

# Study Off Campus in Physics

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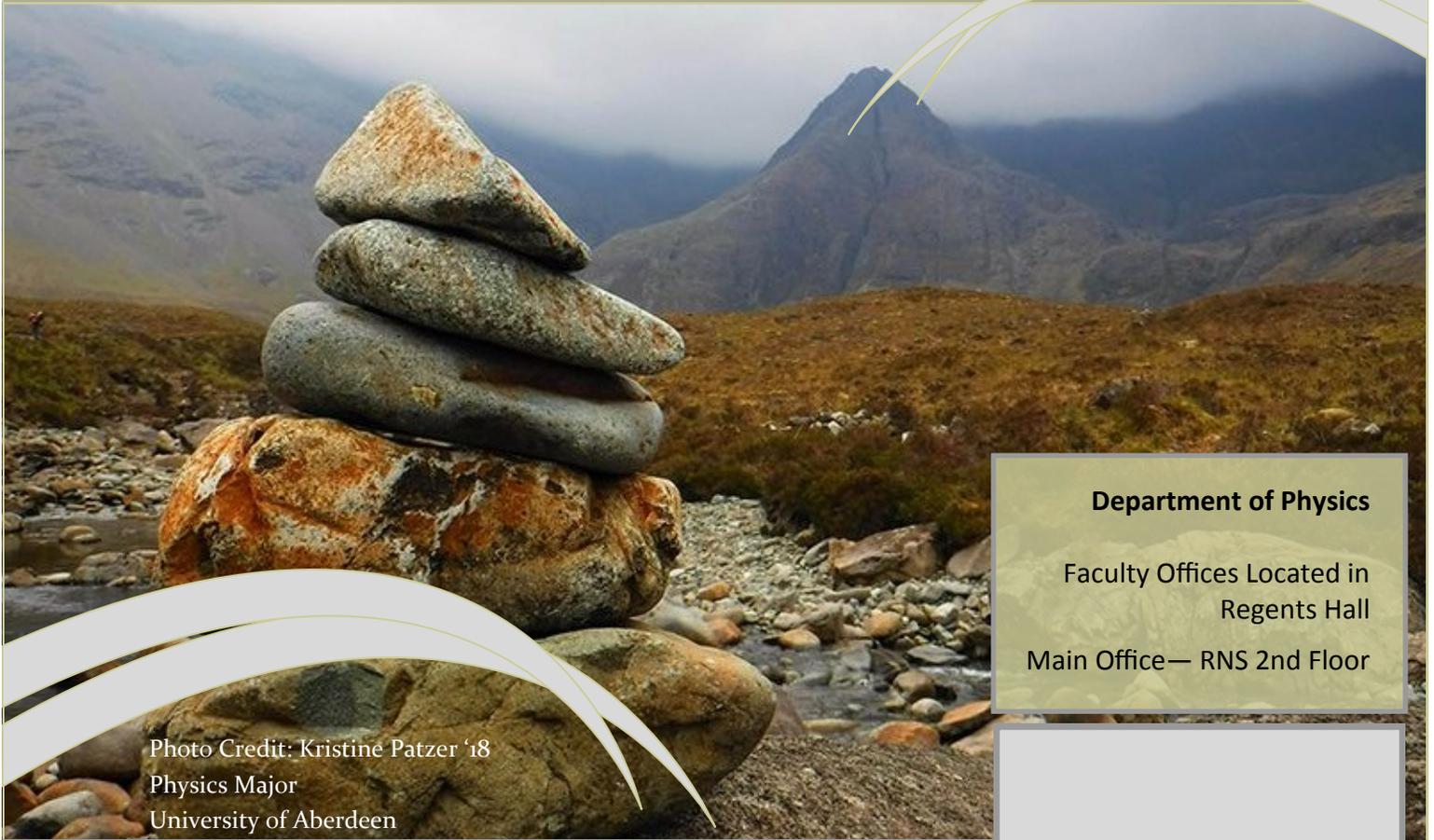


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Physics Major  
University of Aberdeen

## Department of Physics

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## Exploring Off-Campus Study Opportunities by Major

Physics is by its nature a universal study and as such it thrives in an international community of enormous diversity. Off Campus studies are a fantastic way to become exposed to this diversity. This exposure can help you understand the effects of differing economic and social backgrounds on the way people approach the world and problems solving. Immersing yourself in unfamiliar surroundings can prepare you for later careers that may require such on a regular basis. Whether or not your program includes the study of physics, these experiences will prepare you to engage in the world with a global perspective. This perspective is invaluable as you continue to engage in the global physics community.

“Studying in Germany helped me figure out what my priorities were in life and prepared me for life after graduation.”

-Andreas Raduege '18  
Physics and Computer  
Science Double Major  
University of Konstanz

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Due to the sequential nature of the Physics Major, students usually find that Interim is the best time to study off-campus. If students desire a semester program, we recommend they pursue that during their Junior year. Fall Junior year can be an optimal time, as there is no required lab course that semester. Courses missed can then be made up by doubling up in physics during their Senior Year.

There are many approved programs that will assist students in completing Major, general education, and/or elective courses, however the following are ones Majors are more likely to find Physics and/or other STEM coursework.

### Semester & Year Long Programs to Consider:

- ◆ Bogazici University (Turkey)
- ◆ Budapest Semester in Mathematics (Hungary)
- ◆ Curtin University (Australia)
- ◆ Lancaster University (England)
- ◆ University of Aberdeen (Scotland)
- ◆ University of Otago (New Zealand)

### Interims Programs to Consider (programs may change from year to year, but past Interim programs have included):

- ◆ MATH 239: Number Theory in Budapest

## 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.

## For Advising or Application Questions

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