

IPSL Graduate Programs

Master of Arts in International Development & Service

Master of Arts in Community Organizing & Social Activism

To meet today's growing demand for diverse perspectives and leaders who can navigate complex partnerships, IPSL Institute for Global Learning offers these graduate programs, which are interdisciplinary and require both significant hands-on service-learning and international study activities. Drawing from the fields of international development, global nonprofit management, global health, international education, human rights/social justice, sustainability, and global studies, these degrees educate leaders for professional careers with NGOs, educational, and community development organizations with an international and/or diversity focus.

The Master of Arts in International Development & Service (IDS) and the Master of Arts in Community Organizing & Social Activism (COSA) programs are 13-month graduate degree programs that incorporate multinational, multi-institutional collaborations between IPSL Institute for Global Learning-Portland, OR, and our partner communities in Peru, Colombia, Tanzania, and Vietnam. Both programs combine rigorous interdisciplinary graduate-level study with hands-on volunteer service. Originally launched in 1994, these theory-to-practice, experiential learning graduate pro-



grams are designed to prepare leaders who serve others through careers with global nonprofits, educational institutions, B-Corps, and community development organizations. Through study and professional development in the U.S. and abroad as well as service-learning placements with community organizations around the world, IPSL graduate students build a global, professional network throughout their program, helping them to secure career-track positions within their field following graduation.

Visit www.ipsl.org/graduate-education-abroad for more information!

IPSL Institute for Global Learning SOCIALLY-ENGAGED STUDY ABROAD



Program Sequencing for Fall Starts											
September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
2-week Residency (Portland, Oregon)	1st Term Abroad			Break	2nd Term Abroad			Break	3rd Term Abroad		1-week Re-Entry (Portland, Oregon)

Program Sequencing for Spring Starts												
January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
2-week Residency (Portland, Oregon)	1st Term Abroad			Break	2nd Term Abroad		Break	3rd Term Abroad			Break	1 week Re-Entry (Portland, Oregon)

Program Sequencing for Summer Starts												
May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
2-week Residency (Portland, Oregon)	1st Term Abroad		Break	2nd Term Abroad			Break	3rd Term Abroad			Break	1 week Re-Entry (Portland, Oregon)

STUDY ABROAD + SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS

IPSL programs blend academic studies abroad with ethical volunteer service to promote principled engagement, social justice and peace.





What will I learn?

IPSL's service-learning programs blend traditional academic learning with hands-on, ethical service. In most cases, the service opportunities are directly related to the courses we offer. IPSL students receive an official transcript for their academic work abroad. Academic offerings abroad range from environmental studies, culture and language, sociology, and global studies, to animal science, sustainable development, biology, and agribusiness, among others. Regardless of a student's major, IPSL has a program that will fit.

IPSL is officially recognized and legally authorized to offer academic credit, issue official transcripts, and confer degrees through the Master's level following a determination that Oregon State Higher Education academic standards are satisfied under OAR 583-030. Credit is awarded for demonstrated learning and evaluated by credentialed faculty at IPSL and our partner institutions abroad. Upon successful program completion, participants receive an official academic transcript.



"This program was so much better than I could have imagined. I truly felt like I was immersed and accepted into this new culture and I have a whole new appreciation and respect for what organizations do and how they are run."

Nikki R., IPSL Tanzania

What's the volunteer service like?

Students serve with IPSL partner organizations abroad in an effort to support their community development goals. These partner organizations offer a multitude of opportunities for students to engage in a sustainable and ethical manner.

IPSL's service-learning reflection course is called "COSA – Community Organizing and Social Activism," which is an academic program created and facilitated by IPSL, designed to give globally minded students a foundation in the history and key practices of community building and civic engagement worldwide, from domestic and international volunteerism, to community organizing, to grassroots social movements and activism.

Similar to traditional international service-learning programs, IPSL students engage as partners in direct service with community-based organizations in their country of service. However, one of the many things that makes the IPSL COSA program unique is that they also enroll in complementary online and in-country coursework designed to provide them with a thorough understanding of and context for their service and future advocacy. Classes cover topics ranging from local infrastructures for social change (non-governmental entities, social movements, etc.) to effective practices for leading and participating as a community organizer or activist. Students learn from and reflect on their in-country experiences, ultimately preparing them to become civic leaders upon their return home, addressing needs in their own communities using global, multi-cultural tools and practices.

Who We Are...and What We Do

IPSL engages students, educators, and grassroots organizations around the world in hands-on service to promote equitable relationships, social justice, sustainable change, and a commitment to our shared humanity.

Advocacy Research Program

IPSL provides undergraduate and graduate students with opportunities to conduct, present and publish original Advocacy Research with the goal of benefitting the organizations they are serving while at the same time honing their research skills. Students engage with a research-based solution in a real-world context and they are guided through the IPSL IRB (Institutional Review Board) process and provided with full in-country support. Advocacy Research benefits the student and the community organization and speaks to the heart of IPSL's mission.

Nonprofit and Individual Research Review Services

IPSL International IRB (a legally constituted research review board), is dedicated to facilitating student research as well as creating an affordable, accessible human subject review board for individual researchers and low resource nonprofits both here and abroad. Please inquire at irb@ipsl.org about these services.

Faculty-Led/Customized Programs

For U.S. faculty, who want to arrange study-travel programs, IPSL, in collaboration with partner institutions, has created a broad range of faculty-led programs at our international program locations. IPSL assists with curriculum development and with cross-faculty collaboration between U.S. and partner faculty abroad. Examples include...

- Women in STEM/Breast Cancer Research in PERU (10 days)
- Spanish Language/Afro-Caribbean Studies in COLOMBIA (10 days)
- Global Health and Nursing in TANZANIA (3 weeks)
- Infectious Tropical Diseases in COLOMBIA (10 days)

Benefits include:

- Logistics Planning (Itinerary, Budget, Insurance, etc.)
- Assistance with Curriculum Development
- NGO / Nonprofit relationships on the ground
- Infrastructure on which to scaffold your own program
- Flexible program durations and locations
- Connecting with communities that are open and eager to work with you for the common good

IPSL Students Are:

- Curious
- Passionate about Social Justice
- Open-Minded and Flexible
- Adventurous and Independent
- Resilient and Self-Motivated

Benefits of an IPSL Program

- Gain global work experience
- Serve others ethically
- Take courses abroad for credit
- Learn outside the box
- Improve foreign language skills
- Conduct original research
- Travel and make new friends

Why IPSL?

IPSL is the founder of international service-learning programs. IPSL participants are ambassadors, students and teachers all at the same time. The studies are rigorous; the service is substantive and ethical. By integrating formal study with service to the local community in an intercultural/international setting, participants find their learning takes on greater depth and meaning, and that they gain highly valuable, transferable skills while becoming more globally conscious, aware and responsive to the needs of others.

Programs Include:

- Academic coursework for credit
- Volunteer placements & oversight
- Room and partial board
- Academic excursions/activities
- Full professional research support before, during and after your program
- Emergency medical insurance
- IPSL team support