

# Study Abroad: **Women & Gender Studies Majors**

CU-Boulder Study Abroad Programs offers over 350 programs in over 75 countries! Students can receive in-residence credit and choose from courses for every major. With diligent planning, students can study abroad without delaying graduation. The following information will help you determine what works best for students majoring in Women and Gender Studies.

## Study Abroad Can Help You...

- Gain international perspectives on gender issues and feminism
- Fulfill course requirements and enrich your education
- Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and global workforce
- Enhance your career options and potential for career advancement
- Globalize your world view
- Improve your skills in a foreign language

## Things to consider...

- Your decision is more than just location: other considerations include program characteristics, language, course offerings, and housing arrangements.
- Plan ahead! Research program pre-requisites (i.e. GPA, language, etc.) and application deadlines.
- Contemplate long-term goals (graduate school or career) *and* short-term goals (progress towards graduation).
- Consider a program with a host family in order to improve your language skills and learn firsthand about the country you are living in.
- Consider a language intensive option, which may allow you to earn more than one semester's worth of language study in one semester.
- Get advice from returned students, your advisor, professors, family and others...but ultimately choose a program that is right for YOU.

## Economics of Studying Abroad

- You have options to help you finance study abroad!
- There are affordable programs offered in each region—an advisor can help you identify these programs.
- You can apply your financial aid to a CU-Boulder study abroad program.
- There are numerous need-based and merit-based scholarships available.
- Meet with a study abroad advisor to discuss your financial needs and your options.

## Your next steps...start planning NOW!

1. Attend Study Abroad 101 (see the Study Abroad website for dates/times).
2. Conduct research using the Study Abroad website. (Don't miss the "advanced search" feature under "Programs").
3. Meet with your academic advisor to discuss academic options for studying abroad.
4. Visit the CU-Boulder Study Abroad programs office to further discuss your options and ask questions.
5. Select a program and apply through CU-Boulder Study Abroad Programs.

## Spring Deadlines: Sept. 1-October 1

- **Summer/Fall/Academic year Deadlines: Feb. 1-March 1**  
(deadlines vary by program)

*Explore  
Your  
World!*

WGST Student  
Meagan Maddock  
in Nicaragua

# Academic Considerations for Women & Gender Studies Majors



Machu Picchu, Peru  
by Katie Campbell

## When should I study abroad?

### First-year

- *Start planning for study abroad!*  
Most study abroad programs require students to have at least sophomore standing to participate.
- Work with your advisor to create a course plan that includes your study abroad program.

### Sophomore Year

- If needed, make sure your language abilities match the program you wish to attend. You may need to use your summer between sophomore and junior year to get far enough along. Note that many programs are taught entirely in English.

### Junior Year

- This is a good year for study abroad as you will probably be fairly proficient in a language and/or be well along in completing your Core and major requirements.

### Senior Year

- If you study abroad as a senior, work closely with your advisor to ensure that you can get all your requirements completed. Also be sure that you know when the courses may be transcribed, as this can delay your official graduation date.
- Majors are required to take WMST 4800: Senior Colloquium in Feminist Studies, which is offered only in spring semesters; students studying abroad during the spring semester of their senior year should take this course in the spring of their junior year.

## For how long should I study abroad?

Going abroad for a longer period of time provides more opportunities for linguistic & cultural acquisition. However, summer programs can also provide great opportunities!

- **Summer:** programs range from 2-12 weeks in duration and students can earn 3-12 credits (depending on program)
- **Semester:** programs are typically about 4 months in duration and students can earn 12-18 credits
- **Academic Year:** most programs begin in August/September and end in May/June. Students earn 24-36 credits (varies by program)
- **Calendar Year:** begins in February/March and ends in November, preferred year-long option for most programs in the Southern Hemisphere

## Where can I find details on the academics of a particular CU-Boulder study abroad program?

- You can find this information in the academic chart on the program's page of the CU-Boulder Study Abroad website (use the program search feature). Courses from study abroad programs not sponsored by CU-Boulder Study Abroad will have to be approved on a course-by-course basis by your college (for Arts & Sciences students see Academic and Curriculum Affairs).



