



Office for Study Abroad presents

Going GLOBAL

~ A Monthly Newsletter ~

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



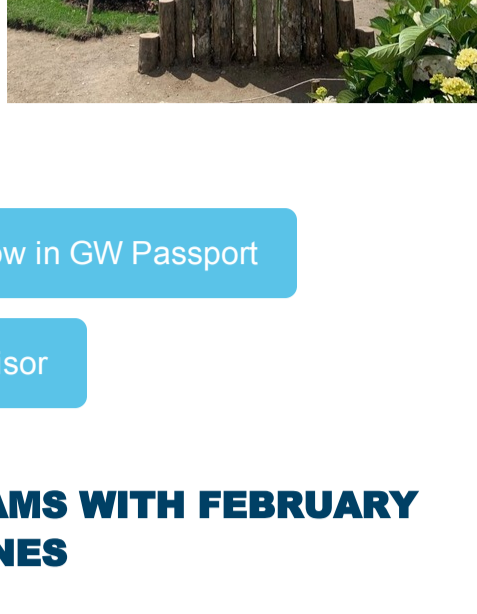
WHAT'S NEW IN Study Abroad?



APPLY TO STUDY ABROAD THIS FALL & ACADEMIC YEAR 2021

Start thinking now about all the amazing opportunities that could be out there for you next academic year! Apply to study abroad this upcoming Fall or year in GW Passport and make it your best semester/year yet! Deadlines vary - check GW Passport for more information!

Our office recommends applying to up to 3 programs to make sure you have ample options! Our advisors are available from 9-5 EST Mondays through Fridays to support you with any questions or advice via email, phone and appointments!



[Search for Programs & Apply Now in GW Passport](#)

[Meet with an Advisor](#)



PROGRAMS WITH FEBRUARY DEADLINES

Some programs have much earlier deadlines and you don't want to miss out on a great opportunity! Check the list below of programs with deadlines *this* month:

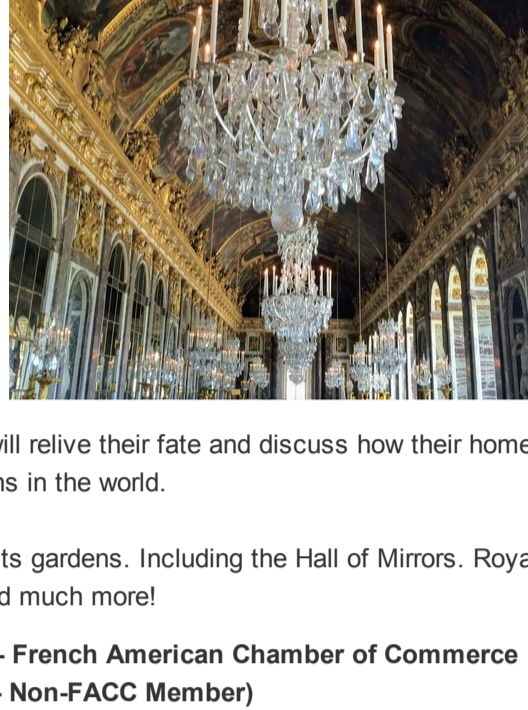
- GW Exchange - Seoul National University - 2/5
- GW Exchange - Akita International University - 2/14
- GW Exchange - Australian National University - 2/14
- GW Exchange - Chinese University of Hong Kong - 2/15
- GW Exchange - University of Leeds - 2/15
- GW Exchange - University of Melbourne - 2/15
- GW Exchange - Deakin University - 2/24

[Learn How to Apply](#)

VIRTUAL GUIDED TOUR OF THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES

Leave the modern world behind as we virtually travel back hundreds of years to the center of French Royalty – at the Palace of Versailles. The palace was the principal royal residence of France from 1682, and lasted through Louis XV at the start of the French Revolution.

