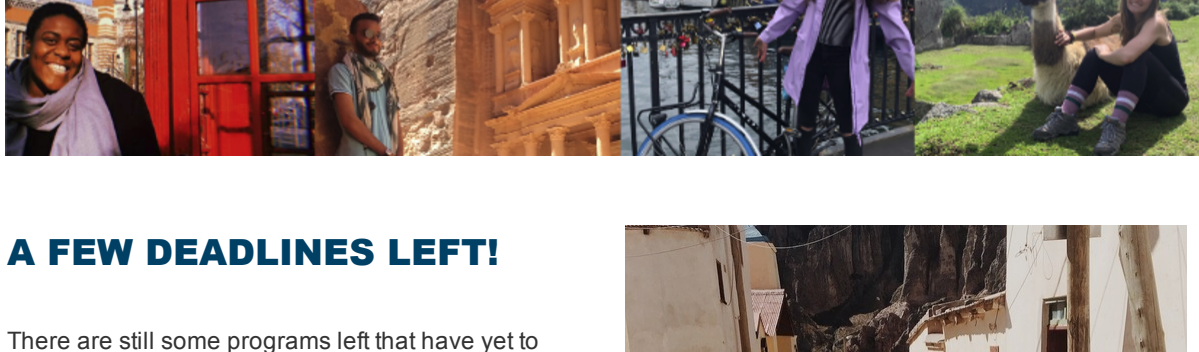




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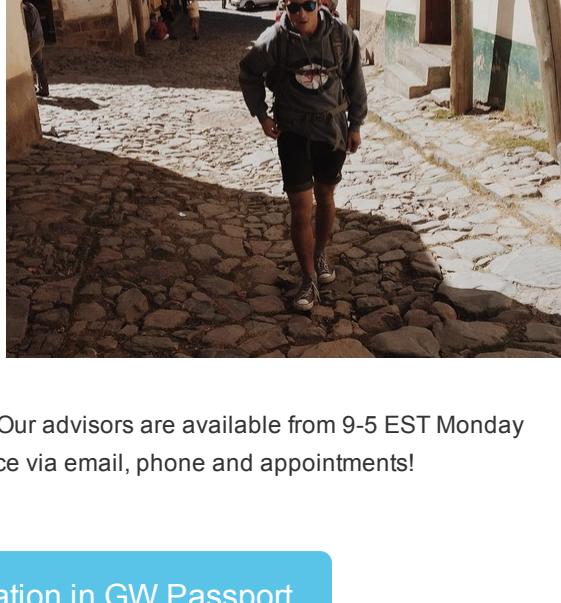
WHAT'S NEW IN *Study Abroad?*



A FEW DEADLINES LEFT!

There are still some programs left that have yet to reach their application deadline! We understand this is a busy time of year with finals and the end of the semester approaching. Don't forget to also ensure your applications are complete for study abroad in addition to the newly opened requirements within Pre-Departure Orientation: Logistics. Check your GW Passport application for your program's deadline and, as a reminder for Provider Program applicants, don't forget to complete both the GW Passport application and your provider's direct application.

As you're finishing up your applications, remember that our office recommends applying to up to 3 programs in varying locations to make sure you have ample options! Our advisors are available from 9-5 EST Monday through Friday to support you with any questions or advice via email, phone and appointments!



[Complete Your Application in GW Passport](#)

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CONTINGENCY PLANS AND NEXT STEPS REMINDER

Though we remain hopeful about the Fall semester, it is always important to ensure you are prepared for every possibility. As a reminder, at this point in the process, you should be following through with our recommended contingency plans for Fall as announced on our April 6th email. These contingency plans include registering for GW Fall courses as well as GW on-campus housing.

In addition to your contingency planning, please also remember to follow through with your next steps for study abroad, as well, unless directed otherwise. At this time, you should have completed Pre-Departure Orientation: Logistics and should begin working through your Post-Decision Modules on your program's application in GW Passport once notified of their opening. Since we have delayed our study abroad registration, please keep your backup options open in GW Passport, though you may select "commit" still for your top program choice. As a reminder, completing this stage is not a guarantee of your study abroad program running this fall.

For more information on the process, check out our [Steps to Study Abroad - Commitment Process](#) or speak with your study abroad advisor.

