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# WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES IN EUROPE

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## Carleton Global Engagement Programs • Fall 2021 Advising Guide

### FOCUS

European feminist and LGBTQ topics, feminist and queer theory, cross-cultural feminist methodology.

### LOCATION

The program travels to four countries in thirteen weeks: Netherlands (Utrecht with day trips to Amsterdam), Germany (Berlin), Poland (Krakow), and the Czech Republic (Prague and Olomouc). Housing varies between shared apartments, home stays, and student dormitories.

### THIS PROGRAM WILL BE A GREAT FIT FOR:

- Students who are motivated to examine gender, race, queer and other identity issues in an international context.
- Students who are excited about carrying out an independent research project in Europe as part of their study abroad experience.
- Students who love to travel, and will look forward to relocating every three to four weeks.

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### FEATURES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Participation in the NOISE summer school organized by the Research School in Gender Studies (Utrecht University) and networking with European WGS students and faculty.
- Traveling to both Western and East Central European sites and exploring how gender and race intersect in different European contexts.
- Moving beyond Western frameworks and learning about gender regimes and history of women's emancipation in the former Eastern bloc countries.
- Designing and carrying out independent research on an individualized topic within the field of Women's and Gender Studies.

### COMMUNITY INTERACTION

Home-stays in Berlin and Prague • Lectures and seminars with local NGOs, artists, activists, and professors from affiliated European universities • Networking with European WGS students and faculty at the NOISE summer school

### SITE LOCATIONS DURING THE PROGRAM

Utrecht and Amsterdam, Netherlands • Berlin, Germany • Krakow, Poland • Prague and Olomouc, Czech Republic

### PROGRAM EXCURSIONS

Texel Island, Netherlands • Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, Poland • Bad Saarow thermal mineral spa, Germany • Olomouc and Javoricske caverns in Moravia, Czech Republic

### IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- Students receive a food allowance to cover the cost of meals. The allowance is sufficient to cover food costs for maintaining a healthy diet, but does require that students budget accordingly.
- The length of stay in the Schengen zone is limited to 90 days. Students who wish to travel independently before or after the program dates must do so in non-Schengen countries. The United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland) is a great option as it is not part of the Schengen zone.

### BE PREPARED FOR

- Consulting with the Faculty Director about IRP topics during the summer. Defining IRP topics in the summer allows students to begin research shortly after arrival in the Netherlands.
- A very full schedule that changes from week to week. There is no typical weekly schedule!
- Independent student travel during the program dates is limited to weekends and requires approval from Faculty Director.

### COURSEWORK

Coursework is accredited and transcribed by Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota. Students enroll in four courses for a total of the Carleton-equivalent of 16 semester credits.

- WGST 243: Situated Feminisms: Socio-Political Systems and Gender Issues Across Europe
- WGST 244: Cross-Cultural Feminist Methodologies
- WGST 325: Continental Feminist, Queer and Trans Theories
- WGST 391: Independent Field Research in Europe