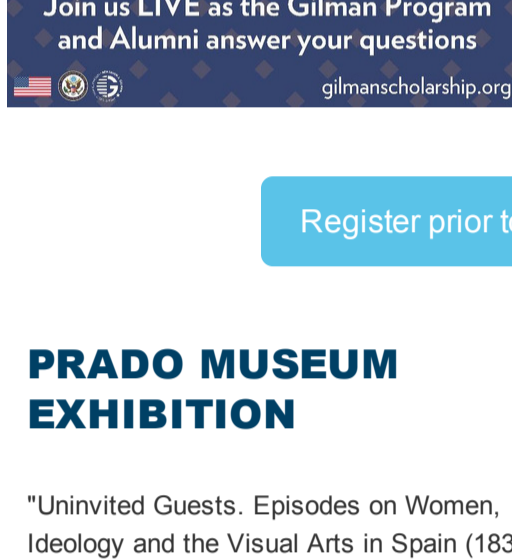
Join our virtual guides as we tour both the history and a modern walkthrough of the palace. We will learn the reigns of France's most respected and infamous kings and queens. We will relive their fate and discuss how their home became one of the most famous tourist attractions in the world.



Then we will do a walkthrough of the palace and its gardens. Including the Hall of Mirrors, Royal Apartments, Royal Chapel, Hall of the Battles and much more!

Thursday, February 4th - 7:30pm EST (\$15 - French American Chamber of Commerce (FACC) Member, \$20 - Non-FACC Member)

[Register to Receive Zoom link](#)



GILMAN ASK ME ANYTHING SESSIONS

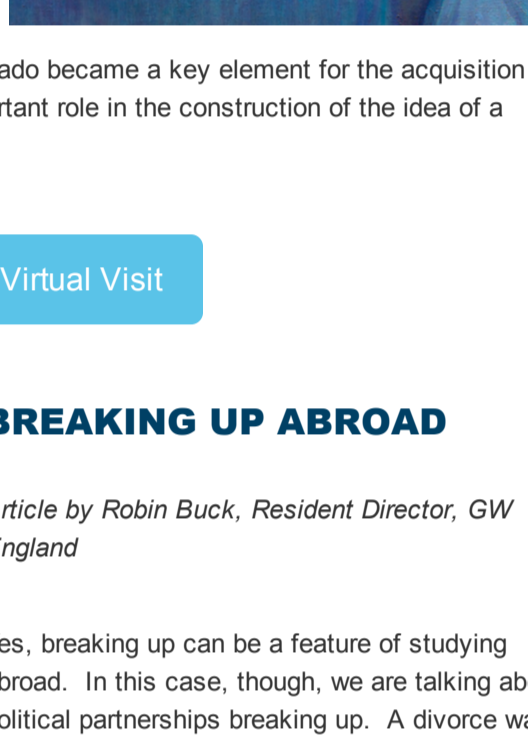
Join @gilman scholarship's weekly Gilman Ask Me Anything (AMA) sessions where applicants, parents, advisors, and others will have the opportunity to hear from alumni on the benefits of being a Gilman Scholar and the impact of their experiences abroad. They will answer all of your questions, big or small. These AMAs are offered at 3pm ET every Friday on @GilmanScholarship's Instagram Live and every Thursday at 3pm on Zoom for the March 2021 Deadline.

[Register prior to Each Thursday Session](#)

PRADO MUSEUM EXHIBITION

"Uninvited Guests. Episodes on Women, Ideology and the Visual Arts in Spain (1833-1931)" Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid.

Uninvited Guests is the first exhibition to be organized by the Museo Nacional del Prado following its reopening. It aims to offer a reflection on the way in which the structures of power defended and disseminated the role of women in society through the visual arts, from the reign of Isabel II to that of her grandson Alfonso XIII. During that period the Museo del Prado became a key element for the acquisition and display of contemporary art, playing an important role in the construction of the idea of a modern Spanish school.



[Link to Free Virtual Visit](#)



BREAKING UP ABROAD

Article by Robin Buck, Resident Director, GW England

Yes, breaking up can be a feature of studying abroad. In this case, though, we are talking about political partnerships breaking up. A divorce was recently completed between the United Kingdom and the European Union, after an 11-month Transition Period (with the UK maintaining all existing protocols, laws, etc.), while being free to strike new trade deals and to establish independent operating procedures and laws). During that period, lengthy negotiations aimed to determine the nature of the relationship after "Brexit," and on December 31 at midnight Brussels time, the UK finally did what has been in the works since 2016: it officially ended its membership in the EU. [Read the full article below.](#)

