



GLOBAL PROJECTS PROGRAM
PRE-PREPARATORY REQUIREMENTS
2021-2022 Off-Campus IQP Programs

Preparations may start as early as two terms prior to your off-campus experience. Details of the pre-preparatory requirements for 21-22 off-campus IQP programs are listed below. Please read the details of these requirements carefully and consider the commitment in relation to your other course commitments for your pre-prep term.

Albania Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students are required to participate in an Introduction to Albanian Language, History and Culture course (non-credit bearing) during D Term and A Term. Meeting times and locations will be confirmed by the Site Directors.

Bangkok Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students are required to attend a Language and Culture course in A Term. This course will meet on Mondays, from 6:30-8:30pm. 2-3 hours per week of out of class work is expected for this course. Successful completion of this course will count towards students' progress in ID2050 in B Term. This course is not credit bearing and will not count towards a course overload.

Berlin Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students are required to attend a 1/6 credit pre-prep course in B Term. The course will feature film screenings, which students will take turns introducing each week.

Cape Town Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students will participate via Zoom in a non-credit bearing summer activity designed to be an enjoyable introduction to the history and culture of Cape Town and South Africa, and an opportunity to begin meeting fellow Cape Town Project Center students and getting excited about the IQP experience. Expect to meet for about an hour on four evenings over the summer and to do a couple hours of preparation before each meeting.

Copenhagen Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students are required to participate in two cultural orientation meetings in the pre-prep term (B term for D term in Copenhagen). The meetings will be held remotely, have assigned reading, and are not credit bearing. The Project Center Director will arrange the meeting times with the cohort.

Costa Rica Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students going to Monteverde and San Jose, Costa Rica are expected to continue Spanish language learning through [Transparent](#) or another online language learning tool. More details will be provided in the pre-preparatory term.

Cuenca Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students are required to complete both a cultural and a language requirement for the Ecuador Project Center. The culture requirement may be fulfilled by completing one of the following options: PrePQP (offered the term prior to ID2050 and worth 1/6th credit), INTL 1300, INTL 2310, or SP 3523. The language expectation can be met through completing a WPI Spanish Language course and/or continuing Spanish Language learning through assigned modules in Transparent, an online language learning tool. Language preparation must happen in the same academic year as the IQP term. Expected preparation will correspond with students' current language ability and should be discussed with the Project Center Directors.

Ghana Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students are required to attend a 1/6 credit pre-prep course in A Term. This course will meet once per week with day/time TBD. Students will discuss Ghanaian history, culture, law, policy and the Twi language.

Israel Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students are required to attend a 1.5 hour language session (non-credit bearing) twice per week for 6 weeks in B term – must be completed on campus. Meeting times will be in the evening and the location will be confirmed by the Site Director.



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Japan Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students are required to attend a 1/6 preparatory course that will meet in D Term for 2 hours once per week. Meeting times and locations will be confirmed by the Site Director.

Lyon Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students are required to attend a 1/6 credit Culture and Language Orientation course in the pre-prep term (C Term for Lyon E term). This course will meet once per week after 5 pm (time and Day TBD). Grading will be based on class presentations, participation, and a group research project. This course will be completed online.

Melbourne Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students are required to attend a Cultural Orientation in the pre-prep term (E Term for Melbourne B, A Term for Melbourne C and B Term for Melbourne D). This orientation will meet at the following times:

Melbourne B Term Students: Online activities in E Term (Summer)

Melbourne C Term Students: Periodic activities and meetings in A Term (Location and Day TBD)

Melbourne D Term Students: Periodic activities and meetings in B Term (Location and Day TBD)

The Directors of the Melbourne Project Center will arrange meeting times and locations with the cohorts.

Moscow Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students are required to participate in an online Russia Ready (INTL2520) preparatory course. This course will be conducted online in C Term and is worth 1/6 Humanities credit. Tuition is waived for Moscow-bound IQP students. The course is offered by the Site Director and covers essential Russian language skills, historic turning points and current events.

Morocco Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students are required to complete a module on cultural competence, Moroccan culture, and Moroccan Colloquial Arabic (Darija). Successful completion of this course will count towards students' grade in PQP in C Term. Students must complete the module by the start of C term. This course is not credit bearing and will not count towards a course overload.

Panama Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students are encouraged, but not required, to take Spanish language courses at WPI according to their experience with the language, and continue building their language skills with Transparent, an online language learning tool.

Paraguay Pre-Preparatory Requirements

Students traveling to Paraguay must be proficient in Spanish or willing to commit to taking 3 Spanish courses in the academic year prior to departure in order to prepare for the program. In addition, a mandatory meeting will be held in September with the onsite advisers from Asuncion. The Director of the Paraguay Project Center will confirm dates and times with the cohort.