

Curriculum

Students may earn 12 hours of credit as follows:

GST 3330

Field Experiences in Study Abroad (3 hrs.)

This course is designed as a participation in the Excavations at Kursi, Israel, sponsored by the Jerusalem Institute for Biblical Exploration. Credit will be based on satisfactory completion of the excavation experience, participation in record keeping, pottery washing, and site preparation, as well as the keeping of a log book, and a field exam.

HIS/POS 4280.

US FOREIGN POLICY SINCE 1941 (3 hrs.)

A survey of the position of the United States in the world as it developed from the diplomacy of World War II. This section of HIS/POS 4280 will focus specifically on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the United States' dual role as a supporter of Israel and trusted third party in attempting to resolve the conflict through travel to and around Israel and first hand contact and experiences with both Palestinians and Israelis.

GST 3410 (IS Credit)

Global Citizenship (3 hrs)

An introduction to the idea of global citizenship as it relates to world systems, cultures, the arts, religions, moral systems, economies, and political structures. This section of GST 3410 will focus on the problems of various populations living in the Middle East, specifically Israel and Palestine and the problems of life in a region torn with ethnic, religious and national strife.

REL 3990: Special Topics

Travel in Bible Lands(3 hrs.) or

REL 1510 Intro. To Religious Studies: Canon (3hrs)

The course is based on an intensive program of travel in countries associated with the biblical text (in this case Israel). Specific attention will be given to archaeological and historical sites, especially those of importance for study of the Bible and ancient history.

Program Costs

The basic program cost of approximately \$7,200 includes tuition, roundtrip airfare, accommodations, all transfers, many meals, and entry fees for required activities. If the currency exchange rate rises significantly before departure, Shorter College reserves the right to adjust the program cost. The program does not include passport, visas, some meals, gratuities, immunizations, recommended medications, air taxes, and personal spending money.

Each participant will receive a \$1000 Study Abroad Scholarship. In addition, students may apply their state and federal financial aid, including federal loans, HOPE scholarship, and Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant. Humanities majors and minors are eligible for the Winthrop-King Scholarship. If a student loses HOPE eligibility, he/she will be billed for that amount. If a student does not return to Shorter College the semester following this program, he/she must repay the Study Abroad Scholarship.

Faculty

**Dr. Alan Hix, Associate Professor of Religion
Chair, Department of Religion and Philosophy**

Dr. Hix is Associate Director of the Excavations and Kursi. He has excavated with the University of South Florida at Sepphoris, and he has taught courses in Biblical Archaeology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He can be contacted at 706-233-7257 or ahix@shorter.edu.

**Dr. Jim Scarry
Assistant Professor of History**

Dr. Jim Scarry taught History as a Fulbright Professor at the University of Turku, Finland and specializes in American Foreign Relations. He enjoys foreign travel and photography and hopes to bring home lots of new pictures and experiences. He can be contacted at 706-233-7317 or jscarry@shorter.edu.



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Program Overview

Make the world your classroom!

Join Shorter College faculty for a unique 4 ½ week study program in Israel. The first three weeks will include participation in the excavation of ancient Kursi, followed by a week and a half of cross cultural immersion in the complex social, political, and religious landscapes of Israel and Palestine.



Itinerary

- May 11 - Depart US
- May 12 - Arrive in Israel and travel to Nazareth.
- May 13-15 - Kursi Excavations
- May 16 -17 - Touring around the Sea of Galilee
- May 18-22 - Kursi Excavations
- May 23 - Tour upper Galilee
- May 24 - Hiafa, Baha'i Center, Swimming in Mediterranean.
- May 25- 29 - Kursi Excavations
- May 30 - Tour Lower Galilee, Mt. Carmel, Druze Monastery at Muhraqa
- May 31 - Worship in Melkite Church in Ibillin. Visit with students and faculty of Mar Elias Educational Institution.
- June 1 - Caesarea Maritima, Megiddo
- June 2 - Observe Talmudic studies at Kibbutz Lavi, Sepphoris, Nazareth
- June 3 - Jericho, Qumran, Wadi Qilt
- June 4 - Bethlehem, Shepherd's Field, Herodion.
- June 5 - Masada, En Gedi, Dead Sea
- June 6 - Shiloh, Nablus, Samaria
- June 7 - Worship with Palestinian Christians. Visit an Israeli settlement and an Palestinian refugee camp.
- June 8 - Mt. of Olives, Gethsemane, Mt. Zion
- June 9 - Jerusalem
- June 10 - The Negev
- June 11 - Israel Museum, Holocaust Memorial (Yad Vashem)
- June 12 - Return to US.

Eligibility

The program is open to Shorter College students, students enrolled at other colleges or universities, and other interested faculty and staff as space permits. A 2.4 GPA is required



Application Process

Application forms for the program are available from Dr. Hix in ST Davis Ministry Center, Dr. Scarry in RH 114, or the Office of International Programs in ST 213.

Application deadline is December 1, 2008. A nonrefundable \$250 deposit should accompany each application.

Applications will be reviewed by the International Education Council of Shorter College. Students will be notified of acceptance within two weeks of application. Early applications are encouraged to reserve a space for the program and for airline, hotel and other necessary arrangements.