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# 🗐 WHAT'S NEW IN Study Abroad? 🛪





#### **REMINDERS AND UPDATES ON** SPRING 2022 STUDY ABROAD REGISTRATION

We have now reached the commitment deadline (December 1) for students planning to study abroad next semester!

We won't be initiating the registration process for another week or so which allows students to briefly remain enrolled in GW courses as a contingency plan. When we are prepared to begin registration, you will receive an email from our office indicating that registration will be beginning, allowing you a final opportunity to withdraw without penalty from our

office. As a reminder, after registration, any GW courses you may have enrolled in will be dropped, your bill will be updated to reflect proper study abroad cost and fees, and our \$575 withdrawal fee will be in effect for any late withdrawals. We want to continue to remind you, as we have throughout the semester, that there are inherent risks associated with studying abroad in the ongoing pandemic and students are encouraged to take this time before registration to evaluate their own risk tolerance levels and determine if studying abroad this Spring is right for them. If you determine that you would like to withdraw or defer your program to Fall, please reach out to your Study Abroad Advisor for assistance.

We look forward to continuing to work with you throughout the final stages of the pre-departure process!

Additional Reminders on the Steps to Study Abroad

Brush up on our Policies

#### FALL/ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 **GW EXCHANGE & STUDY PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN DECEMBER 15**

Interested in studying abroad next year?

OSA is excited to announce that applications for Fall and Academic Year 2022 GW Exchange and GW Study Programs will be opening on December 15th! Provider Program applications will open early in the new year.

We encourage you to apply early as many of our Exchanges and Study Programs have early deadlines starting as early as January! We have many amazing



opportunities to explore for next Fall -- make sure you've checked out all the options to find one that will fit best with your academic, professional and personal goals!

Learn More about our GW Study Programs



### **GLOBAL BACHELOR'S ACADEMIC YEAR 2022** APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Are you a first year student interested in making study abroad and global perspectives an integral part of your college education ? The Global Bachelor's Program may be for you!

Don't already know about the Global Bachelor's Program ?! This is the Office for Study Abroad's and GW's signature program available exclusively to first year applicants that gives a group of roughly 60 students annually the opportunity to incorporate three international experiences (2 semesters of study

abroad + int'l internship or 3 semesters abroad) into their college 4-year plan! Students begin their journey in one of our two cohort locations - Belfast, NI or Shanghai, China - and continue their studies all around the world gaining intercultural competencies and broadening their perspectives on the world and their field of study!

Applications are now open for the upcoming Academic Year 2022 cohorts! Don't let an amazing opportunity like this pass you by!

Apply Now on GW Passport

#### FUND FOR EDUCATION ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP **ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS -**SUMMER, FALL, AY 2022

The Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) is a non-profit organization which acts as an independent scholarship provider helping American college students study abroad. By applying, via a single application, to the Fund for Education Abroad, you may be considered for multiple different FEA Access Partner scholarships for which you meet the criteria. You could be awarded up to \$5,000 for a semester abroad.

To be eligible, you must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident enrolled at a U.S. undergraduate institution and

planning to participate in a 4 week or longer study abroad program in the Summer, Fall or Academic Year 2022 terms for which you will receive home institution credit. Applicants from groups underrepresented in study abroad are given preference, in an effort to make the demographics of U.S. undergraduates studying abroad reflect the rich diversity of the U.S. population. However, all students are welcome to apply!

Applications close EARLY on January 12, 2022 at 12pm EST so we encourage you to apply early! This is an amazing scholarship opportunity that you do not want to miss out on! FEA is now accepting applications

Apply Now with FEA



#### CIEE ACCEPTING FREDERICK **DOUGLASS GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship honors the legacy of the abolitionist and statesman with a fully funded summer study abroad program with CIEE focused on leadership, activism, and cross-cultural understanding. Fellows for this prestigious award will be selected based on their academic achievement, communication skills, commitment to social justice, and demonstrated service to others.

CIEE invite applications from first-, second- or third-year students with a minimum GPA of 3.0 from ethnic

backgrounds typically underrepresented on study abroad programs. As part of CIEE's mission to increase access, all eligible students who submit a qualified application automatically earn a \$1,500 scholarship toward any CIEE summer 2022, fall 2022, or spring 2023 program.

The application is online and due on February 14, Frederick Douglass's birthday.

