

A PROPOSAL FOR A FOREIGN STUDY PROGRAM IN COMPARATIVE EDUCATION

It is proposed that Otterbein College offer a program in comparative education to develop and extend the experiences of prospective teachers. It would provide through direct experience an opportunity to expand their concept of education, social culture, and inter-cultural relationships.

Sierra Leone, West Africa, was chosen for the pilot project because of its close ties with Otterbein College and the opportunity it affords students to analyze the role of education in economic, political and social change in developing nations. The proposed study program has been approved by the Ministry of Education and other educational leaders of Sierra Leone.

The program, which is planned for the winter term of the student's junior year, would provide four courses of credit. Three courses in Special Problems would be complete in Sierra Leone. One course would continue through the year with the first one-half in the Fall term used as an orientation to foreign study and the last one-half in the spring used for summary and evaluation. Three courses of research and practicum would be taken in the winter term in Sierra Leone. The work done in Sierra Leone would be directed by the Otterbein College Faculty member who would accompany the group of fifteen students.

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Elementary or secondary education candidates may participate in group studies of comparative education in Sierra Leone.

2. Education - (pg. 61 of 1968-69 catalog) "Foreign Study in Comparative Education."

Qualified elementary or secondary teacher education candidates may participate in group studies of comparative education in Sierra Leone, West Africa during one term of their junior year. Details of the program are available in the Education office.

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