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Carleton Global Engagement Programs

Fall 2021 COVID Protocols and Practices for Women's and Gender Studies in Europe

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1) Carleton Off-Campus Studies Requirements and Commitments

Requirements:

- a) All students and core staff must have completed the vaccination regimen for an approved COVID vaccine of their choice. Students who have a medical exemption for receiving an approved COVID vaccine will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis with the understanding that entry requirements may stipulate that visiting non-citizens be vaccinated.
- b) Students and staff must read, commit to and abide by the Carleton Global Engagement Programs covenant of behavior and practice as the international community emerges from the pandemic.

Commitments:

- a) Create program itineraries and practices that minimize risks to students and staff resulting from the pandemic and other issues of health and well-being.
- b) Communicate with students and partner institutions about on-site conditions and preparations, and possible program modifications.
- c) Respect and address the policies and concerns of students and partner institutions as issues are discussed and decisions are made.
- d) Comply with restrictions and recommendations of the countries in which Carleton's programs operate.
- e) Respect and respond to the policies and concerns of local populations where Carleton's programs operate.

2) Program Overview and Current Situation

Sweden – DOS Travel Advisory Level 4 (May 7, 2021)

In-country start date: Wednesday, Aug 25, 2021

In-country end date: Sunday, Nov 21, 2021

Pre-Program

Please note that pre-program arrangements and requirements are subject to change. Carleton and DIS will inform students of changes.

- a) Carleton monitors COVID infection and vaccination rates, Department of State Travel Advisory Level, and CDC Travel Recommendations in Sweden and neighboring countries.



- b) Carleton Off-Campus Studies and DIS provide updates to students and sending institutions throughout the course of the summer.
- c) Summer orientation sessions instruct students on DIS and Swedish policies for staying safe while living and studying in Stockholm.
- d) Carleton and DIS determine the student housing option that is most appropriate to the COVID conditions and local regulations in the summer. The goal is to provide housing that offers the greatest degree of cultural immersion in a safe environment.
- e) Students are responsible for presenting proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR or Antigen test upon arrival in Stockholm. Because the test must be conducted within 48 hours prior to arrival in Stockholm, most students use an Antigen test.

Program Travel and Events

Please note that arrangements and requirements for program travel and events are subject to change. Carleton and DIS will inform students of changes.

- a) Students fly to Stockholm, Sweden, arriving on Wednesday, August 25. Students are strongly advised to choose flights with fewer layovers and are encouraged to coordinate their flight itineraries with one another when possible and convenient.
- b) Students present proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR or Antigen test and documentation confirming participation in *Women's and Gender Studies in Europe*, in addition to a valid passport, and, when required, a valid visa. Students should travel with proof of vaccination as well.
- c) Students will quarantine at DIS student residences in Stockholm upon arrival. Online orientation and the first two days of the online NOISE conference are conducted while students quarantine. COVID test will be conducted upon arrival and at the end of the quarantine. A negative PCR or Antigen test is required before release from quarantine.
- d) Students and Carleton staff are instructed about and abide by Swedish regulations for mitigating COVID risks.
- e) Carleton and the DIS continue to monitor COVID infection and vaccination rates, Department of State Travel Advisory Level, and CDC Travel Recommendations in Sweden and neighboring countries throughout the fall.
- f) COVID conditions at study tour destinations within Sweden are monitored and itineraries modified if necessary. COVID conditions and entry requirements in Estonia are monitored for a possible study tour in October/early November. Carleton updates sending institutions about study tour plans throughout the fall.
- g) Students depart from Stockholm on Sunday, November 21. Carleton and DIS arrange for a COVID PCR or Antigen test prior to departure in accordance with Swedish regulations.
- h) In the event that a student is not allowed to depart from Stockholm due to a positive COVID test, Carleton and DIS make arrangements for the student to remain in Stockholm until they are able to depart.



3) Government Requirements and Restrictions

Please use the following websites for information about current entry and quarantine requirements.

- U.S. Department of State – Sweden
<https://se.usembassy.gov/covid-19-coronavirus-information/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – Sweden
<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/covid-4/coronavirus-sweden>
- Public Health Agency of Sweden
<https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/the-public-health-agency-of-sweden/communicable-disease-control/covid-19/>
- DIS COVID-19 FAQs for Fall 2021 Students
<https://disabroad.org/covid-19-planning/covid-19-faqs-for-fall-semester-2021-students/>

4) Measures to Mitigate COVID-19 Risks

General

- a) All students and core staff required to be vaccinated for COVID. Students who have a medical exemption for receiving an approved COVID vaccine will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Carleton is responsible for verifying vaccinations and exemptions.
- b) Wearing of masks, social distancing, and use of hand sanitizer by students, faculty, and staff in accordance with local expectations and recommendations of local medical and public health professionals.
- c) Staying home if unwell.
- d) Daily self-monitoring of student and staff health with specific attention to COVID symptoms. Temperature checks will be conducted a) during quarantine periods, b) when COVID symptoms are present, and c) on a surveillance basis.
- e) Participation in random surveillance testing if requested by DIS.
- f) Participation in contact tracing, quarantine, and testing as per local requirements.
- g) Following the direction of local officials, DIS, and Carleton as to other COVID-19 protocols.

Accommodations, Dining, and Classroom Spaces

- a) Public areas under DIS direction, e.g. classrooms and common spaces, etc. are sanitized at least once daily by DIS staff and/or students according to posted direction.
- b) Recommendations for student housing are shared with students. Students have the responsibility of carrying out recommendations.
- c) Residences: singles and doubles only, while maintaining empty rooms in case of suspected infection in a double room.

Study Tours and Program Excursions



- a) Carleton and DIS will monitor conditions for study tour and excursion destinations. Destinations that represent a greater risk for coronavirus spread will be modified, postponed or cancelled.

Transportation

- a) Students and staff will follow local regulations for travel on public transportation.
- b) DIS will only contract with transport providers which have documented plan for sanitizing passenger spaces and ensuring appropriate social distancing during travel.

5) COVID-19 Incident Response

All students are covered by [DIS health, accident and personal liability insurance](#) during program dates. Please note that students must purchase emergency medical insurance in order to be covered during any pre- or post-program travel.

In case of program interruption in Sweden, Carleton has contingencies in place to ensure academic continuity and full-credit completion.

Student or Staff Member

- a) A student or staff member presenting COVID symptoms will contact the DIS Care Team. The DIS Care Team will provide guidance on the [testing and quarantine process](#).
- b) The student will participate in course work remotely as the student's health permits.
- c) Carleton staff and DIS will communicate with Carleton Off-Campus Studies.
- d) Carleton Off-Campus Studies will notify the student's home institution. The home institution is responsible for notifying others as per its internal protocols.
- e) Carleton Off-Campus Studies and the program staff will provide updates to the student's home institution.

Surrounding Community

- a) In the event of a surge of COVID cases in Stockholm or the surrounding area, Carleton staff and DIS will update students and sending institutions on the potential impact on the students' experience and continuity of services, e.g., accommodations and meals, academics and instruction, public transportation and excursions.
- b) Students and staff will follow local COVID recommendations, e.g., masking, interacting with the community, quarantining. Course work will continue on-site. Study tours and excursions may be modified, postponed, or cancelled.

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