Chicago Semester

Chicago Semester is a consortium program offering internships or student teaching in Chicago during either fall or spring semesters typically during one’s junior or senior year. Students participating internships take two graded seminar courses taught by Chicago Semester staff. In addition to outstanding career-related internships, student attend fine arts and cultural events, navigate metro transportation, and live in apartments in downtown Chicago with 2-3 other participants. Interns will register for one internship and two seminar courses. Student teachers will register for student teaching and a seminar focusing on contemporary issues related to the urban classroom environment. Application information and details about the selection process for Chicago Semester are available from Lyn Isaacson, Associate Dean. The Chicago Semester website is www.chicagosemester.org.

Social Justice Internship Program in New York City

This eight-week faculty-led summer program combines academic coursework and social justice training with an internship in one of many possible arenas in an urban setting. Central faculty serve as program leaders and teach the course Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Social Justice. Internships take place in non-profit and community organizations. Open to juniors and seniors in any discipline the program provides a strong foundation in social justice theory and practice within an experiential learning setting that encourages reflection. For more information contact Lyn Isaacson, Associate Dean.

International Internships

Internships are available at many international sites in connection with Central’s study abroad programs. Information about these programs is available at http://www.central.edu/global-experiential-learning/ and in the study abroad office.

STUDY ABROAD AT CENTRAL COLLEGE

Central College supports off-campus program around the world as part of its commitment to global experiential learning. Students are actively encouraged to develop global competencies allowing them to understand, live and work in culturally diverse environments. International education challenges students to understand empathetically, live cooperatively and act responsibly in a changing and intricately connected world.

Each major allows space for students to study off campus for at least one semester earning credits toward a major, minor, or core curriculum requirements. Most locations offer various study tracks and can accommodate students at multiple levels of language and proficiency. Students take courses from program faculty and may also enroll in courses at affiliate universities depending upon the program. Students also gain valuable work experience through credit-bearing internships and service-learning placements, while home stays, language partners, and activities help them achieve cultural immersion. Current offerings include semester or year-long, summer, and short-term programs on five continents.

For additional information visit the Center for Global Experiential Learning (www.central.edu/go/global) or contact studyabroad@central.edu.

Non-Central study abroad programs

Central students seeking to enroll in a non-Central study abroad program that has not been pre-approved are advised of the following:

1. There is no guarantee that Central College will accept in transfer any academic credit earned on such a program or that any accepted credit will meet particular academic requirements (i.e., core, major, minor).
2. There is no guarantee that Central College financial aid will be applied to pay for any portion of such a program. Students must formally request a review of potential transfer credit from such a program, as well as submit an application for financial aid one year in advance of the semester of intended study. Details are available in the financial aid, registrar, and international education offices on campus.