
Special Academic Programs

Study Abroad

Qualified students wishing to extend their academic pursuits beyond the College may attend a select foreign university, during their third year, through the Study Abroad Program. Holy Cross strongly advocates year-long programs and currently sponsors 25 such programs in 15 countries throughout the world: Argentina, Australia, Cameroon, China, England, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Peru, Russia, Scotland, and Spain. In addition, a small number of semester-long programs serve students with particular curricular needs: Environmental Studies programs in Australia, Costa Rica, Kenya, Mexico, South Africa and Turks & Caicos Islands; programs for Classics majors in Italy and Greece; and intensive language and culture programs in China, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka. During the summer, the College also offers four-to-six-week programs in locations such as Jerusalem, Kenya, London, Luxembourg, Moscow, Paris, Rome and South Africa. Summer Study Abroad is intended to augment the academic-year programs, and students can participate in both. All of these programs provide students with an exciting and fully credited complement to the courses available at Holy Cross, and serve as international extensions of the College's curriculum and facilities.

Holy Cross integrates its students into the intellectual and cultural fabric of their host countries and host institutions. For its core programs, Study Abroad establishes ongoing partnerships with premier universities worldwide, where it contracts with local staff to serve as academic mentors, cultural and housing advisors, and foreign language tutors. Students enroll directly in these institutions and enjoy the same rights, privileges and responsibilities as local students. Holy Cross students have the same access to professors as their local peers and, in most cases, take the same number of courses. They can also engage fully in campus life, including membership in student societies and participation in either varsity or intramural athletics.

Second-year students apply for one of the academic-year or semester program in the fall before Thanksgiving. Study abroad ordinarily begins in the fall semester of the third year and lasts for a full academic year. Students planning to study in the southern hemisphere (Argentina, Australia, Peru), where the academic calendar is different, can study second semester of their sophomore (or junior) year and first semester of their junior (or senior) year. Students normally have a minimum B average (3.00 cumulative GPA) or equivalent qualifications.

Students who intend to study in a non-English speaking country are expected to achieve intermediate level competency in that language before going abroad. Beginning language learners entering Holy Cross who are considering study abroad in a foreign-language country should, therefore, pursue foreign language study in their first year and continue in their second. Students should expect to demonstrate competence in understanding and speaking that language during their study abroad application interview. Also, a background of courses that includes the selected country's history, literature, fine arts, and philosophy will be viewed favorably in evaluating a student's candidacy for study abroad. Once in their host country, students receive a minimum of three weeks of intensive language-training before matriculating in the host university. Students continue to receive language-training throughout the year, as well as tutorial support in their courses. Students studying in Romance-language countries and in Japan, in most cases, are placed in home-stays with local families.

Students accepted into the academic-year Study Abroad Program participate in an orientation program in the host country. They also complete an Independent Cultural Immersion Project (ICIP) during their time abroad. Often involving fieldwork, the ICIP can take many forms: an internship; a community service project; or a hobby such as music, dance or sports.

For Summer Study Abroad, there is no minimum GPA requirement. Any first-year, sophomore, junior, or senior student in good academic and disciplinary standing is eligible to participate, but space may be limited. Summer programs usually run for four weeks and are the equivalent of one Holy Cross course. Applications for Summer Study Abroad are due in early December.

With the exception of Alumni Memorial Scholarships, all financial aid (including Holy Cross financial aid) may be applied to Holy Cross Study Abroad Programs during the academic year. Financial aid for summer programs may be available but is not guaranteed.

Concurrent Registration in the Colleges of Worcester Consortium

Admission to Holy Cross means access to the 12 institutions of the Colleges of Worcester Consortium. Participating institutions are: Anna Maria College, Assumption College, Clark University, College of the Holy Cross, Quinsigamond Community College, Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Nichols College, University of Massachusetts Worcester, WPI, and Worcester State College. Through cross-registration, joint faculty appointments and curriculum projects, and other efforts, the Consortium explores ways of broadening academic programs for faculties and students, as well as expanding continuing education opportunities and community service activities. In addition to these institutions, a group of associate organizations participates with the Consortium in providing further enrichment to college curricula. These include the American Antiquarian Society, International Center, EcoTarium, Old Sturbridge Village, Worcester Art Museum, Dynamy, John Woodman Higgins Armory Museum, Music Worcester, and WICN Public Radio.