Check out More Info

## 🛪 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT 💹

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

#### **INTRODUCING NEW COURSES ON GW** MADRID

After more than 25 years teaching in Madrid, GW Madrid Program is ready to confront the 21st Century struggle of finding the best balance between Spanish tradition and higher education in many different new ways. Our first target a couple of years ago was the update of our academic study trips, turning them into more deep experiences in different and "unexpected" regions of the country. Now



we will take another big step forward in academics, in accordance with the concerns of a totally new generation of students as well as with a new era. We are proud to announce that next January we will launch two new courses: "Al-Andalus and Sepharad" and "Female writers in Spanish literature".

#### HIST 3001 - PSC 2993: Al-Andalus and Sepharad (Taught in English)

Al-Andalus is the name given by historians to the Iberian Peninsula under Muslim rule, starting in the 8th century and ending with the surrender of the Nasrid kingdom of Granada in 1492. During that long period of eight centuries, AI-Andalus became Europe's most religiously diverse region with the coexistence of Muslims, Jews and Christians. This particular situation made this region the cradle of European civilization with outstanding cultural, artistic, and scientific progress that enlightened the darkest Europe, and it was vital in allowing the birth of the European Renaissance.

This course aims to review contemporary scholar's approaches to Al-Andalus' different political and historical periods and the role that the Sephardic Jews played in Spain as well as abroad after the expulsion. It offers a critique of 19th century Spanish historiography that rejected the Muslim past while demystifying the utopian vision that can be observed in Arabic sources.

#### SPAN 4600: Female writers in Spanish literature (Taught in Spanish)

This course aims to study and rediscover the presence of female writers throughout the History of Spanish literature, from the Middle Ages up to the present, underlining the different challenges that female authors had to face and the ways they were able to become part of the first league of Spanish writers. The course puts special attention on the specificity of the literature written by women, both in terms of literary factors -style, themes and their treatment- and extra-literary against the work of their male contemporaries. It also includes authors who have broadened and enriched the margins of the canon, proposing alternatives from the gender perspective, homoerotic love, racial diversity or the viewpoint of the exiled and the migrant.

Fall/AY 2022 Applications for GW Madrid Open 12/15



Our Fall 2021 events have concluded for the semester, but we will be announcing our Spring 2022 events very soon! Check out our website below to see the full Spring schedule when it's posted!

Check out the Events this Spring

### WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FOR SPRING EVENTS

- "Everything You Need to Know About Transfer Credit" 4 sessions
- "Funding Fall: Financing Study Abroad" 2 session
- "Study Abroad 101" 2 sessions
- Welcome Back Event for Fall Returnees
- Re-Entry Support: Marketing Study Abroad
- Global Bachelor's Info Sessions and Personal Statement Workshops
- Gilman Scholarship Alumni Panels and Writing Workshops
- & MORE!





#### SETTING YOURSELF UP FOR CAREER SUCCESS DURING YOUR SEMESTER ABROAD

There are many ways you can design your study abroad experience. One consideration to think about is how you choose to interact with your local community. Internships, service-learning projects, volunteering, and research will not only enhance learning while abroad it will also increase your cultural awareness and increase your transferable skills for your future employment or graduate school. Many of GW OSA's partner universities and provider partners provide experiential learning opportunities, and more information on their offerings can be found on their websites. We encourage GW study abroad students to explore these opportunities to see if they will fit into their academic, personal, and professional goals!

Learn more about the different types of experiential learning opportunities available to study abroad students by reading this short blog post by one of our provider partners:

**IFSA Blog on Experiential Learning** 

# 📲 STAFF & RETURNEE SPOTLIGHT 🥔

#### MEET OUR EXPRESS **ADVISOR, JESSE TANSON**

Jesse serves as a graduate assistant and express advisor in the Office for Study Abroad. During his undergraduate studies at the College of William and Mary, Jesse studied abroad in Strasbourg, France where he studied and interned with the Université de Strasbourg's film department. In addition to his experience in Strasbourg, Jesse spent a summer in Paris researching the French hiphop scene for his honor's thesis. After graduating, he spent two years teaching in English in Cavaillon, France through the TAPIF program.



Jesse's initial experience in Strasbourg informed his decision to study international

education at GW. He is interested in working in student mobility and improving access to study abroad opportunities to students from underrepresented communities. During his time at GW, he has been able to further his knowledge of the field.

Studying abroad is an experience that everyone should be able to have and Jesse enjoys talking to GW students to help prepare them for the journey of a lifetime!

Want to chat more with Jesse about the GW study abroad process? Jesse is available in our office on the 5th floor of the University Student Center Mondays-Thursdays 9am-1pm and Fridays 1pm-5pm

Check out all of our Student Workers

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