The Geneva Study Group  
Spring 2005  
Director: John Vasquez

Colgate University's Geneva Study Group is a spring semester program in Geneva, Switzerland that allows a small group of students to engage in an intensive study of international relations and European diplomacy and politics. The group emphasizes the importance and historical evolution of international organization with an emphasis on problems of global governance and related issues of European security and integration.

Students will take four classes and two field trips. Classes are held, and students housed in single rooms, at the Cite Universitaire de Geneve, located within the city limits. While in residence in Geneva, an integral part of the curriculum will be visits to international organizations, including various agencies of the United Nations. Additional local trips will also be taken that will help us gain a better understanding of European diplomacy and culture.

FIELD TRIPS:

The first field trip (six days) will be to Strasbourg, Brussels, and The Hague. Major international and European institutions headquartered in each of these cities will be visited. For example, Strasbourg is host to the Council of Europe, the European Parliament, and the European Court and Commission for Human Rights. Brussels has NATO headquarters and some of the main EU institutions. The Hague is home to the World Court.

A second trip (eight days) will be taken to Florence, Venice, and Vienna to study questions related to the origins of modern diplomatic practice in the Italian Renaissance (Florence) and the rise of nationalism and its relationship to war, beginning with the Italian wars of unification (Florence and Venice) through the First World War (Vienna) and ending with the Second World War. Vienna and Venice will also permit visits to inter-governmental organizations (IGOs), like the UN, and an opportunity to study the role of global civil society in dealing with domestic problems.

Students will attend lectures and presentations on each trip, but there will also be free time in each city for cultural and evening recreational activities. Of course, being situated in the center of Europe in Geneva should also provide ample opportunity for independent travel on weekends.

COURSES:

**POSC 356Y: Crisis Diplomacy**  (Professor Vasquez)  
A comparative historical study of foreign policy decision-making and diplomacy among the major states from 1816-1948 with a focus on crisis bargaining, management, and escalation. Foreign relations of Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Italy, Japan, and the United States, particularly as they pertain to European politics are covered in light of international relations theories. Emphasis is placed on how domestic political struggles (like those between hard liners and accommodationists) and external factors (like alliances and international norms) affect decision-making. Comparisons are made between those crises that are peacefully settled and those that escalate to war and/or get out of control.

**POSC 369Y: Contemporary European Security**  (Professor Krause)  
This course focuses on contemporary European security problems and the "European" perspective on new security issues. It deals with topics such as NATO enlargement, European security institutions and "societal security" in Europe, as well as with broader issues such as intervention and democracy promotion, state formation, foreign aid and development issues, and human rights of refugees and others.

**POSC 370Y: International Relations in the Post-Cold War Environment**  (Professor Henehan)  
The end of the Cold War and the introduction of a large number of new issues to the international agenda have raised very serious questions about the discipline of international relations and about relations between Europe and the United States. How new or old will the new international relations be? What conceptual framework should be used to explore these issues? What issues should be the focus? The course begins with a reassessment of the Grand Tradition in international relations and of how the order, upon which it was based, fell. The emerging world order and the agenda of new issues with which it confronts us, the likely new patterns of cooperation and conflict those issues will foster, and the possibilities for a new consensus are considered.

**POSC 436Y: Seminar Continuity and Change in International Politics**  (Professors Henehan and Vasquez)  
This team-taught seminar is an analysis of contemporary conceptual approaches to international politics and the trends and development that are altering some traditional assumptions about the nature of the international arena. Special emphasis is placed on the rise in importance of international organizations and global civil society and the
problems and opportunities these provide for global governance and what kinds of theories should be used to explore these issues.

**FREN 102Y: Elementary French**

This course is designed to introduce students to basic skills of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the French language, as well as to introduce various aspects of Francophone culture. It is primarily intended for students continuing from FREN 101.

**LIBRARY FACILITIES:**

Students have access to the libraries of the Graduate Institute of International Studies; the United Nations specialized agencies; and the University of Geneva. Upon special application, students gain access to the main collections of the United Nations Library, containing nearly two million volumes.

**SELECTION CRITERIA AND PREREQUISITES:**

Junior or senior class standing as of fall 2004 semester. Sophomores will be considered depending on availability of space. Students need not be political science or international relations concentrators. However, completion of **POSC 232** is required of all students, as is the completion of one semester of college French or its equivalent. Non-Colgate students must demonstrate similar levels of competence for the prerequisites through courses taken at another institution that are specifically approved by the Director of the Geneva Study Group. They must also have a grade point average of at least 3.3 and must enroll as visiting students at Colgate.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

POSC 356Y, POSC 370Y, POSC 436Y are required of all students. All students are required to take a fourth course, either FREN 102Y or POSC 369Y. FREN 102 is required of students who have taken FREN 101 and have not completed 102; however, students who have sufficient AP or transfer credit may opt out, if they choose, of FREN 102, keeping in mind that Colgate gives credit for FREN 101 only if students complete FREN 102.

**ESTIMATED BASIC EXPENSES (PER STUDENT):**

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These are approximate figures based on current currency exchange rates and estimates from recent groups, and are therefore subject to possible changes (the flight, in particular, should be less expensive if we are able to organize a group departure). They include a program surcharge for group meals and travel not covered by the Eurailpass. They do not include, however, Colgate tuition.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Tuesday, December 5, 2003

Please submit applications to the Political Science Department. Students wanting more information should contact Professor Vasquez at (315) 228-7241 or email jvasquez@mail.colgate.edu.