Nicaragua by Meagan Maddock

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Fiji  
by Kate McNally



LGBT March in Cuba  
by Adriana Barsan

## How will the study abroad program fulfill my WGST requirements?

Lower-division courses may count as electives, and upper division courses may count towards the cognate requirements in Gender/Sexuality, Race/Ethnicity, or Global/Transnationalism, or as electives.

### A&S Core:

- The foreign language Core requirement can be fulfilled via study abroad classes. Some study abroad programs require advanced language proficiency, but some do not. By planning ahead, WGST majors can make sure they are ready for their chosen program.
- The Study Abroad website provides information about which classes have been approved for Core in the past, and the process for reviewing additional courses.
- Consult with your advisor early in your search so that you know whether you can hold certain Core areas for your time abroad.
- The Writing Core requirement cannot be fulfilled abroad.

### General electives:

If students have remaining general upper-division electives, they can often be fulfilled on study abroad programs.

## Facts about study abroad credits:

- Courses from CU-Boulder Study Abroad Programs will count as “in-residence” credit hours.
- Courses from study abroad programs not sponsored by CU-Boulder Study Abroad will have to be approved on a course-by-course basis by your college (for Arts & Sciences students see Academic and Curriculum Affairs).
- You can typically choose from lower or upper-division courses while abroad.
- Courses from abroad may appear as grades or pass/fail on your CU transcript depending on the program.
- You are required to take the equivalent of a full load while abroad — at least 12 credits for a semester program.

## How do I get courses evaluated for my WGST requirements?

Make an appointment with your WGST academic advisor to discuss your specific requirements and your study abroad course plans.

## How do I select a study abroad program?

Over 350 CU-Boulder programs are available, with over 75 offering courses in Women & Gender Studies. You should consider not only what country or city you would like to study in, but also what type of program is right for you. The following pages will highlight certain programs that are especially suited to WGST majors and minors.





# Study WGST in the AMERICAS



Oaxaca, Mexico  
by Leah Teeters

## Global Seminar: Gender, Race, & Tourism in Contemporary Cuba

- Critically engage the social constructs of race, gender and sexuality in Cuba.
- Visit various sites including historical districts, museums, universities, a child care center, and Cuba's leading technological and scientific center.
- Earn 6 credits in 6 weeks.
- Earn ANTH 4020 credit in even years (2012, 2014) or ETHN 3106 in odd years (2013, 2015).
- Approved for WMST Global/Transnational Cognate area requirement

## SIT Argentina: Social Movements & Human Rights

- In-depth analysis of Argentine social movements, political history and economic development
- Lectures and seminars by social activists, development and human rights practitioners, and indigenous leaders.
- 5-week homestay in Buenos Aires and two village homestays
- Fieldtrips to the Argentine Northwest and Patagonia

## SIT Brazil: Public Health, Race, & Human Rights

- Study innovative governmental health policies and programs, and small-scale public health initiatives.
- Learn about Brazilian alternatives to modern medicine including spiritual practices and natural remedies.
- Educational excursions throughout Bahia including visits to public health services, rural communities, and religious sites
- Live with a homestay family in Salvador, a beautiful city along the Brazilian coast.

## SIT Chile: Public Health, Traditional Medicine, & Community Empowerment

- Explore public health and community welfare in a country recognized for having the highest quality of public health services in the region.
- 8-week homestay in Arica and a 10-day homestay in a rural Chilean Village
- Educational excursions to Tacna, Peru, the rural area of Putre in northern Chile and various visits to public health services throughout the city of Arica

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# Study WGST in ASIA

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## SIT India: Health & Human Rights

- Explore the links between public health and human rights, with a focus on women, children, tribal, and other marginalized and vulnerable populations in India.
- Study Hindi language (which can be taken at CU up to the advanced level).
- Live with a host family in Delhi, the capital of India.
- Participate in educational excursions to Jaipur, Chittorgarh, Jodhpur, Udaipur, and Varanasi (Benares)!

