American Studies Minors
Study Abroad with CCSU!

Why America Studies Minors should study abroad:
Study in another country – whether you are there for a few weeks, a semester, or a full year – is so much more than just traveling and being a tourist. Overseas study is an opportunity for you to gain valuable, first-hand international experience that will both improve your chances of landing a job and greatly expand your career options.

As a major in the School of Arts and Sciences you will have the opportunity to learn, for example, about the history, economy, ecology, politics, music, indigenous cultures, human rights, and legal systems of different countries. You will have the possibility of sharing ideas with scientists, activists, and artists from around the world.

Find the Right Overseas Programs for your program

**STEP 1**
- Visit [www.i(erconn.net](#) (CCSU’s website that will help you find the right study abroad program)
- Click on “Long Term Program Search”
- Enter a “Term” and find your major, minor, or area of interest on the pull-down menu for “Field of Study”
- Find the CCSU-sponsored listings among the search results and click the university name for more details
  - Other links – CCSU is affiliated with two organizations that offer an array of additional options; check out: GlobalLinks at [www.globallinksabroad.org](#) or ISEP at [www.isep.org](#)

**STEP 2**
- Meet with your advisor
- Then contact Erin Beecher in the Center for International Education (ebeecher@ccsu.edu)

Advice from the Program Coordinators
1. See your program advisor as soon as possible in your planning.
2. Know your major and minor requirements and be sure that the courses abroad are appropriate substitutions.
3. Take advantage of offerings unique to the school you’ll be attending!

How American Studies is taught abroad:
Many students study abroad on programs that are academically very similar to CCSU programs. The method of instruction, however, may be very different. There might be less stress on class attendance and more stress on independent study and exams, for example. Each country is different, so check the links above and come to the CIE with your questions.

Language Concerns for American Studies Minors:
Partner Universities that are located in countries where English is not the native language may offer a variety of courses in English for English-speaking students – you will want to research these on the Partner University’s website. CCSU students with foreign language proficiency may also have the opportunity to take courses in the native language; and students with elementary or intermediate foreign language skills can often find programs that combine courses in English with opportunities to improve foreign language skills.

When to go abroad:
American Studies Minors can study abroad at many times. CCSU offers two types of international experiences. In addition to semester and year-long programs at Partner Universities during regular fall and spring semesters, CCSU offers short-term Courses Abroad that take place in Winter Session, during Spring Break, and in the Summer.