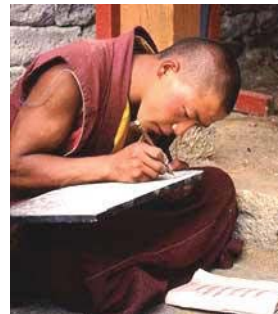


CSU, Chico's Department of Religious Studies Study Abroad Opportunities 2007-2008



CSU, Chico participates in several study abroad programs that provide students with the opportunity to pursue both their **general education** and **major field of study** overseas while remaining enrolled at CSU, Chico for purposes of tuition, residency, and financial aid. With over 40 campuses to choose from in more than 25 countries, the **CSU International Program (IP)** and the **University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)** offer students unparalleled opportunities to pursue language study, general education courses (both lower and upper division), courses in the major, and course work toward a minor. **The College of Humanities and Fine Arts at CSUC also offers students a chance to study in London each spring semester** with 35 other CSU Chico students and two CSU Chico faculty members. In addition, there are many CSU campuses that have bilateral exchange programs with a host of other international universities, and frequently it is possible for students from CSU, Chico to enroll in those programs. In the majority of cases, the cost of these programs is comparable to remaining in Chico for the year. Most students who study abroad go in their junior year, but we have students from all academic years studying overseas. Students can choose from year-long programs, semester immersions, and even intersession and summer courses.

For **general information** on these and other more specialized programs, please visit the CSUC Study Abroad Office site (<http://www.csuchico.edu/gisp/ip/abroad/>). Visit the CSU systemwide site (<http://www.gateway.calstate.edu/csuienet/bluebook/index.cfm>) with its "blue book" to peruse other bilateral campus programs that might interest you (for example, USAC and IP do not offer programs in the Middle East at this time, but other campuses in the system have special agreements with universities in this region). Our campus representative for this program (Tehama 212A, tel. 898-5415, studabr@csuchico.edu), will be happy to speak with you as well.

If you want to pursue study abroad, our advice is that you begin to **gather information and think about this prospect in your freshman or (by the latest) sophomore year**. The Study Abroad Office offers short student orientation meetings three times a week, so you should make one of those meetings to get more basic information. Also, **talk to your Religious Studies Advisor**, since general education work should be coordinated with your major or minor. IP study abroad programs are all one year in length.

For students who are interested in pursuing studies in Religious Studies overseas, we provide the following specific and focused guidance concerning the sites that are available through these programs. The truth is that most overseas sites provide excellent general education courses and language immersion opportunities. However, the number of sites that provide a critical mass of courses in any given major is more limited, and you would do yourself a favor if you would spend some time exploring ways to match up your interest in Religious Studies with locations that are strong in such courses. As you will see, we have already take the first step in highlighting (below) the nearly three dozen programs in IP and USAC that have offerings relevant to a religious studies major. Some are clearly stronger than others, and the units available for transfer will depend on the program's offerings. Transfer of units back into the B.A. program in Religious Studies at CSU, Chico will usually not be a problem, but pre-approval of accepted courses is advised, since we want to keep you on track to complete your B.A. in a timely manner. Also, recognize that the focus and strength of any given program will be different as a function of where it exists. For example, the program in Ghana is strong in African religions; the programs in German universities are stronger in Christian theology and biblical studies. It pays to look at the individual schools, programs, and courses.



Before we introduce the international programs that have offerings in religious studies, here are the important points to remember:

- Start looking into international and study abroad programs NOW. Talk to your major advisor and the Study Abroad Office. Visit the links on this page.
- Start taking language courses geared toward the target country in which you wish to study. Ideally, it would be good to have completed the third semester of a language by the time you begin study overseas, but its not absolutely required; and most programs in non-English speaking countries offer very good language programs (many require it) in country. Consider a summer study abroad language program if you have the time, money, and inclination.
- Decide on whether or not you will pursue language study, general education courses, or courses for your major while you are studying abroad, and construct your schedule to still allow for completion of your B.A. in four years. This is important. If you want to study abroad, for example, as a junior, and only do

work in GE during that year, then be sure to begin your major at CSU, Chico as a freshman and sophomore, and leave room in your schedule to do GE work in the junior year.

