**Geography Majors**
Study Abroad with CCSU!

**Why Geography Majors 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 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.

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**Find the Right Overseas Programs for your Major**

**STEP 1**
- Visit [www.ierconn.net](http://www.ierconn.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: GlobaLinks at [www.globallinksabroad.org](http://www.globallinksabroad.org) or ISEP at [www.isep.org](http://www.isep.org)

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

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**Advice from the Geography Department**
1. Meet with your major advisor and start planning on studying abroad early in your career.
2. Pre-approval by Advisor and Department Chair required for any course to be used in the Major.
3. Discuss your degree requirements with your advisor to determine which courses may be taken overseas and which must be taken at Central.
4. BS students must complete their study abroad experience prior to their student teaching.
5. Students who are unable to spend one semester or one year abroad should consider our short course aboard opportunities.
6. Research the destination country, including its history, culture, customs, laws, social/moral codes, dress, and language.

**How Geography 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 Geography Majors**
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**
Geography Majors 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.

For more information, visit [www.ccsu.edu/cie](http://www.ccsu.edu/cie) or contact the Center for International Education.