Normally, a Holy Cross student may enroll in one course per semester at a Consortium institution provided the course has been approved by the appropriate Department Chair, the Dean of the College, and the Registrar. In special circumstances, a student may be permitted to enroll in two Consortium courses in one semester provided that approval has been granted by the Dean of the College. Application for this approval is through the Office of the Class Dean.

Evening and summer courses at institutions belonging to the Colleges of Worcester Consortium are not part of the concurrent registration program and will be accepted in transfer only if they satisfy degree or college-sponsored program requirements (see Transfer Courses).

A course taken at a Consortium institution must grant a minimum of three semester credits in order to be counted as one of the 32 semester courses required for graduation. Grades from courses taken through the Consortium are calculated into a student's GPA.

The College reserves the right to withhold permission to attend a Consortium institution if the calendar of the institution differs substantially from the calendar of Holy Cross, thus making it impossible for a student to complete graduation and/or course requirements by the date stipulated by the College.

For Students Interested in the Health Professions

The Health Professions Advisory Program at Holy Cross has maintained an excellent record in preparing students for entrance to medical, dental, veterinary, and other professional schools. Students are accepted to the program at the time of admission to the College. A Health Professions Advisory Program student may declare a major in any discipline and fulfill all the requirements for medical, dental and other health professional schools' admission at the same time. A student should select a major which corresponds to his or her qualifications and interests and not assume that a science major is expected of health professional school students. Students admitted to the Health Professions Advisory Program are guaranteed admission to courses that fulfill the basic requirements for medical and dental school, which are listed below. Many science majors will find that these requirements are fulfilled as they complete their major course requirements.

Chemistry - 4 semesters

Biology - 2 semesters

Mathematics - 2 semesters

Physics - 2 semesters

English - 2 semesters

All Health Professions Advisory Program students must have successfully completed a secondary school course in chemistry. Admission to the program is very selective because of the large numbers of

students who are interested in the health professions. A limited number of additional students can be accepted to the program during their first two years at the College. The College has a Health Professions Advisor to assist all students planning careers in the health sciences, whether or not they are in the Health Professions Advisory Program.

For Students Interested in Law

More than 1,000 students from Holy Cross have matriculated to ABA-accredited law schools in the past decade. Students thinking about a career in law are encouraged to choose a major at the College that suits their talents and interests. Lawyers come from a wide range of backgrounds. In choosing courses, students are encouraged to include those that develop the following skills: oral and written expression, reading comprehension, and creative and critical thinking. Courses that require students to observe accurately and to think objectively and logically are also invaluable.

Holy Cross is a member of the American Mock Trial Association and the American Moot Court Association. Prelaw students produce the Holy Cross Journal of Law and Public Policy. Published every year in January and currently in its eleventh edition, the Journal has more than 60 law schools as paid subscribers, in addition to many alumni lawyers and libraries. Our students work primarily with law school student authors by editing and condensing articles selected for publication, as well as performing cite checks and learning to use LEXIS and Westlaw, research tools of practicing lawyers. The Journal staff also does all journal layout work using state of the art desktop publishing software.

For Students Interested in Military Science

Holy Cross offers a program in Naval Science. Students interested in this program should consult the appropriate section of this Catalog. Holy Cross students who are enrolled in Army ROTC Military Science Program or Air Force ROTC Military Science Program do so through the Colleges of Worcester Consortium. Courses for these programs are offered through WPI and appear on a student's transcript although they do not count toward the thirty-two courses required for graduation.

For additional information, visit the website for:

Air Force ROTC (<http://www.wpi.edu/Academics/Depts/AFAS/Index.html>)

or Army ROTC (<http://www.wpi.edu/Academics/Depts/MilSci/Index.html>)

For Students Interested in Teacher Education

Holy Cross has a program to earn a Massachusetts state licensure as a secondary or middle school teacher in the subject areas of biology, chemistry, English, French, history, Latin, mathematics, physics, Spanish and visual arts, when completing a liberal arts degree and taking courses within a major in the same academic area as they wish to teach. A program for the teaching of religion at the secondary level is available for religious studies majors, although this program does not lead to Massachusetts state licensure. The Holy Cross Teacher Education Program has a special focus on urban education.