- Talk to students who have done the program you are interested in.
- When you have decided on a program or two, talk again to the Study Abroad Office and your major advisor about courses, applications, costs, etc. Each year thousands of CSU students take the plunge to do these programs, with incredible stories of learning and adventure. Now its your turn.



 Below is a list of programs offered by USAC (semester long and year long programs, as well as summers) and IP (year long programs) that have acceptable or strong offerings **in the broad field of religious studies**. In some cases the program offers courses geared directly to international students. In others, the courses are in regular university departments, and you will be taking them with regularly enrolled students in the target language. In many cases the language of instruction will be English. **These and other details should be discussed with your study abroad advisor before you sign up for a given program.** Many other campuses exist in the system that would be perfectly acceptable for GE study.

Australia:

IP. University of Queensland: <http://www.uq.edu.au/>
 Good Islamic Studies program.

Canada:

IP. Bishops University: <http://www.ubishops.ca/ccc/div/hum/rel/>
 A Department of Religion with courses in comparative religion, Judaism and Christianity.

IP. Concordia University: <http://artsandscience.concordia.ca/religion/reli.html>
 Comparative religion and Judaic Studies. A very strong and comprehensive program.

IP. McGill University: <http://www.mcgill.ca/religiousstudies/>

World Religions, comparative religion, Bible, Christianity, theology. Very strong and comprehensive program

IP. University of Laval (Francophone): <http://www.mcgill.ca/religiousstudies/>
Theology. Mostly confessional, but several Religious Studies type courses available.

IP. University of Montreal (Francophone): <http://www.theo.umontreal.ca/>
Faculty of Theology and religious studies. Mostly confessional, but several Religious Studies type courses available

IP. University of Sherbrooke (Francophone): <http://www.theo.umontreal.ca/>
Theology and Ethics. Mostly confessional, but several Religious Studies type courses available

IP. University of Montreal (Francophone): Several Religious Studies type courses available. A very strong program.

Chile:

IP. Pontifical Catholic University: <http://www.uc.cl/teologia/>
Catholic Theology. Mostly confessional, but several Religious Studies type courses available

China:

IP. Peking University: <http://www.pku.edu.cn/>
Philosophy and Religious Studies Department is strong in Asian religions and Asian Christianity. Language competence needed.

Costa Rica

Special Exchange. National University of Costa Rica:
<http://www.una.ac.cr/teologia/>
Some religious studies offerings, with emphasis on Catholicism in the Central American context.

Denmark:

Programs exist, and would be quite good for GE courses of study, but not for Religious Studies.

France:

Programs exist, and would be quite good for GE courses of study, but not for Religious Studies.

Germany:

IP. University of Heidelberg: <http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/fakultaeten.html>
A theology faculty and a philosophy/humanities faculty. There are many relevant courses that could be pursued for a religious studies degree, though there is no religious studies department per se.

IP. University of Tübingen: <http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/religwiss/>
The University has a Protestant theology program (<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/ev-theologie/service/english.html>), a Catholic theology program (http://www.kath-theol.uni-tuebingen.de/uploads/media/KVV_WS0607.pdf) (German Only), and a program in the study of religion. German ability should be at late intermediate level to take advantage of this program. Very strong program

Special Exchange. Johannes Gutenberg University: <http://www.uni-mainz.de/eng/4494.php> Requires solid command of German. No religious studies program per se, but courses in Byzantine thought and art, Catholic theology, European history, Indology, Islamic Studies.

Ghana:

IP. University of Ghana, Legon/Accra:
<http://www.ug.edu.gh/deptdetails.php?recordID=37#1400>
A program in the Department for the Study of Religions. The course work tends to be heavily in biblical/Christian studies, but there are many courses in African religions, African diaspora, and some in world religions. Very good intermediate-level courses.

USAC. University of Ghana, Accra:
<http://usac.unr.edu/usac/program.aspx?menu=1&pid=2930&wid=3333&term=Semester/Year>
Solid offerings in religious studies, including theology, traditional religions, ethics, and Islam.

India

USAC. University of Bangalore: <http://usac.unr.edu/usac/pdf/2007-08/usac-07-08-india-bangalore.pdf>. No religious studies curriculum per se, but several courses in Indian culture, languages, and some material in Hinduism.

Ireland

USAC. University of Cork: <http://usac.unr.edu/usac/pdf/2007-08/usac-07-08-ireland-cork.pdf>. Several courses in religious history, mythology, and early to medieval periods, focusing on Celtic Christianity and culture.

