

Standing Committee Report – Study Abroad Committee 2022-2023

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During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Study Abroad Committee reviewed three applications for new programs.

In our fall meetings conducted via email, we approved a Maymester program to Scotland focused on Social Work and the Office of Disabilities. This program provides students with a comparative analysis of social service programs in the US and Scotland.

In our spring meetings conducted via email, we approved a Summer program to Rome focused on Italy from a psychological perspective. It is expected that many of the students to participate in this program will be graduate students taking advanced courses on comparative studies of beliefs, social interactions, and the workplace. We have also approved a Spring program to Scotland focused on Geology. This is a collaborative program with SUNY-Geneseo and UC-Sacramento. Both Sondra Hamilton and Chad Brooks were consulted regarding potential issues with financing between the different universities, and neither recommended waylaying the proposal.

In the coming years, the committee hopes to respond to changes heralded by the restructuring effects of Tim Hudson's departure. We hope that the committee can play a significant part in shaping the study-abroad culture in the future and request to be included in policy and program development related to study abroad experiences.

Sincerely yours,
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