How to find out more about Off-Campus Studies at Whitman:

- Don’t miss our **Annual Off-Campus Studies Fair** on **Monday, October 26, 2015** from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Reid Campus Center Ballroom. Just drop by to browse and meet representatives from our Partner Programs and talk with Whitties who have just returned from OCS.

- Attend an **OCS First Step Meeting** in your third semester (fall) — these are normally scheduled throughout October and November.

- Check out our **website at www.whitman.edu/OCS** for great information about programs, how to get a passport, scholarships for study abroad, stories from past participants, and more.

Tips to help you plan your academic schedule the first two years at Whitman, if you plan to study off campus in one of our partner programs:

- **OCS ADVISING FOR SPECIFIC MAJORS**: Get planning tips specific to each major on our OCS website under the tab **“Advising by Major”**.

- **FOREIGN LANGUAGES**: Take as much foreign language as possible to help you prepare for your experience in a foreign country. Students with a strong background in at least one foreign language have many more choices of which foreign study program they can attend.

  In general, if you plan to study in **France, Germany or a Spanish-speaking country** you will need to complete four to five semesters of the local language at the college-level or the equivalent. In other words, if you have little or no background in the Spanish language and want to study your junior year in a Spanish-speaking country, you need to take Spanish at Whitman your freshman and sophomore years.

  If you test into a foreign language at the **intermediate or advanced level**, be sure to enroll in at least one course in the target language a semester or two before going abroad so that your language skills are fresh. Some OCS programs require this. Also, if you are a **heritage speaker** of Spanish, Chinese or other language, you will need to demonstrate your competency in the language by completing at least one course at Whitman before you apply for study abroad.

  If you plan to study in **Japan, China or Taiwan** you should take at least two semesters of Japanese or Chinese.

- **TWO THIRDS RULE**: At least two-thirds of all credits in all majors at Whitman must be completed on the Whitman campus. This means that students are not able to transfer more than 8 to 12 credits from off-campus studies into their major. The amount varies depending on the major and if you have other transfer credits. For this reason, it is a good idea to have completed a decent number of courses in your major by the end of your second year at Whitman before applying for study abroad.