INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC OFF-CAMPUS STUDIES: GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

St. Olaf College, through International and Off-Campus Studies (http://wp.stolaf.edu/international), creates and provides programs that serve the mission of the College at sites in the United States and abroad. These programs are characterized by the integration of academic and experiential education. The experiential component of these programs amplifies and extends the liberal arts learning that occurs on campus and enhances students’ global engagement.

Around three-fourths of all St. Olaf students participate in off-campus programs, many of them led by St. Olaf faculty members. Of the participants, about 85 percent have studied internationally, in places as diverse as Aberdeen, Chennai, Dakar, Irkutsk, Quito, Rennes, and Shanghai. Around 15 percent have participated in domestic programs — ranging from interim courses focused on field paleontology in Florida or the contemporary art scene in New York City, to semester programs with courses on art and dance in Seattle or a foreign policy internship in Washington, D.C. A number of students find off-campus study so valuable that they participate in two or three programs during their St. Olaf careers. Of equal importance is the fact that faculty members find these programs extremely rewarding — both for their students and for their own teaching and scholarship.

Each off-campus offering has a program advisor. Program advisors are St. Olaf faculty members who are particularly well qualified to offer academic advice on specific programs.

It is strongly recommended that all first-year students discuss off-campus study plans with their academic advisor and with the International and Off-Campus Studies Office advisor. Students with an interest in a particular program should also consult the faculty program advisor.

Consortial Activities

Exchange agreements and the college’s membership in consortia make it possible for students to participate in a number of exciting off-campus programs in addition to the ones sponsored by St. Olaf itself.

St. Olaf is one of 14 liberal arts colleges that make up the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM). Other ACM members are Beloit, Carleton, Coe, Colorado, Cornell, Grinnell, Knox, Lake Forest, Lawrence, Luther, Macalester, Monmouth, and Ripon.

St. Olaf is also a member of the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs (HECUA), which offers students specialized programs focusing on community issues and social change.

Policies and Procedures

Students are responsible for adhering to the regulations and policies contained in the Academic Regulations (http://catalog.stolaf.edu/academic-regulations-procedures) section of this catalog. In particular, students on St. Olaf off-campus programs are directed to refer to the policies on “Graded and Ungraded Courses” for full details on how off-campus programs affect this graduation requirement.