Study Away with Middlebury in Monterey, California

Want to make a difference in the world, study with globally renowned experts, have paid on-the-job training opportunities, and shorten your future master’s degree program by up to one year?

Spend a fall or spring semester at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS) learning how to stop the spread of weapons of mass destruction and prevent terrorism.

Who is eligible?
All Middlebury College sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to Study Away as part of the Non-proliferation and Terrorism Studies (NPTS) program at MIIS. Students studying subjects as diverse as the social sciences, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science, geology, geography, foreign languages, and film and media studies all possess skills applicable to NPTS.

What kind of course work is available?
Study Away students are eligible to take all of the same courses as MIIS graduate students, including more than 50 classes on nonproliferation; terrorism studies; cybersecurity; science and technology; money laundering and terrorism financing; nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons; and new tools and technologies. Each fall, the director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS), Dr. William Potter, offers a popular arms control treaty negotiation simulation. Numerous foreign language courses are also available.

How will spending a semester in Monterey give me career-relevant opportunities?
CNS will select at least five undergraduates each semester as paid, part-time research assistants (RAs). RAs work alongside globally renowned experts, gaining valuable professional skills and a competitive edge in their future endeavors.

Participants interested in terrorism

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studies may apply to work for Dr. Orion Lewis on the Special Operations Research Database (SORD), part of MIIS’s Center on Terrorism, Extremism, and Counterterrorism (CTEC).

What other unique opportunities will I have in Monterey?
All NPTS students benefit from unique high-level networking and mentoring opportunities. CNS hosts frequent seminars featuring visiting diplomats, heads of international organizations, government officials, and nongovernmental experts. Study Away students and alumni will also be eligible to apply for a limited number of funded opportunities to participate in Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty meetings, which are held at the United Nations in New York City.

Would completing this program make me eligible for a shortened MA?
Yes! Spending one semester with NPTS will make you eligible for either accelerated or advanced entry into the two-year MANPTS program, depending on your other undergraduate course work. Studying in Monterey for one semester will therefore reduce your time and tuition toward an MA by between one and two full semesters. Additionally, you will be automatically eligible for a partial scholarship toward your MA at MIIS.

What kinds of jobs do NPTS students do following graduation?
Our graduates pursue careers across a wide range of sectors, all dedicated to making the world a safer place. Nearly ninety percent are working within one year of graduation. Some work for national governments, while others work for international organizations such as the United Nations or INTERPOL. Many alumni work for think tanks or private-sector companies. Thanks to cutting-edge course work and on-the-job training, NPTS graduates are increasingly moving into even more diverse fields, such as 3-D modeling, animation, and video production.

What are the deadlines and how do I apply?
• For more information on logistics, please see go.middlebury.edu/studyaway. For CNS information, visit nonproliferation.org.
• Applications for spring 2020 are due November 30, 2019.
• The priority deadline for fall 2020 and spring 2021 is February 1, 2020.
• Please contact Susan Parsons at sparsons@middlebury.edu.