WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES IN EUROPE

Carleton Global Engagement Programs • Fall 2022 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 pre-approval.

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