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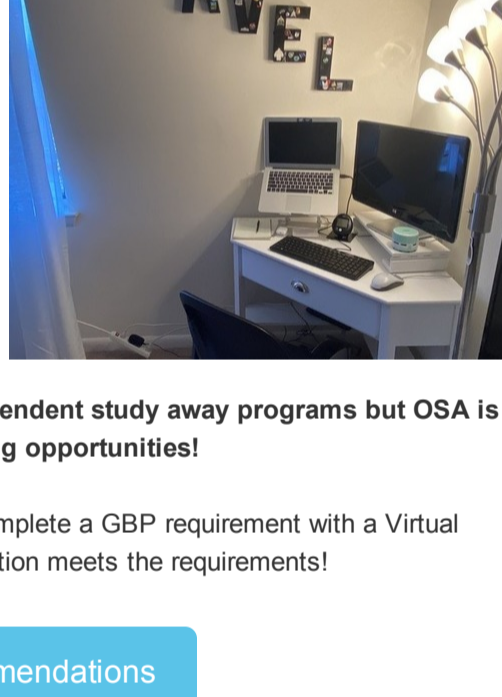
[Interested in the UK? Study Abroad with GW England](#)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Showcasing the very best in approved or recommended programs and study abroad scholarship programs

VIRTUAL SUMMER INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

Can't travel? No worries! The GW Office for Study Abroad has worked with our provider partners to curate a list of recommended programs for virtual international summer internships. Work for an international organization from wherever you are in the world! This is a great opportunity to get real-world experience in your field of study, while improving your intercultural skills, such as cultural awareness and intercultural communication. Just because travel is limited does not mean you can't participate in a global experience, which will help you stand out in the competitive global job market! Check out the link below for OSA's recommendations. **As a reminder, these are independent study away programs but OSA is here to help you navigate and discover potential funding opportunities!**



Are you a Global Bachelor's Program student looking to complete a GBP requirement with a Virtual Internship? Check with [our GBP team](#) to ensure your selection meets the requirements!

[Check out our Recommendations](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

The majority of OSA events for the Spring 2021 semester will be virtual, WebEx events. Register to any of the below events AND MORE with the link below.

[View all & Register to any of our Events](#)

STUDY ABROAD 101 INFO SESSIONS

Join us for our February edition of our Study Abroad 101 info sessions. Learn all the ins and outs of studying for abroad -- the application process, financing opportunities, transferring credits, and more! If you're interested in studying abroad, this session is a must! Additional sessions will be held throughout the Spring semester! RSVP with the WebEx link above.

Date: Thursday, February 11th, Other Dates vary, check the WebEx link above
Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm EST, Other Times vary, check the WebEx link above

GLOBAL BACHELOR'S PROGRAM EVENTS

The GW Global Bachelor's Program is an exciting opportunity to make study abroad a central part of your undergraduate experience. It is designed for motivated first year students in CCAS, ESIA and GWSB to spend multiple semester abroad as part of their GW studies. Join us this month for information sessions hosted by alumni panels and an application essay workshop to learn about the benefits of the program and prepare your application to be the best it can be! RSVP with the link above!

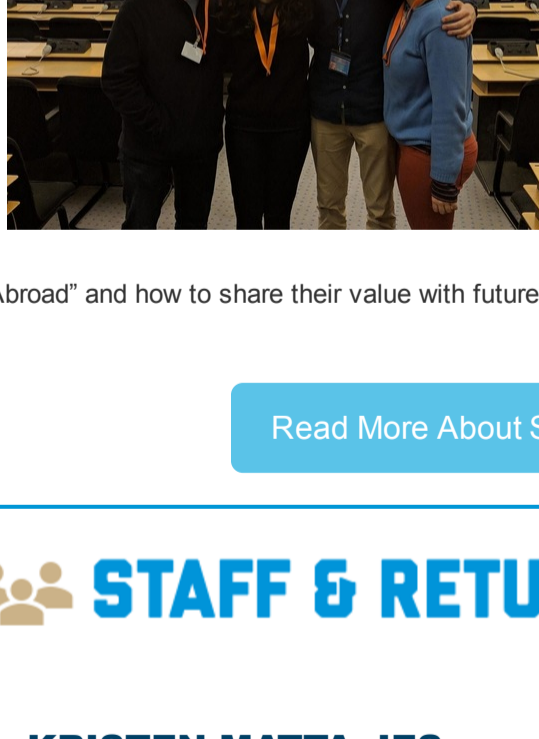
Dates: Personal Statement Writing Workshop - Mon. Feb. 8; CCAS Panel - Tues. Feb 9; GWSB Panel - Tues. Feb. 16; ESIA Panel - Tues. Feb. 23
Time: All GBP events will take place 5:00pm - 6:00pm EST

GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP WRITING WORKSHOP

Are you a Pell Grant Recipient? Don't miss out on your opportunity to be awarded up to \$5,000 for studying abroad with the Gilman Scholarship! Plus - the Office for Study Abroad and the GW Writing Center are here to help you write scholarship application essays that will stand out! Join us for this semester's Gilman Writing Workshop and info session about the two (2) Gilman Scholarship essays. Writing Center representatives will be available to provide guidance on how to write a competitive essay along with tips to make the most of the essay word limit. Register with the link above!

Date: Thursday, February 18th
Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm EST

MARKETING Study Abroad



SOFT SKILLS & STUDY ABROAD

In many ways, studying abroad is far more than what is learned inside a classroom. Returnee students often share that it's the experiences which engage with the local community and culture abroad that provide greater opportunities for personal growth. "Soft skills," such as cultural understanding, perseverance, and creative problem solving are often honed while abroad. Knowing how to articulate these skills as a tool to market your study abroad experience is key in a future job interview or graduate school application. This article from ESL Stories outlines the "23 Soft Skills You Gain from Studying Abroad" and how to share their value with future employers.

[Read More About Soft Skills & Study Abroad](#)

STAFF & RETURNEE SPOTLIGHT

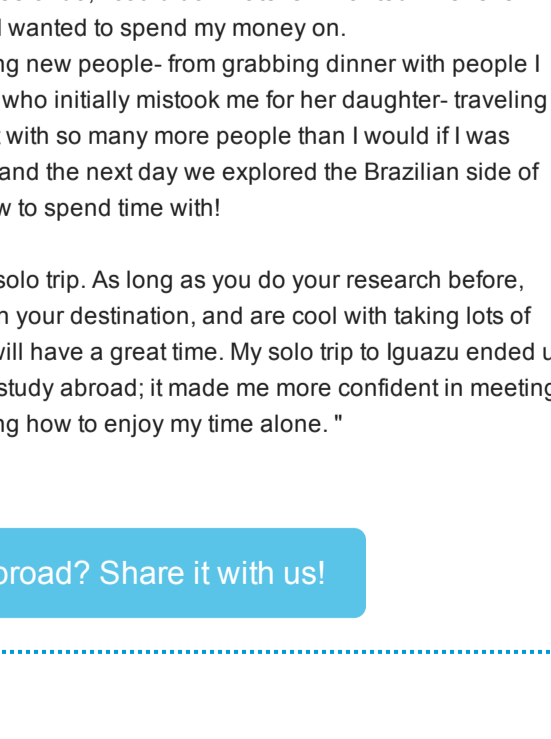
KRISTEN MATTA, IES - BUENOS AIRES, FALL 19

"While I was abroad in Buenos Aires, I decided to go on my first ever solo trip! Well, I initially thought a friend would be joining me, but their plans changed and I had already bought my plane ticket so...it became a solo trip.

I was pretty nervous leading up to it, but once I landed in Iguazu my excitement outweighed any nervousness and I just felt super grateful to be there. During the 5 days I was there, I realized how much I loved traveling alone- you literally get to decide everything about the trip! I didn't have to worry about what anyone else wanted to see or do; I could do whatever I wanted whenever I wanted. I got to decide what I prioritized and what I wanted to spend my money on.

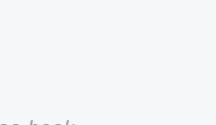
On top of that, I got to spend a lot of my time meeting new people- from grabbing dinner with people I met at the hostel, to going on a hike with a woman who initially mistook me for her daughter- traveling alone gave me an opportunity to meet and interact with so many more people than I would if I was traveling with friends. I made a friend at the hostel and the next day we explored the Brazilian side of the falls together; it was great having someone new to spend time with!

Overall, I would highly encourage anyone to do a solo trip. As long as you do your research before, understand what safely traveling alone looks like in your destination, and are cool with taking lots of selfies (and/or asking strangers for pictures), you will have a great time. My solo trip to Iguazu ended up being one of the most memorable moments of my study abroad; it made me more confident in meeting new people, using my Spanish, and overall learning how to enjoy my time alone."



[Have a Story from Abroad? Share it with us!](#)

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