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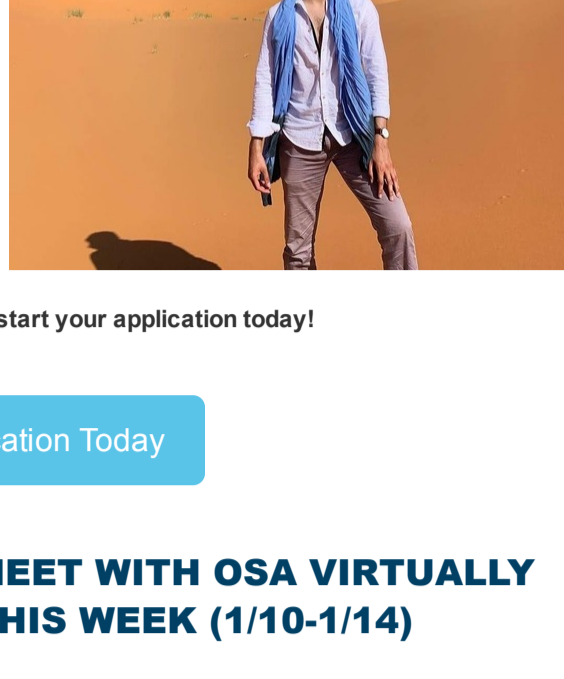
## WHAT'S NEW IN *Study Abroad?*



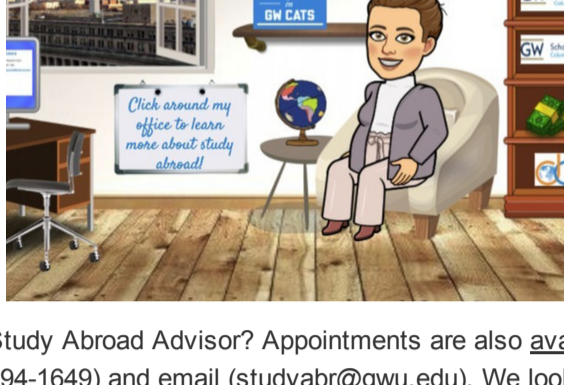
### FALL AND ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 APPLICATIONS TO STUDY ABROAD - NOW OPEN!

What does next year have in store for you? Take your studies global and apply to study abroad next Fall or Academic Year!

Programs are open for applications in GW Passport now, including our Signature Program for first year applicants - the Global Bachelor's Program! Not sure how to begin? Meet with our team (more info below) to get the process started with Study Abroad 101 advising. **Make sure you're paying extra close attention to deadlines as these do vary from program to program with some as early as this month! Don't miss out on the opportunity - start your application today!**



[Start an Application Today](#)



### MEET WITH OSA VIRTUALLY THIS WEEK (1/10-1/14)

The Office for Study Abroad will be operating virtually this week, January 10 - January 14, and will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. **We will reopen and resume in-person services on Tuesday, January 18.**

Looking to meet with us this week? We are holding our express services of Study Abroad 101 advising virtually and by appointment. You can book a time with the link below. Already completed Study Abroad 101 and are looking to meet with your school-specific

Study Abroad Advisor? Appointments are also [available online!](#) We also remain available via phone (202-994-1649) and email ([studyabr@gwu.edu](mailto:studyabr@gwu.edu)). We look forward to working with you this semester!

[Make an Appt for Study Abroad 101 Advising](#)

### PASSPORT GUIDANCE

Passport services continue to experience significant delays. Routine processing is projected to take 8 to 11 weeks.

First-time passport applicants must apply in-person. Applications for passport renewals if your previous passport was issued at the age of 15 or younger must also be conducted in-person.

It is recommended that applicants plan ahead and apply early. Don't let this keep you from studying abroad next semester!