Mongolia - 'Glee' - by Jessica Schutz

# Study WGST in OCEANIA

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## GlobaLinks: University of Sydney

- Take classes like "The Body: Theories, Practices, & Cultures."
- Take advantage research opportunities at a prestigious university that is ranked in the top 35 in the world according to the Times Higher Education Supplement
- Enjoy an urban campus that is five minutes from the center of Sydney
- Immerse yourself in a large international student population

## GlobaLinks: University of Otago

- Take classes like "Gender and the Media" and "Governing Bodies."
- Experience a great location on the South Island for outdoor activities
- Attend one of New Zealand's most prestigious universities
- Enjoy a classic small college town with a European feel
- Take advantage of easy access to the Otago Peninsula and outdoor activities of the South Island
- Start the program with a 4-day orientation in Rotorua area of North Island

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# Study WGST in EUROPE

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Barcelona, Spain  
by Danielle Barboa

## SIT Netherlands: International Perspectives on Sexuality & Gender

- Explore sexuality and gender identity issues in an atmosphere of tolerance and progressive social thinking
- Option to create a short film, working alongside professional Dutch filmmakers (only possible during fall semester)
- Immerse yourself in Dutch culture through studying Dutch language and living in a Dutch homestay for 13 weeks
- Participate in educational excursions to Croatia and Turkey

## SIT Ireland: Transformation of Social & Political Conflict

- Explore the changing face of conflict studies in Ireland as the country deals with globalization, European integration, immigration, and economic revitalization.
- Through the holistic lens of conflict transformation, and working with practitioners of mediation and negotiation, students explore contemporary Irish issues from both sides of the island.
- Stay with families in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.
- Educational excursions include visits to rural locations, Belfast, Derry/Londonderry, and the Aran Islands.

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# Study WGST in the MIDDLE EAST

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## American University in Cairo, Egypt

- 4-day orientation in Cairo plus trips to the Red Sea or Alexandria
- Ideal location close to Nile and many cultural sites.
- Egyptology courses and related excursions.
- Opportunity to take courses from world-renowned professors and visiting scholars

## SIT Jordan: Modernization & Social Change

- Gain firsthand insight into how Jordan is coming to terms with political responsibility, social change, and the effects of regional conflict.
- Study Arabic (MSA with some complementary study of Jordanian colloquial).
- Live with families in Amman and in a rural village.
- Travel to Petra, Wadi Rum, and Aqaba in Jordan, and to various cities in Egypt.



Cuba  
by Adriana Barsan

# Study WGST WORLDWIDE

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## Semester at Sea

- Lecturers from each country on the itinerary introduce you to their nations' histories, cultures, and customs.
- You can choose from among 300 field activities to complement your classwork: from volunteering at an orphanage to spending the night with a local family, meeting political leaders or visiting a famous site.
- Be an ambassador for CU and the U.S. as you circumnavigate the globe visiting 10 different countries.
- Take numerous courses such as "Women Writers Around the Globe," "Women in Popular Movements," and "Race, Class, and Gender."

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# Study Intensive Language

Almost all study programs in non-English speaking countries offer language coursework, but some programs are focused primarily on intensive language study. You might be able to complete an entire year of language study in a summer or get three semesters of credits in one semester's study. The following are examples from a long list of options; see a Study Abroad Advisor for more details.



Annecy, France  
-Sarah Westmoreland

## Arabic

- Arabic Language Institute in Cairo, Egypt
- CIEE Jordan
- CIEE Morocco summer
- SIT Jordan summer
- SIT Morocco summer

## Chinese

- CIEE Beijing (summer & semester options)
- CIEE Nanjing
- CIEE Shanghai
- CIEE Taiwan

## French

- Institut Français d'Annecy in Annecy, France
- Ecole de Langue Française et de Culture Québécoise, in Chicoutimi, Canada
- SIT Toulouse, France

## German

- Free University of Berlin summer
- University of Regensburg

## Portuguese

- Brazil

## Russian

- Russian Language & Culture in St. Petersburg (Global Seminar)
- CIEE St. Petersburg (summer & semester)

## Spanish

- CIEE Argentina Spanish Language
- ISA Argentina Intensive Spanish Language
- ISA Granada Intensive Spanish Language
- SIT Granada, Spain
- CIEE Seville summer

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