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

WHAT'S NEW IN *Study Abroad?*

VOLUNTEER TO HELP REFUGEES WITH THE RESETTLEMENT PROCESS

Washington English Center (WEC), a DC-based nonprofit organization, is looking for volunteers to teach English to immigrants and refugees! Join the WEC community of over 350 volunteers to teach either online or in person in downtown DC. No prior experience is required, as you will be paired with a co-teacher and receive support from WEC staff. You can also sign up to be an online conversation or writing tutor. WEC serves several hundred adult language learners, including many recently resettled refugees from Afghanistan. As a WEC volunteer, you'll have the opportunity to be exposed to new cultures, attend free teacher trainings, and meet like minded people at volunteer socials throughout the term.

Group classes start April 18, but tutoring sessions happen on a rolling basis. Check out WEC's flier for more information.

Registration is also open and available to anyone who wants to learn and improve their English! To apply, please do so here. WEC offers scholarships to any student in need.

For more information about the programs, please visit www.washingtonenglish.org/volunteers/ or contact the Volunteer Manager, Yaritza Abrego at yabrego@washingtonenglish.org. WEC looks forward to hearing from you!

Sign Up to Volunteer

BRUSH UP ON YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS WITH ESIA'S LANGUAGE LUNCHES

The Elliott School Office of Graduate Student Services invites all GW students, faculty, and staff to attend Language Lunch. Language Lunch, offered Fridays from 12:00-1:00 p.m., allows language speakers to have a safe space in which they can practice their foreign language communication skills.

The events are usually hybrid with different language groups being offered in-person versus online. The in-person groups will meet in the 6th-floor Graduate Student Lounge in the Elliott School and the virtual groups will meet over Zoom. For more information, reach out to the ESIA Graduate Student Services at esiagss@gwu.edu.

Interested in joining for the next upcoming lunch on Friday, April 8th? :
This week, the In-person Language Groups are Arabic, French, German, Hebrew, Persian, Russian, and Turkish. The Virtual Language Groups are Chinese, English, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Register for Language Lunches on Handshake

JOIN THE GILMAN CLIMATE LEADERS VIRTUAL SEMINAR SERIES

The Gilman Climate Leaders Virtual Seminar Series will consist of eight *ninety-minute* live virtual seminars, with one seminar per week. The series will be presented by Duke University's Energy Initiative and Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions and funded by the U.S. Department of State's Gilman Program.

The goal of this interdisciplinary series is to enhance attendees' understanding of the climate crisis through a foreign policy lens, including its social, political, and economic impacts, with an eye towards environmental sustainability from the extensive expertise of speakers from Duke University and other institutions, who have a wide range of professional and academic experience. Attendees will also be provided with tools and resources to advocate for more sustainable practices and policies within their local communities. There is no fee to attend these seminars and one may attend the entire series or individual events. Events will also be recorded and shared with registrants.

The webinars will be held via Zoom, weekly from March 24-May 12, 2022.

Attendees may attend the entire series, or individual events.

Register and Check out More Information

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

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

GW EXCHANGE - REICHMAN UNIVERSITY

Located just six miles outside Tel Aviv and on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, Reichman University offers students an exciting opportunity to engage with Israeli culture and take coursework in English with local, international, and American students. The Raphael Recanati International School offers courses in a wide array of subjects including business, government and international affairs, communications, psychology, and entrepreneurship.

There are countless ways at Reichman to join in, do something and make a difference. Through the Social & Cultural Affairs department, you will discover endless opportunities to explore Israel, acculturate to life at Reichman University and in the local community, meet new people and contribute to the world around you. Join (or run!) a club, watch (or start!) in performances, give back (or organize!) via community service - and most importantly, make friends and memories that will last a lifetime.

As the city of Tel Aviv is only a bus ride away, take advantage of opportunity by exploring the city and all of its offerings! With the city's beautiful beaches, diverse cultural scene, top-notch cuisine, and vibrant nightlife, there's always something to see and do.

Interested in applying for Fall 2022 or Academic Year 2022-2023? Don't wait! Applications are due in GW Passport on April 20, 2021.

Learn More & Apply Now before 4/20

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events this spring 2022 semester will be a combination of virtual, WebEx events, and in-person events. Check out the links below to view all events and register for online events (registration required).

Check out the Events this Spring

- APRIL EVENTS -

FALL/AY 2022 PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION

A reminder to our Fall/AY 2022 applications - PDO is just around the corner on 4/12! PDO is a mandatory event held by the Office for Study Abroad for all students planning on studying abroad next semester. The purpose of this event is to provide students with necessary information to help prepare for their upcoming semester or year abroad! This one day event is comprised of multiple sessions providing a framework to help students understand the diverse cultures and communities they will be entering while also addressing logistical concerns needed to ensure a smooth transition abroad. This semester, Pre-Departure Orientation for Fall and Academic Year 2022 participants will held In-Person on:

Tuesday, April 12
4pm - 6:30pm
Grand Ballroom, University Student Center

Fall/AY 22 Applicants - Don't Forget to RSVP

GW CATS & TRANSFER CREDIT PROCESS MAKEUP SESSIONS

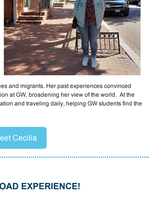
If you have yet to complete the required GW CATS/Transfer Credit session as part of your application to study abroad, you must attend one of our makeup sessions which will be held twice a week with only 2 left! Tuesday, April 5th session will be held in the University Student Center Room 308 and Wednesday, April 6th session will be held in the University Student Center Room 307. You do not need to RSVP to these sessions. We will take attendance there. Reminder for GBP students, if you are planning on studying abroad with the Belfast cohort, you can attend these sessions but a subsequent GBP-specific CATS session will be offered later (details to come) and if you are planning on participating in the Spring 2023 cohort, you will need to attend a CATS session in the Fall 2022 semester.

- Tuesdays from 4-5pm (4/5)
- Wednesdays 4-5pm (4/6)

STAFF & RETURNEE SPOTLIGHT

MEET CECILIA BONAZZI

RESOURCE ROOM GRADUATE ASSISTANT



Cecilia serves as a graduate assistant and express advisor in the Office for Study Abroad. During her undergraduate studies at Brera Academy of Fine Arts in Milan, Italy, Cecilia studied abroad in Leeds, United Kingdom, where she spent her second year studying Museum Studies. Later on, in her second bachelor at Università Bococca in Milan, Italy, Cecilia had the chance to study in Lithuania, gaining knowledge of the local education system and the recent educational reforms. Since 2020, Cecilia volunteers with an NGO based in Athens, Greece, providing non-formal education to refugees and migrants. Her past experiences convinced Cecilia of the importance of studying International Education at GW, broadening her view of the world. At the Study Abroad Office, Cecilia applies her passion for education and traveling daily, helping GW students find the study abroad program that best suits them.

Stop by & Meet Cecilia

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