**As a general reminder, to study abroad, passports must be valid for up to 6 months upon the return from your intended study abroad program. If your passport will be expiring before then, start the renewal ASAP!**



[Information on U.S. Passports](#)



### FUND FOR EDUCATION ABROAD DEADLINE APPROACHING

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 are closing soon on January 12, 2022 at 12pm EST!**

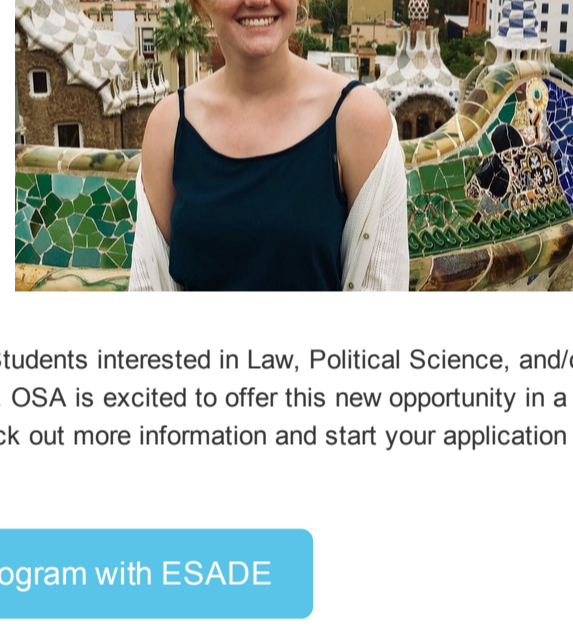
[Don't Miss Out - Apply Today!](#)

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

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

### NEW EXCHANGE OFFERING IN BARCELONA - GW EXCHANGE - ESADE

Located just a couple miles away from the famed Sagrada Familia, ESADE Law School offers undergraduate exchange students the unique opportunity to study law, politics, and economics at one of the leading institutions of its kind in Spain. With a global mission of education, research, and social debate, ESADE's student body is largely international, with coursework taught in both English and Spanish, to provide greater access and to shape global leaders.



The Fall term for this program is primarily in English whereas the Spring term is taught largely in Spanish. Students interested in Law, Political Science, and/or Economics would be great candidates for this program. OSA is excited to offer this new opportunity in a city as famed, exciting and popular as Barcelona! Check out more information and start your application with the link below!

[Check out our New Program with ESADE](#)

## 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](#)

### - JANUARY EVENTS -

#### STUDY ABROAD AT GW - INFO SESSION

Join us for our January edition of our introductory info sessions - Get to Know Study Abroad at GW. This event will allow you to 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 link below.

- [RSVP for January 19th \(4-5pm\)](#)

#### GW CATS & TRANSFER CREDIT INFO SESSIONS

**Note: Attending one of these sessions is required for all Fall/AY 2022 Applicants**

First and foremost, study abroad is an academic experience! You'll want to be preparing for that academic component early and making sure you know how the courses will transfer back to GW! With early planning, you can ensure a seamless experience and continuation of your GW degree. Join us for this in depth session on everything you need to know about the transfer credit process to make your time abroad fit perfectly into your degree plan! We'll be going over how to search for classes on your program, how to submit courses for approval in GW CATs or search for pre-approved courses, and what common missteps to be aware of and avoid in the process.

We will also be joined by representatives from the academic schools at GW to discuss potential next steps required upon return from abroad to ensure your credits transfer correctly! RSVP with the links below.

- [RSVP for January 20th \(4-5pm\)](#)
- [RSVP for January 26th \(3-4pm\)](#)

#### FUNDING FALL: FINANCING STUDY ABROAD

We're diving into all things money! Join us for this session where we'll be going over the chost of study abroad, including the billable and non-billable expenses as well as exploring funding and scholarship opportunities to help you finance your time abroad!

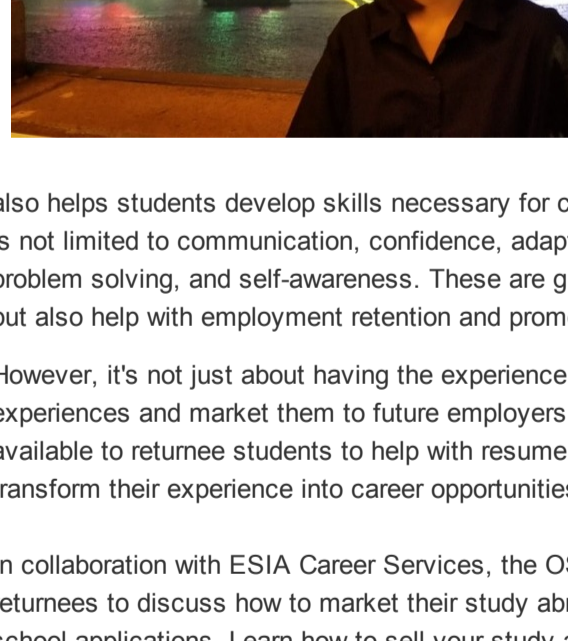
Studying abroad doesn't have to be a huge financial burden and we can help show you how! RSVP with the link below.

