

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - FALL 2022

COLGATE IN GENEVA

**Director:**

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Tentative Program Dates:

Mid-August to Late December, 2022

Learn about the 2022-23 Colgate Study Groups and talk with Faculty Directors at the Study Group Fair at the Hall of Presidents on Wednesday, October 6th, 2021, 4:00–5:00:

<https://www.colgate.edu/academics/off-campus-study/campus-opportunities/virtual-study-group-fair>

For more information about the program:

Please contact Prof. Rutherford at brutherford@colgate.edu

Information Sessions will be held on:

Tuesday, October 26 at 12pm via Zoom: <https://colgate.zoom.us/j/92077796220>
and Friday, October 29 at 12pm via Zoom: <https://colgate.zoom.us/j/93426147265>

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Geneva Study Group (GSG) allows students to explore international and European governmental and nongovernmental organizations; European politics, culture, and history; and international and pan-European law and courts. The program is open to students from any department. However, concentrators in Political Science, International Relations, Peace & Conflict Studies, and History will find it especially relevant.

Students take two semester-long courses taught (in English) by the Director and by faculty at Geneva's Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; complete a fourteen-week part-time internship in a Geneva-based international governmental or non-governmental organization; and study French in Geneva. They also travel extensively as a group for briefings with the senior staff of a variety of international and humanitarian agencies in Western and Central Europe including the European Parliament, the International Criminal Court, the International Court of Justice, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Courses taken on this study group satisfy the Core Global Engagements requirement.



2022 GSG Academic Program

Courses**POSC 357Y: International Institutions (Prof. Rutherford).**

We will explore the theoretical and historical literatures on international governmental and non-governmental organizations before taking advantage of being in Geneva to visit some of the world's premier IOs and INGOs including the International Committee of the Red Cross, the World Health Organization, Doctors without Borders, the World Trade Organization, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and the UN Human Rights Council. In addition, we take two long group trips to visit prominent international institutions in Western and Central Europe and to visit sites that help students to understand the history and politics that led to the emergence of these institutions.

Elective course. All students will take an elective course at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, a world-renowned academic institution in Geneva. Students will be able to choose between two courses addressing international politics and/or history.

FREN 122Y, FREN 200, FREN 300. To help students navigate life, work, and culture in French-speaking Geneva, they will take a French language course at their existing competence level. (Note: IR concentrators pursuing French as their foreign language must complete both 300-level courses on Colgate campus.)

Internship course. Students will be placed in semester-long part-time internships in international governmental and nongovernmental organizations located in Geneva. These internships, to the degree possible, will be chosen based on each student's interests and will (likely) be arranged in advance of their arrival in Geneva. Work in these organizations complements coursework in POSC 357 and group travel undertaken during the semester. Discussion of the internship experience and several writing assignments will be required for completion of this course. Political Science and IR concentrators will receive elective credit for this course.

Excursions

Two group excursions will complement and build upon the coursework and internships undertaken in Geneva. The first will involve travel to The Hague, Brussels, and Paris to visit major international and European institutions such as the European Parliament, the International Criminal Court, and NATO. The second trip will be to central Europe, with visits to Berlin, Krakow and Auschwitz, and Vienna that emphasize significant cultural and political sites as well as international institutions like OPEC and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

In addition, Geneva's location in the heart of Europe facilitates individual travel and exploration. Students may travel before or after the program and may also travel on some weekends. **Note well:** Individual travel is elective and must always defer to formal study group activities (i.e. classes, internships, and Geneva site visits).

After Geneva

The Geneva Study Group will end in December 2022, but there will be opportunities for students to reconnect with Geneva after they complete their senior year at Colgate. Some study group alums may have the opportunity to return to their internship organization for a full-time job. Others may follow in the footsteps of previous study group participants who returned to the Graduate Institute for a master's degree.

Interested students may also apply for the joint BA/MA degree with the Graduate Institute, wherein students take courses on the study group, and then back at Colgate, that count toward the first year of a Master's Degree. Students then return to the Graduate Institute after Colgate graduation for one more year of study to complete the MA program. Contact Prof. Ed Fogarty (efogarty@colgate.edu) for additional details.

Selection criteria and prerequisites

Applicants will be juniors or sophomores at the time of application in the fall of 2021. They will be seniors or juniors when the program begins in fall 2022. Students studying a range of disciplines are welcome to apply, though those who are not Political Science or International Relations concentrators should consult their academic advisor regarding the possibility of receiving transfer credits for their major.

NB: Acceptance to the study group is provisional. Students must remain in good academic and disciplinary standing at Colgate through departure for Geneva.

Pre-departure required courses

Students accepted to the study group must complete POSC 232 and, at minimum, FREN 121 before the start of the study group. In unusual circumstances, students may petition for an exemption from FREN 121 in the spring 2022 semester if they are taking another advanced language course. Courses in modern European politics and history are highly recommended, and ECON 151 or 249 may also prove useful.

All accepted students will be required to enroll in a half-credit internship preparation course during the semester prior to departure (spring 2022). In this course, you will learn professional skills conducive to an international workspace, build your resume, and gain familiarity with "international Geneva."

Passports and Visas

You must confirm that your passport is valid through June 2023. All students participating on the Geneva Study Group will be required to obtain a Swiss student visa. With participation on this study group comes the responsibility of understanding and complying with Swiss government visa requirements. If you will not be traveling on a U.S. passport it is imperative that you contact an adviser in Off-Campus Study and International Student Services, 101 McGregory Hall, to learn as much as you can about the regulations. For some students there are significant visa requirements to be met that take time, advance planning, and incur extra costs.

Calendar and Deadlines

All applications are submitted online at **offcampusstudy.colgate.edu** no later than November 3, 2021. Only finalists in the selection process will be interviewed. Interviews will be arranged by e-mail, and admissions decisions will be announced by January 15, 2022.