

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES REQUIREMENT

Independent Research

Senior Capstone

During their final semester of study, Honors students will undertake a semester-long, interdisciplinary research project. Working closely with at least 2 faculty members from different disciplines, the student will generate a topic, conduct research, compose a paper, and present his/her findings at a special Honors colloquium. Prior to beginning the Capstone Project, the student must submit a proposal to the Program Director that will then be submitted to the Honors Committee for approval. Note: the same project cannot be used to fulfill a departmental capstone and an Honors capstone.

Independent Projects

As an alternative, a student may design and complete two smaller, independent research projects at any point during their time in the Honors Program. Such projects could include an independent study with a faculty member, an additional research paper in a regular class, a study abroad journal or presentation, the writing of a play or other creative manuscript, or any other suitable academic/creative exercise. Projects must be approved beforehand by the Program Director and should culminate in a paper, presentation, or other tangible display of knowledge.

STUDY ABROAD

For students who wish to study in another country, UVa-Wise offers a number of foreign study opportunities.

AUSTRIA

Students who wish to spend a semester or year in Austria may attend the College's sister institution, the Pädagogische Hochschule Niederösterreich, a small college in Baden, Austria near Vienna, for one semester or for one year. These students will have the opportunity to improve their command of German, take classes in German, get to know Austrian students, and take advantage of cultural activities in Vienna. Participation in this program will be contingent on the student's level of fluency in German, his or her maturity and academic standing, an

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interview with German faculty, junior standing and recommendation by at least two professors. Special permission to participate may be given for sophomores. This program is particularly recommended for students who choose to major in Foreign Studies with a concentration in German. However, the program is open to students in other majors who have studied German. Students who wish to attend classes in Baden must have at least one year or the equivalent of German. Because of the sister institution relationship, students from the University of Virginia's College at Wise will pay the College's tuition, just as students coming from Baden to study in Wise will be responsible for tuition at the Pädagogische Hochschule Niederösterreich.

For more information on this program, please contact the Academic Dean.

FRANCE

Students who are interested in France, French and the French culture can participate in a four week direct exchange in Beaune, France in the summer. There they will live with a French family, speak only French, and experience the family's daily life. Students may receive three hours of academic credit for the four week stay by keeping a journal in French and doing a research project on which they must write a paper when they return home. For further information on this program, please contact Witold Wolny, the Field Director for International Studies, or Professor Roman Zylawy in the Department of Language and Literature.

SPAIN

Those students who have studied Spanish and who would like a foreign study experience have several choices.

SUMMER

Students may participate in the College's three week summer programs in Spain. During their stay, students will live with a Spanish family, in a hostel, or in a residence hall and enroll in Spanish 303: Summer Immersion in Spain. This four-credit course is taught by UVa-Wise faculty in residence. Those who are returning for a second year will have the opportunity to enroll in another Spanish course. Students will also be asked to sign a pledge stating that they will only speak Spanish for the duration of their stay. Students must be in good academic standing,

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complete an application, and have a recommendation from two professors to be accepted in the program. Host cities may vary, but they have included Seville, Huelva, and Valladolid. The classroom will often be the city itself, its cafes, markets, restaurants, museums, theaters, and environs. The group will make excursions to nearby cities and to Madrid.

ACADEMIC YEAR

Students who wish to spend a longer period of time in a Spanish-speaking country may attend one of the College's sister institutions in Spain or Mexico for one semester or for the academic year. These students will have a choice of living with a local family, in an apartment with Mexican or Spanish students, or possibly in a residence hall and must also pledge to speak only Spanish during their stay. Participation in this program will be contingent on the student's level of fluency in Spanish, his or her maturity and academic standing, junior status, an interview with Spanish faculty, and recommendation by at least two professors. Special permission to participate may be given for sophomores. This option is particularly recommended for students who choose to major in Spanish. However, the program is open to students in other majors who have studied Spanish. Because of the sister institution relationship, students from The University of Virginia's College at Wise will pay the College's tuition. Sister institutions in Spain are the Universidad de Huelva in Huelva, Spain and the CEU San Pablo in Seville. The College's new sister institution in Mexico is the Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey – Campus Saltillo. For more information on these programs, please contact Witold Wolny, the Field Director for International Studies, Professor Anne Gilfoil in the Department of Language and Literature, or the Academic Dean.

TURKEY

The University of Virginia's College at Wise has a sister institution relationship with Istanbul University. This arrangement permits the College to send up to four students to Istanbul to study each year. In return, Istanbul University may send four students to Wise. Students will pay the tuition at their respective institutions. However, they will be responsible for their room and board at the college where they are studying.

Because the only classes taught in English in Istanbul are those in Business or Economics, students wishing to study in Istanbul must be willing to study in one of those two disciplines. However, this requirement should not be construed to mean that only business or

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economics majors may study in Turkey. Students in other disciplines who are interested in a foreign study experience and who are willing to study in one of the two disciplines may also apply. Participation in the semester in Turkey is contingent on the following: junior standing, an interview with both Witold Wolny, the Field Director for International Studies, and with the Academic Dean, and recommendation by at least two professors. Special permission to participate may be given for sophomores.

For more information on this program, please contact Witold Wolny, the Field Director for International Studies, or the Academic Dean.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The College offers other opportunities for study abroad which include its own programs during the summer and those offered by other institutions or agencies. The College's summer programs vary from year to year. During the summer 2007, there were several UVA-Wise summer programs, one of which was in Huelva, Spain and one in Bruges, Belgium. The College also gives students the opportunity to participate in programs offered by API – Academic Programs International. API has both summer and semester programs in many countries around the globe. Participation in Semester at Sea, which falls under the direction of the University of Virginia, is also available to UVA-Wise students. There are plans to provide even more options. For further information, please contact Witold Wolny, the Field Director for International Studies.

TRAVEL ABROAD

The College also offers travel to other countries during fall and spring breaks. Countries visited in the past are Austria, the Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Greece. Trips planned for the future are to Austria, France, Italy, Scotland, England, and Turkey. These trips offer a short-term educational experience. However, it is also possible for students to gain one to two academic credits during their stay. For more information on trips or credit, please contact the Academic Dean.

INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

International internships are also possible. For more information concerning the availability of internships in countries other than the United States, please contact Witold Wolny, the Field Director for International Studies.