- [RSVP for January 25th \(4-5pm\)](#)

#### FALL 2021 RETURNEE EVENTS

Are you a Fall 2021 study abroad returnee? Keep you eye out on your emails as we're planning a Welcome Back Event very soon! Tentatively scheduled for January 27th from 4-5pm. We'll be sending out more details soon!

## MARKETING *Study Abroad*



### UPCOMING MARKETING STUDY ABROAD EVENT WITH OSA

Mark your calendars! - Tuesday, February 8th from 4-5pm EST in District House B206

Living or studying internationally has proved to lead to better job prospects and higher salaries. Students who study abroad gain a competitive edge in the global marketplace and boost their resume for any job field. Still today, only 10% of U.S. students nationwide study abroad. Therefore, this experience truly sets students apart.

Similar to improved employment, this includes but is not limited to communication, confidence, adaptability, intercultural competencies, foreign language, problem solving, and self-awareness. These are great skills that will not only help students get hired, but also help with employment retention and promotions.

However, it's not just about having the experience itself, it is important to know how to articulate your experiences and market them to future employers. The Office for Study Abroad has programming available to returnee students to help with resume development and interview preparedness to transform their experience into career opportunities.

In collaboration with ESIA Career Services, the OSA is hosting a re-entry session for study abroad returnees to discuss how to market their study abroad experience for future employers or graduate school applications. Learn how to sell your study abroad skills and make yourself a more eligible candidate!

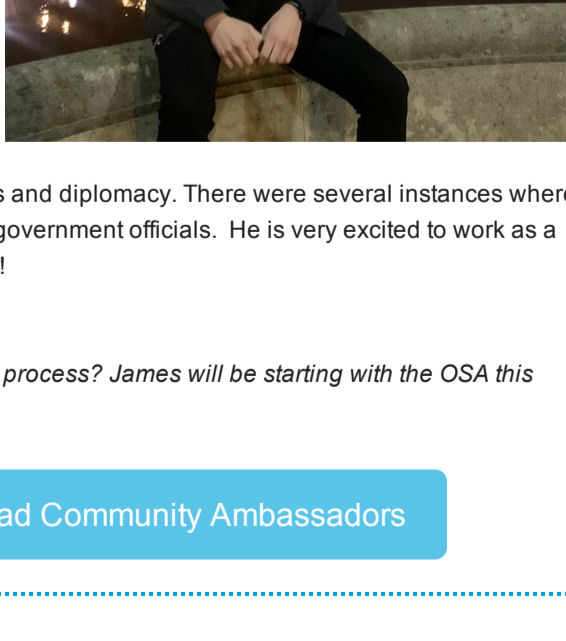
[RSVP for Marketing Study Abroad](#)

## STAFF & RETURNEE SPOTLIGHT

### MEET JAMES DALEY

#### STUDY ABROAD COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR - SCHOLARSHIPS & GILMAN

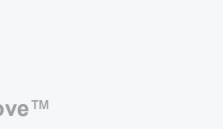
James is a senior studying International Affairs with a concentration in International Economics and a minor in Business Administration. He studied abroad in Paris, France in the GW Paris Sciences Po Direct Exchange Program. James was able to travel to 10 European countries while being abroad and had many unique experiences in each. A highlight for him was going on a program trip to Normandy in Northern France. While at Sciences Po, James was able to meet students and professionals who shared his passions for global business and diplomacy. There were several instances where he attended events with high-level French and European government officials. He is very excited to work as a peer advisor and help other students pursue study abroad!



Want to chat more with James about the GW study abroad process? James will be starting with the OSA this Spring semester!

[Check out our other Study Abroad Community Ambassadors](#)

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