

Study Off Campus for Individual Majors

International and Off-Campus Studies Office
St. Olaf College

"Studying abroad let me pursue my studies in a different context that provided new and helpful professors, new cities, and it allowed me access to museums and primary sources that would be impossible at St. Olaf. Without leaving campus it would have been harder to envision living, studying, or working in a new place. I was grateful to be able to incorporate studies in a city as great as Paris into my undergraduate experience."

-Julian Gruber '19

Individual Major

IES French Studies in Paris

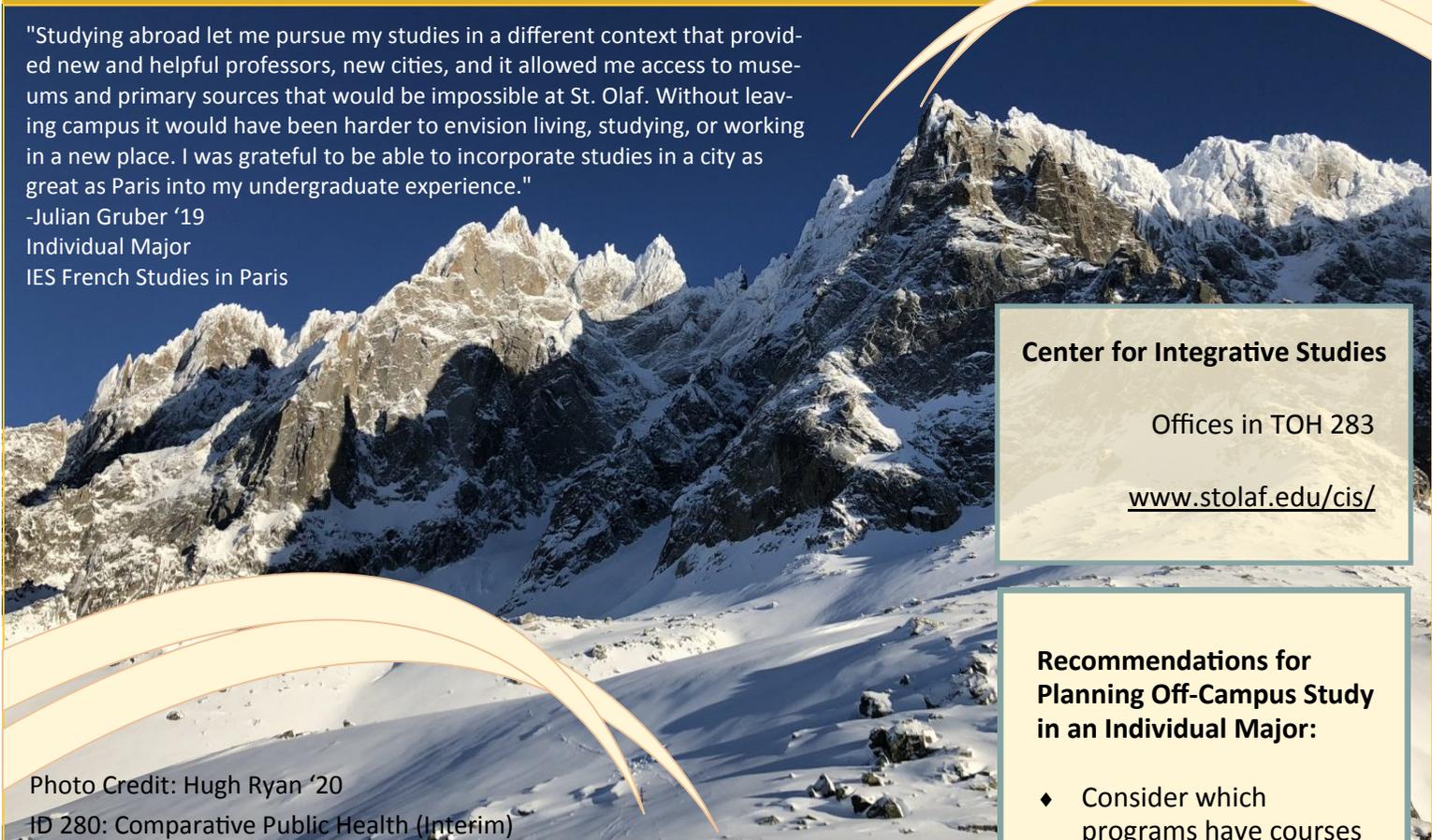


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ID 280: Comparative Public Health (Interim)

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Recommendations for Planning Off-Campus Study in an Individual Major:

- ◆ Consider which programs have courses that fill "gaps" in your major.
- ◆ How would studying and living in another culture enhance your understanding of your major topic?
- ◆ Are there experiential opportunities that would allow you to test theories and ideas from your other courses?
- ◆ Will the goals for your major be met better in an organized group format, such as a faculty-led program, or through direct enrollment in another institution?

Exploring Off-Campus Study Opportunities by Major

Many of the students who plan and carry out individual majors take advantage of the variety of international and U.S. off-campus study programs to enrich their majors. Incorporating off-campus study into your individual major will allow you to test ideas and theories in an unfamiliar context, benefit from resources and expertise that are not available at St. Olaf, and make personal connections that you can return to later as you work on your senior capstone project or pursue opportunities after graduation.

Where does it start? You might return from study abroad determined to further explore that experience by creating an individual major. Later, a study abroad experience might help you focus your broader area of study toward a topic for the senior capstone.

Discuss with CIS staff and your faculty advisor about how off-campus study might support an individual major.

Photo Credit: Keenan Ernste '19
Biology in South India



Examples of St. Olaf Approved Off-Campus Studies Programs for Individual Majors

Individual Major	Off-Campus Program
Environmental Filmmaking	University of East Anglia (England)
Architecture and Sustainability	DIS Copenhagen (Denmark)
Architecture and Social Engagement	DIS Copenhagen (Denmark) Global Semester
Global Public Health	Biology in South India
Management and Leadership Studies	Oslo International Summer School
Local Identities: Business and Community Sustainability	HECUA Sustainable Agriculture, Food, and Justice (Italy) The Oregon Extension (Oregon, U.S.)
Public Health: Refugee and Immigrant Populations	HECUA The New Norway: Globalization, Identity, and Politics
International Development	University of Novgorod, Russia
Health Perspectives: Well-Being in the U.S.	ID 280: Comparative Public Health (Interim)
International Human Rights	Oslo International Summer School
Service, Mission, and Management	CIEE Arts & Sciences (South Africa)
Philosophy of Creativity	IES French Studies in Paris
Technology, Innovation, and Civic Development	CIEE Arts & Sciences (Ghana)
Film Production Studies	Global Semester RUSS 256: Theater in Russia (Interim)

Application Steps

- 1. Investigate programs.** Seek out advising from IOS Staff and Program Advisors. Use this time to better explore program options.
- 2. Identify the program(s)** that best fit your interest, your needs, and your academic pursuits.
- 3. Complete the IOS Application process.** Faculty Program Advisors review and approve applications for St. Olaf students to apply for and study off-campus.
- 4. Complete the Secondary Application process.** This is the process of applying directly to the university or program provider, if your program is hosted off-campus.

Note: Scholarships are available for all off-campus study programs.

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