN)]
  [IFSA-Butler University]
  [International Studies Abroad (ISA)]

Wellington, New Zealand

- Pay WWU in-state tuition on Exchange for this program through ISEP
- Massey University is offered through API, CCIS, ISA, ISEP, TEAN and USAC; all offer Sociology courses
- Study at Victoria University of Wellington Directly, or through programs like API, AIFS, Arcadia, IFSA Butler, TEAN, CIS Abroad and ISA and take courses in Sociology
- Semester, Academic Year, and Summer terms available depending on program
  [International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Exchange]
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Multi-Destination

**Bangkok & Chiang Mai, Thailand Dawei & Hpa-An, Myanmar (Burma)**
- Study Southeast Asia’s incredible diversity of culture by joining WWU faculty and students on the Global Learning Faculty-Led Program through the Institute for Village Studies for an intensive two-month field program that explores various environmental and social justice issues in Northern Thailand and Burma
- Quarter terms available
  [WWU Global Learning Faculty-Led Program](#)

**Beijing, Lanzhou, & Hangzhou, China**
- Join WWU faculty and WWU students on a Global Learning Faculty Led program; Changing China: Culture, Community, and Citizenship, worth 15 credits that highlights global perspective on one of the oldest civilizations with the fastest economic growth rate in the world and focuses on social stratification, political control, and social change
- Quarter terms available
  [WWU Global Learning Faculty-Led Program](#)

**Siem Reap/Phnom Penh, Cambodia & Bangkok/Chiang Mai, Thailand**
- Students on this program will visit 4 cities and visit NGO’s to better understand the challenges facing NGO’s in the developing world, and the role of local, national, and international actors supporting economic development, health care, education, human rights work and conservation efforts
- Summer terms available
  [Global Education Oregon (GEO)](#)

**Phnom Penh, Cambodia & Chiang Mai, Thailand**
- Students on this program with spend the first 7 weeks in Chiang Mai, studying Thai culture, language, and society on the campus of Chiang Mai University; living near the campus and volunteering in service learning for 10-15 hours per week. The last 7 weeks of the program are spent in Phnom Penh, either living with a Cambodian family in a homestay or in a student apartment and learning and serving alongside Cambodian youth in an NGO focusing on leadership training and other assistance and education
- Semester terms available
  [International Partnership for Service Learning (IPSL)](#)

**Santiago, Chile, Amman, Jordan, Kathmandu, Nepal, and New York, USA**
- Investigate the historical and social contexts of diverse human rights movements in four different countries
- Earn 24 quarter credits studying Human Rights, Civil Society and NGO’s, Comparative Research Methods and Fieldwork Ethics in various sites
- Semester terms available
  [School for International Training (SIT)](#)
Fulbright Commission Summer Institutes

• The US-UK Fulbright Commission offers special Summer Institutes for US citizens to come to the United Kingdom. These summer programs provide the opportunity for US undergraduates (over 18 years old), with at least 2 years of undergraduate study left to complete, to come to the UK on 3-6 week academic and cultural summer programs to explore the culture, heritage, and history of the UK and develop academic ability by improving presentation, research, and communication skills

• Must be a US Citizen and possess a US Passport, be at least 18 years old, have a high level of academic achievement with a minimum GPA of 3.7 (confirmed by academic marks, awards, and references)

• Must have at least 2 years of university study upon their return (i.e. applicants should currently be a Freshman, or Sophomore in college/university)

• Summer terms available; Deadline for this scholarship is usually in mid-February

  Fulbright Commission- Summer Institutes for US Undergraduates

United Kingdom

• Earn up to 12 credits over a 5-week summer program in the British Isles; Ireland, Scotland, and England

  CIS Abroad