

STUDY ABROAD: THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

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Studying abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students during their college career. There are many chances to travel as a Manhattan College student and every COMM major should take advantage of the opportunity.

Over the winter intersession, COMM students, in particular, can take “Transnational Mass Communication” in Scandinavia, which satisfies one of the two global non-western required courses in the Core. Although the class will not run this winter, it will resume during the 2019-2020 intersession. The Communication Department also offers this same class as part of the Summer Study Abroad program in Florence, Italy.

Many students enjoy studying abroad during intersession and summer session because it allows them to experience one country (or multiple countries) in just a few weeks. This is especially good for those who do not want to commit to an abroad experience for an entire semester.

During the 2018-2019 winter intersession, I participated in the Scandinavia trip. Over the course of two weeks, we travelled to five cities in four different countries, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Iceland. Traveling with a class is a unique experience, different from travelling with family, or on your own. I learned much more extensively about the places I was visiting, and paid more attention to the similarities and differences between cultures. •



A group of students in Iceland on the COMM study abroad trip to Scandinavia. From left to right: Allison Eichhorn, Jaclyn Leighton, Mairead Russell, and Allison Berejka.