THE ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND
STUDY GROUP
SPRING 2005

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The St. Andrews Study Group was developed to advance the education of Colgate students especially interested in the study of Philosophy and/or Religion. It provides a unique opportunity for a semester’s residential study abroad (early February-late May 2005) in a fresh and exciting study environment, with a diverse student population, at a distinguished Scottish university. The student will retain a tie to the Colgate program through a required course taught by the director, while the rest of each participant’s courses will be from the St. Andrews curriculum. In this way a full semester’s credit toward the Colgate degree will be earned.

This opportunity is open to Colgate students who are particularly interested in Philosophy and/or Religion. Although an applicant need not be a concentrator, he or she should at least have had two courses in the Philosophy and Religion Department, and be interested in further study in either or both of these subjects.

The University of St. Andrews, Scotland’s first university, was founded in the early 15th century, and has an outstanding international reputation. It has particular strengths in the focus subjects of the Study Group. The town of St. Andrews is a beautiful small town (about 15,000 people) on the east coast of Scotland. It is about one hour’s travel from Edinburgh. Both the natural beauty of the land and the beauty of the architecture are considerable. Participants in the Study Group will have the opportunity to visit Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the Highlands, and to travel to Oxford and Cambridge for visits at those universities.

One of the aims of the Study Group is to integrate the participants into the academic and social life of the university. Also, we aim to enhance the conversation between students studying Philosophy and students studying Religion. Given the strengths of St. Andrews, the Study Group is an excellent opportunity to engage students who have interests in these subjects.

Program Structure, Prerequisites & Course Credits. St. Andrews has a semester calendar much like our own, and courses are a combination of lecture and tutorial. Students will be
permitted to take courses from throughout the full range of the university's curriculum. As noted above, it is expected that a student will take the course being taught by the director, as well as three other courses offered by the university at large. One or two of those elected courses should be in Philosophy or Religion. Students will examine the course catalogue with the director to determine these courses. Transfer of credit will be smooth because many of the courses offered are counterparts to courses here, and the levels of courses are easily recognizable. Most of the student’s curriculum will consist of electives drawn from the St. Andrews catalogue. Applicants should be prepared to indicate how participation in the group will enhance their undergraduate studies.

**The Director’s Course:**

**The Politics of Diversity**

All students on the study group will take the Director’s course. During the Spring of 2005, Professor McCabe will teach a course titled “The Politics of Diversity.” The course explores the challenge of articulating a common moral framework through which a political community might resolve the various controversies it faces—both internally and with respect to other communities. The increasing diversity in many societies, especially those with long traditions emphasizing personal freedom, significantly complicates the task of finding such a common framework. Citizens often disagree not only over which values ought to be central, but also on the more general questions of how to understand and resolve moral disagreement itself. This course will explore the most important responses to this challenge in recent political thought, with special attention given to the disagreement arising from competing views about the status and scope of claims grounded in religious authority.

**Student Living Arrangements:**

Students will be offered accommodations in the university residence halls. There are single-sex and coed residences, each with a Warden who is a member of the faculty of the university. There will be a range of options with regard to the size and cost of accommodations and also with regard to meal plans. More detailed information will be supplied to applicants. The town is a genuine medieval university town—one of the few left. The university lies in the heart of the town, and both the ocean and distant hills are easily in view. It is a beautiful place to live.

**Extra Costs to the Students:**

Costs above tuition are estimated at approximately $850 for (round-trip) travel to St. Andrews, and then room and board costs at St. Andrews. One can fly to Glasgow and then travel by coach or train to St.
Andrews, or fly to London, then to Edinburgh. The University operates a bus that meets students at the Edinburgh airport. The travel plans to and from St. Andrews will be determined after group selection has been made.

**Calendar and Deadlines:**
In 2005 the spring semester at St. Andrews begins in early February and ends in late May. There is a two-week break from late March through early April, during the first few days of which the study group will travel to Oxford and Cambridge.

The deadline for applications is November 17, 2003. Applications are available from either the Off-Campus Study office or the Department of Philosophy and Religion in Hascall Hall. Completed applications should be submitted to Jeanie Newlun, Departmental Assistant, in the Philosophy and Religion Department. Students seeking more information should contact the Study Group Director, David McCabe in Hascall Hall 204, at 228-7689, or by email at dmccabe@mail.colgate.edu.