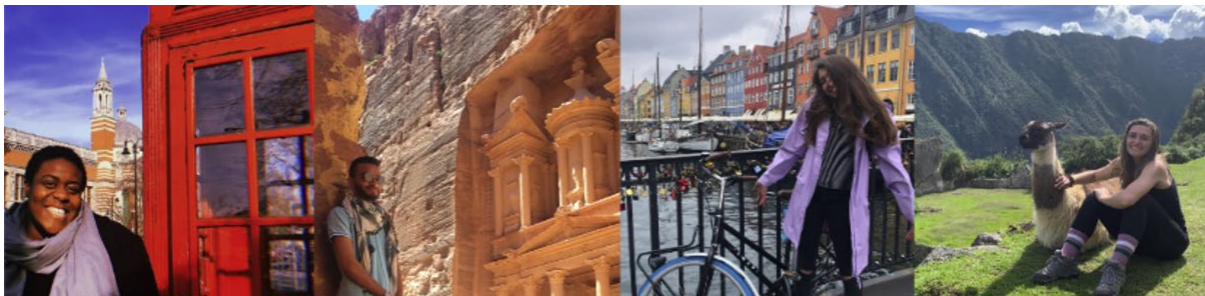

Study Abroad Newsletter - November Edition



Keeping you up to date and connected with our office and the world!



WHAT'S NEW IN *Study Abroad?*



**LOOKING AHEAD: FALL,
SUMMER & ACADEMIC YEAR
2021**



The OSA certainly shares in your disappointment regarding the recent extension of the GW-affiliated travel suspension resulting in the cancellation of Study Abroad this upcoming Spring. However, we continue to look ahead with optimism and excitement for possibilities later in 2021. The Application Cycle for Fall, Summer, and Academic Year 2021 will open in mid-December. There is still much to look forward to and plan for! Start researching programs now!

Research Program Options

GLOBAL BACHELOR'S PROGRAM 2021 APPS OPENING NOVEMBER 15

Are you a First Year student looking to make study abroad a central part of your undergraduate degree? Then the Global Bachelor's Program is the program for you. You will have the opportunity to integrate three international experiences into your GW education and welcome diverse perspectives into your degree plan. Applications for the 2021 cohort for both the Belfast and Shanghai tracks open November 15th in GW Passport. Don't miss out!



Find out why GBP is right for you

VIRTUAL STUDY ABROAD ADVISING CONTINUES

Even with virtual instruction continuing, our advising team continues to be available for student meetings and appointments. We welcome you to meet with us to discuss your future semester plans and how to make study abroad work for you! Interested in having an advisor meet with your student organization, club or



group? Set up a virtual meeting with your study abroad advisor or one of our peer advisors, or visit our advisors virtual offices for resources and information!

OSA Advising Services

STUDY ABROAD PEER ADVISORS (SAPAs)

In addition to our full-time advising team, our office also offers peer-to-peer advising. This is a great way to learn what the study abroad experience is really like from the student perspective! Each year, we have a new group of high-achieving and outgoing study abroad alumni volunteers who are trained to help newly interested students with the study abroad process. Get to know what studying abroad is really like from students who have gone through the process themselves!

You can schedule virtual appointments on our website to meet with a SAPA and discuss the study abroad experience and steps to study abroad!



Meet with a SAPA

FRANCE ON CAMPUS AWARDS

The France on Campus Awards are aimed at American student organizations eager to produce creative France-related projects on their campus while introducing new audiences to French culture (not limited to student organizations with pre-existing ties to France). Projects can explore all fields, including (but not limited to) French language, visual arts, design, cinema, music, performance, food, journalism, publishing, history, science, or technology. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and increase in remote



learning, online initiatives are strongly encouraged. The Cultural Services of the French Embassy will select three winners, who will receive the following grants to implement their projects: 1st place winner

\$2,000; 2nd place winner \$1,000; 3rd place winner \$500. In addition, winners will be offered annual subscriptions to TV5 Monde, the premier source for French TV programming in the United States.

GW students last won this contest in the 2015-2016 academic year for their project on The Franco-US Wine Connection: How Data Tells the Story of Integration.

The call for projects is open until November 4, 2020.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP (CLS) DEADLINE APPROACHING

CLS is a summer study abroad opportunity for American college and university students to learn languages essential to America's engagement with the world. This program is independent of GW Study Abroad opportunities but is an excellent opportunity for students to pursue cultural and language exchange.

Applications are open now for Summer 2021 and are due by November 17 at 8pm EST.



[Learn More and Apply](#)

**ONLINE SPRING 2021
INCOMING EXCHANGE**



**WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME
YOU TO GW IN THE FUTURE!**

PROGRAM

GW is pleased to offer a virtual or online exchange program for incoming international exchange students. This program is targeted at students who were nominated by their foreign institution to study at GW in the Spring of 2021. We understand that some students may not be able to physically join us in DC, so we are looking forward to offering a virtual option. Please contact the Exchange Team (exchange@gwu.edu) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All OSA events for the Fall 2020 semester will be virtual, WebEx events. Register to any of the below events AND MORE with the link below.

[View all & Register for the November Events](#)



International
Education
Week

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK EVENTS

The Office for Study Abroad and the International Services Office are proud to join educational institutions and organizations around the world to celebrate International Education Week (IEW) 2020, an initiative developed by the U.S. State Department to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide! The OSA and iSO will be commemorating this celebration through an [International Art Showcase](#) featuring GW's diverse international community, a [Photo Contest](#), and "[Being Black Abroad](#)" webinar hosted by the Young Black Professionals in International Affairs student org. More information on these events coming soon! Stay tuned!

