

STUDYING ABROAD IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- ❖ Health professionals work with various cultures and language backgrounds
- ❖ Example: *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE?

Engage with the culture in an **ACTIVE** and **REFLECTIVE** way

- **Active:** beyond observation, interact with people, work to understand the nuances
- **Reflective:** HOW it's different and WHY



TIMELINE



Semester

- Attend Get Started Session (schedule on website: goabroad.lafayette.edu, Getting Started, Get Started Sessions)
- Complete applications (2)
- Lafayette deadline:
 - Spring: October 1
 - Fall: March 1
- Program deadlines may vary

Interim

- New programs will appear in June/July (interim.lafayette.edu)
- Registration: mid-September (exact date will be on website)
- Instructions on website

HEALTH PROFESSIONS OPTIONS

SIT: Global Health

❖ Multiple location options and terms

- i.e. Argentina, Brazil, Chile, India, South Africa, Switzerland, Multi-Country

❖ Curriculum

- 3-4 set courses (all courses on Global Health theme)
- 4th or 5th course: Independent study project
 - Examples: challenges of diseases (TB, AIDS, etc.), health education, health financing, health care access



HEALTH PROFESSIONS OPTIONS

Boston University – Geneva Internship

- ❖ Public health track
- ❖ Required: Principles of International Health course, internship
 - Internship examples: International AIDS Society, NGO Forum for Health, International Union Against Cancer
- ❖ Electives: history, French
- ❖ First 6 weeks = 2 classes, last 8 weeks = 4-day/wk internship & 1 class



HEALTH PROFESSIONS OPTIONS

IFSA-Butler: King's College Health & Society Program

- ❖ Required: Health & Society course (combo of coursework and clinical observation)
 - Primary care, sexual health centre, osteopathic centre
- ❖ Electives: pick 3 other courses available for study abroad students at King's



HEALTH PROFESSIONS OPTIONS

DIS (Denmark; Stockholm)

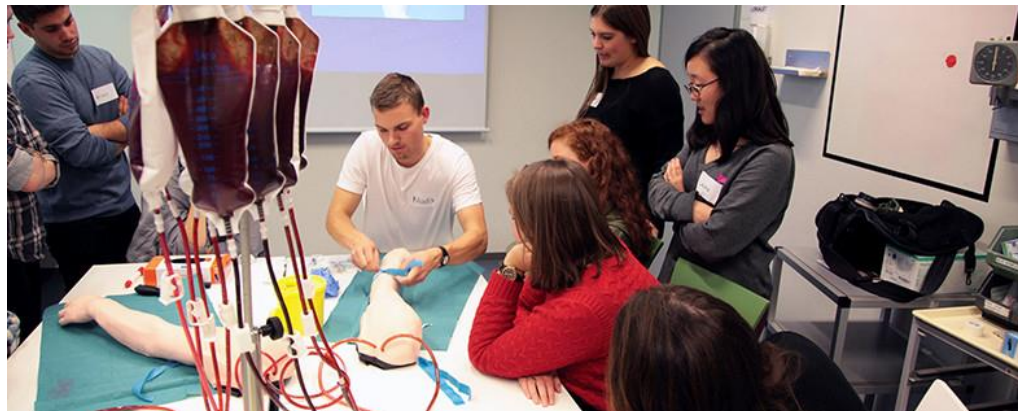
- ❖ Tracks: medical practice & policy, biomedicine, neuroscience, public health
- ❖ Required: one core class in track, most students will also take Danish/Swedish language & culture class
- ❖ Electives: related to track or unrelated
 - Unrelated: humanities, economics, human rights, architecture, etc.
- ❖ Highlights: hands-on fieldwork, study tours



DIS: MEDICAL PRACTICE & POLICY

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

“The experiences I had here in Copenhagen and the rest of Europe this semester have been valuable and life-altering. I got to learn about medicine from brilliant Danish doctors every day. When they weren’t teaching us about how to diagnose and treat disease, they were acting as role models, and giving us insight on what it is really like to work in medicine. On study tours, I talked to a patient with an artificial external heart in Germany, and observed in vitro fertilization procedures in Western Denmark.” – Jon Hanson, University of Minnesota



HEALTH PROFESSIONS OPTIONS

Lafayette: Healthcare in London (summer)

- ❖ Runs every other summer (2017, 2019, etc.)
- ❖ 8 weeks, 2 credits
- ❖ 3 weeks of class, 4 weeks of interning, 1 week of class
 - ❖ Internship area examples: brain/cognitive development, mental health, health education, maternal health



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ❖ Chloe Ortega: Healthcare in London (summer)
- ❖ Mark Von Eisenburg: DIS Stockholm (semester)



Questions?