Israel:

The IP program is currently under temporary suspension.

Italy:

Programs exist, and would be quite good for GE courses of study, but not for Religious Studies.

Japan:

IP. Waseda University: http://www.waseda.jp/eng/u_graduate.html. No religious studies program per se, but strong offerings in Asian Philosophy, as well as Japanese and Chinese Studies.

USAC. Hiroshima University: <http://usac.unr.edu/usac/pdf/2007-08/usac-07-08-japan-hiroshima.pdf>. No religious studies per se, but a few courses in Japanese philosophy and thought, and peace studies.

USAC. Kwansei Gakuin University: <http://usac.unr.edu/usac/pdf/2007-08/usac-07-08-japan-osaka.pdf>. No religious studies program per se, but several courses in Japanese and Chinese religion, culture, and society.

Korea

IP. Yonsei University: <http://www2.yonsei.ac.kr/ysid/>
The international program has three or four mid-level courses in religious and/or theology that would meet home degree requirements, as well as excellent programs in Asian Studies and of course language.

Malta

USAC. University of Malta: <http://usac.unr.edu/usac/pdf/2007-08/usac-07-08-malta-msida.pdf>. No religious studies department per se, but the department of Theology has many relevant and transferable courses, and there are offerings as well in Arabic, classics, and scripture studies. All courses taught in English.

Mexico

USAC. University of Puebla: <http://usac.unr.edu/usac/pdf/2007-08/usac-07-08-mexico-puebla.pdf>. No religious studies department per se, but several courses in Mesoamerican culture and religion (ancient); and indigenous beliefs.

The Netherlands

USAC. University of Utrecht.
<http://usac.unr.edu/usac/program.aspx?menu=1&pid=2737&wid=2896&term=Semester/Year>. No religious studies program per se, but many courses in ethics, philosophy. The theology department offers many courses that would transfer back to your home department. Some teaching in English.

New Zealand:

USAC. University of Waikato:
<http://usac.unr.edu/usac/program.aspx?pid=2776&cid=1&wid=3169&index=3&term=Semester/Year>. Program in religious studies, as well as in asian studies and Maori and Pakeha cultures.

USAC. Massey University (three campuses): <http://usac.unr.edu/usac/pdf/2007-08/usac-07-08-new-zealand-palmerston-north.pdf>. Program in religious studies, as well as in asian studies and Maori and Pakeha cultures.

Scotland

USAC. University of St. Andrews: <http://usac.unr.edu/usac/pdf/2007-08/usac-07-08-scotland-st-andrews.pdf>. No religious studies department per se, but the Divinity program has several courses that would transfer back to CSUC RELS department.

South Africa

IP. University of Quazulu Natal: <http://www.ukzn.ac.za/>
A B.A. program in Religion and Culture exists at the Howard campus.

Spain

Programs exist, and would be quite good for GE courses of study, but not for Religious Studies.

Sweden

IP. Uppsala University: <http://www.inter.uadm.uu.se/students.html>
There is no Religious Studies Department per se, but courses in ethics, theories of religion, and theology are offered in English.

Taiwan

Programs exist, and would be quite good for GE courses of study, but not for Religious Studies.

Thailand

USAC. Rangsit University: <http://usac.unr.edu/usac/pdf/2007-08/usac-07-08-thailand-bangkok.pdf>. No religious studies program per se, but several courses in Eastern and Thai civilizations, Buddhism, and ethics.

United Kingdom

IP. University of Bristol: http://www.bris.ac.uk/prospectus/undergraduate/2006/sections/ARTE/THRS/dept_intro. Theology and Philosophy programs with many courses in world and comparative religions.

IP. University of Hull: http://www.hull.ac.uk/theol/ug_courses.html
Though this is called a theology department, it is much more of a comparative religion program, with links to art and a few other disciplines.

IP. University of Sheffield: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/prospectus/2007/azcrslist.php>
No Religious Studies program per se, though the school is very strong in archeology/biblical studies.

Special Program. London Semester Abroad with CSU, Chico faculty: <http://www.csuchico.edu/hfa/intstudy.html>
No religious studies track per se, but at least six-nine units of this program can be transferred back into the RS Department, with the opportunity to undertake an independent study in the discipline along with other required courses.