Date: Monday, November 16 - Friday, November 20, 2020

Time: TBD, keep an eye out for future emails

Learn More about the International Art Showcase

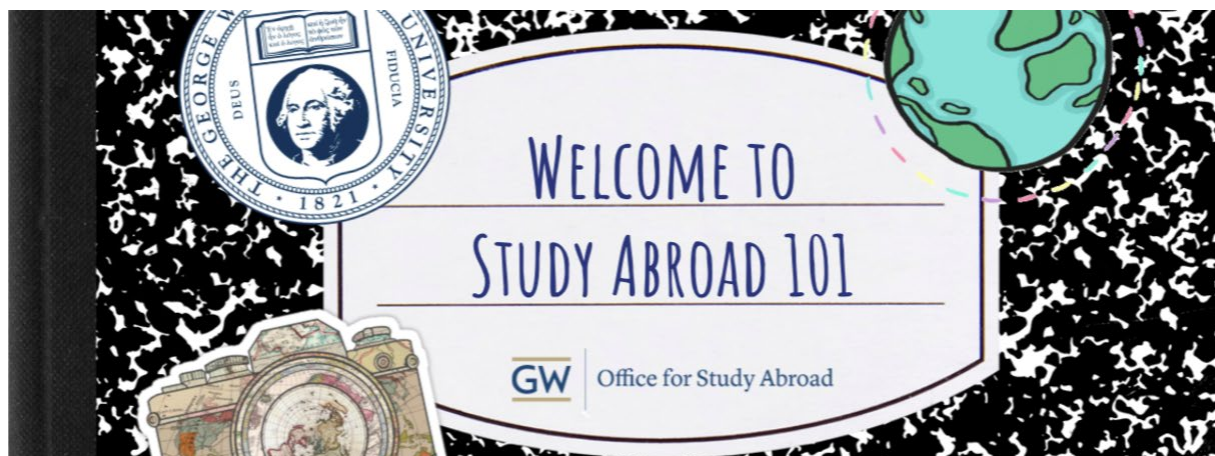


GW ENGLAND - OXFORD/CAMBRIDGE INFO SESSIONS

GW England offers the opportunity for highly motivated students to study abroad at Oxford University or the University of Cambridge as a fully enrolled student. Come learn about our partnerships with Pembroke College, Oxford and St. Anne's College, Oxford and Pembroke College, Cambridge. Your "Harry Potter" dreams could be just around the corner! Applications for next year are already open! [RSVP with the WebEx link above.](#)

Date: Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 (Oxford) & November 17th, 2020 (Cambridge)

Time: 5:00 - 6:00PM EST



STUDY ABROAD 101 INFO SESSION

Join us for our final Fall edition of our Study Abroad 101 info sessions. Learn all the ins and outs of studying abroad -- the application process, financing opportunities, transferring credits, and

more! If you're interested in studying abroad, this session is a must! [RSVP with the WebEx link above.](#)

Date: Wednesday, November 11th, 2020

Time: 2:00 - 3:00PM EST

MARKETING *Study Abroad*



TIP FOR LEVERAGING YOUR EXPERIENCE ABROAD

For all our returnee students, you may wonder how you are going to communicate and translate your experience abroad for the purpose of upcoming job applications or interviews. Here is one tip for leveraging your experience to put your

best foot forward in your career path:

Think about the jobs you're interested in and what companies you'd like to potentially work for. Use this time to do some research into the skills and qualities they value or seek in employees. Make a list of those skills. In a separate column, think about stories from your time abroad. Think things like - when you overcame a challenge, were confronted with something unfamiliar and new, felt out of your comfort zone, etc. Consider how you reacted to or handled those experiences and how that can relate to the skills you've listed in your first column. Go through and match each required/desired skill with your own personal story. Refine these stories for elevator pitches and interview responses to show a real world example of your skills in practice!

Interested in hearing more? Watch our Marketing Study Abroad session

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Showcasing the very best in OSA-approved programs and study abroad scholarship programs

GW PARIS - FALL BUSINESS PROGRAM

"Being independent is a basic trait that I could not attest to being until I studied abroad. I am of Ethiopian origin and I have lived in

Washington DC my whole life. Outside of North America, the only place I have visited is Ethiopia. Growing up, I was never required to be independent. My primary responsibility was to do well in school. When it came time to pick a college, my parents were adamant about me staying close to home. It didn't come as a surprise that I ended up staying in DC for college. When I brought up the opportunity of studying abroad, I was initially met with disapproval, but I was able to convince my parents. I was away from my family for the first time in my life. It turned out to be one of the best decisions of my life. I experienced new cultures, met new people, and learned to speak a foreign language. It gave me the opportunity for self-growth and the chance to make my own mistakes and learn from them. Most importantly, I learned to be independent and self-reliant. Merci Paris! "



Adel Hassen, Business Analytics & International Business '20

GW Paris - Fall Business Program Early Decision Applications are now open in GW Passport for Fall 2021. Don't miss out on this opportunity to gain independence and experience new cultures!

[Apply Now in GW Passport](#)

STAFF & RETURNEE SPOTLIGHT

TYLER KINSLOW PROGRAM ASSISTANT, GW STUDY PROGRAMS

Meet Tyler! Tyler helps manage the GW Study Programs in Chile, England, France and Spain. She acts as students' main point of contact if they are interested in any of these programs regardless of what school you are in. Tyler can tell you the ins and outs of everything GW Study Programs! She is available to help guide students through the GW application process, the partner university application, the visa process and



preparation and beyond! In her own time as a student, Tyler studied abroad in Spain and Mexico and did a service trip in Honduras.

Meet Tyler

MISSED PAST EVENTS?

No worries! We recorded everything for you! Watch any session you were interested in with the link below!

Study Abroad Fair 2020 Recordings

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