The program requires a specified sequence of courses in education prior to a semester in the fourth year which is devoted to a practicum (student teaching). These courses are Educational Psychology, Schooling in the United States, a course in urban issues, a course in human development, and Methods of Teaching (for students preparing to teach at the secondary level), or the Middle School (for students preparing to teach at that level). Students are required to complete at least 100 hours of pre-practicum prior to the fourth-year practicum. Both the pre-practicum and practicum occur on site in Worcester-area schools. Students should contact the Director of the Teacher Education Program for further information.

For Students Interested in Graduate Study

More than half of Holy Cross students begin some form of graduate or professional study within two years of graduation. Many pursue degrees in medicine, law, and business, while some enter academic

programs leading to Masters and Ph.D.'s. Advanced degree holders enter careers in academia, scientific research, public policy, and many other fields. The Office of Distinguished Fellowships and Graduate Studies assists students who pursue major international and national awards, such as the Rhodes, the Fulbright, the Beinecke, and the Truman, to help fund their post-baccalaureate plans. The director coordinates the Graduate Studies Advisors in the academic departments; maintains a web page and a library of information about graduate and professional studies; informs students about the Graduate Record Examination; consults with applicants on their personal statements and project proposals; and conducts practice interviews to prepare finalists for their competitions. The director also chairs the Graduate Studies Committee, which nominates Holy Cross' representatives in those competitions that restrict the number of applicants per school. In recent years, Holy Cross students have won grants from all of the major foundations, including the Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, Truman, and the Beinecke.

For Students Interested in Business and Management

A rigorous liberal arts program is an excellent preparation for a business career in the long-term. The student may major in virtually any field, but it is strongly recommended that a liberal arts student take, in addition to courses in the major, at least one course in the following disciplines: accounting, finance, and economics — courses which may be taken either at Holy Cross or through the Consortium. The student should also develop an in-depth ability to use the English language in its written and spoken forms, and take an active role in campus activities that involve working with other people. Many of the premier graduate schools of business require applicants to have several years of work experience prior to pursuing an MBA degree. The College has a Prebusiness Advisor who assists students with their academic and career plans.

In addition, the Ciocca Office of Entrepreneurial Studies (see page 52) is responsible for administering such programs as: Executive Leadership Workshop, Summer Business Program, Women in Business Network, Career Workshops, Dinner Speaker Series, Finance Club and the Communications-Advertising-Marketing Club. In addition to offering current programs on an ongoing basis, the Office of Entrepreneurial Studies seeks to provide new and expanded business programs for all students. The Director of Entrepreneurial Studies also serves as the Prebusiness Advisor. For more information, please go to the following websites: (a) Ciocca Office of Entrepreneurial Studies: www.holycross.edu/entrepreneur/ (b) Prebusiness Program: www.holycross.edu/prebusiness/

The 3-2 Program in Engineering

Holy Cross offers a cooperative, five-year program for students who are interested in combining the liberal arts and sciences with engineering. Students enrolled in this program spend their first three years as full-time students at Holy Cross and the following two years as full-time students at the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science at Columbia University in New York City. In addition, students can enroll in a similar six-year program at Columbia's Fu School. This program combines four years at Holy Cross with two years at Columbia leading to bachelor's degrees from each school.

At the conclusion of this program, students receive both a Bachelor of Arts degree from Holy Cross and a bachelor's degree in engineering from Columbia University. Students interested in this program are advised to major in mathematics or physics at Holy Cross since they must complete at least one year of physics, one semester of chemistry, and two years of mathematics before transferring to the engineering program. They must also demonstrate proficiency in one computer language in order to prepare for the engineering courses.

With careful planning, students can qualify for guaranteed admission to the engineering program at Columbia if they complete all of the course requirements with an overall and pre-engineering grade point average of 3.30 or above.

Students pay tuition to Holy Cross for the first three years of enrollment and to Columbia University for the last two years. Students are eligible for financial aid in accordance with the financial aid

policy of the institution at which the student is currently paying tuition. Columbia University has a financial aid policy similar to Holy Cross.

Students who wish to enter this program must contact the 3-2 Program Advisor no later than the end of their first year at the College. However, interested Holy Cross students are urged to consult with the 3-2 Advisor as early as possible in their college career in order to properly plan their courses. In addition, descriptions and admission requirements for the Columbia Combined Plan Program is available at the following website: <http://www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions/engineering/combined/>. Additional information can be found on the Holy Cross 3-2 Program website.