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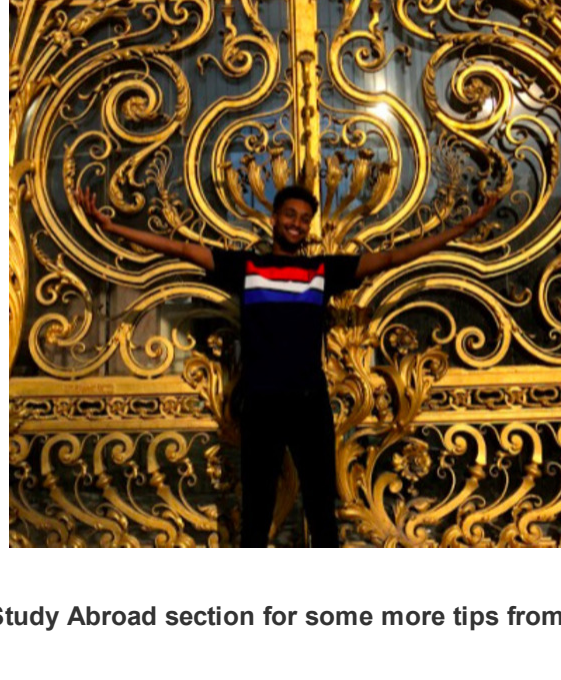
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CONGRATS TO OUR STUDY ABROAD ALUMNI GRADUATING THIS SPRING

To all our study abroad alumni out there who are finding themselves at the end of their undergraduate career, we offer you a big congratulations from everyone at the Office for Study Abroad! We hope you feel your experience studying abroad, in conjunction with your overall GW experience, has thoroughly prepared you for your next steps ahead.

Still feeling like you could prepare more?

Scroll down and check out the Marketing Study Abroad section for some more tips from our partners abroad!



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

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

GW PARIS (& OTHER FRANCE PROGRAMS) - "EMILY IN PARIS" FAUX PAS TO AVOID FOR YOUR SEMESTER IN FRANCE

Are you planning to study abroad in Paris? Maybe you've seen Netflix's new popular series, *Emily in Paris*, and have fantasized about what living in the City of Lights might be like for you. Whether you love the show, hate it, or "love to hate it", you can't deny Emily Cooper (played by Lily Collins) falls victim to a lot of cultural "faux pas" and stereotyping as a young American in Paris navigating French life and language for the first time.



When living in a new country, cultural awareness and sensitivity are important for a successful experience. The OSA Staff, spearheaded by our very own [GW Paris Resident Director](#), are here to help all you future Paris travelers out there, so that you don't end up in some of the sticky situations of *Emily in Paris* with our "Top 10 French Cultural Tips":

1. Try to make an effort to learn the language even if your program doesn't require it. The smallest attempts of speaking in French will still be appreciated by locals! (*Avoid Emily's Faux Pas - Ep. 1 min. 8:45*)
2. Speaking of language, always remember to say "Bonjour" when entering an establishment like a café or store. These basic pleasantries are a French cultural must-do! (*Avoid Emily's Faux Pas - Ep. 1 min. 15:38*)
3. When practicing the language, be careful of common language pitfalls, especially words in French that sound similar to English words but have entirely different meanings! (*Avoid Emily's Faux Pas - Ep. 8 min. 22:03, or Ep. 3 min. 6:55*)
4. Don't expect the French to simply adapt to your way of seeing things. You're entering their environment, not the other way around. (*Avoid Emily's Faux Pas - Ep. 1 min. 11:05*)
5. Be aware that, in multi-level buildings, the first floor is actually known as the ground floor, or "rez de chaussée", and what you may consider the second floor is actually the French first floor. (*Avoid Emily's Faux Pas - Ep. 1 min. 14:45*)
6. "The Customer is Always Right" is an American cultural mentality and is not the case in France. For example, criticizing your food at a restaurant would not be seen as culturally appropriate. (*Avoid Emily's Faux Pas - Ep. 2 min. 14:24*)
7. Don't be intimidated by the metro! This Parisian public transportation system is how most locals get around, explore the city and even venture beyond Paris! (*Avoid Emily's Faux Pas - Ep. 4 min. 1:40*)
8. Try to find your "conciergerie" in your apartment. When it comes to choosing whether or not they will accept packages for you, or if something is wrong in the building, it is always better to have them as an ally. (*Avoid Emily's Faux Pas - Ep. 3 min. 2:45*)
9. You'll be looking at a lot of schedules during your time abroad - course or exam schedules, bus/train schedules, even schedules for entertainment activities like movies, shows and events. Remember that the French use the structure of day/month/year to notate dates and military time. (*Avoid Emily's Faux Pas - Ep. 4 min. 18:47*)
10. If you do an incredible job on something, don't be offended if your Professor merely says that "it is not bad". Unlike Americans who tend to overemphasize how "amazing" everything is (a quality many French find both humorous and endearing), the French give much more weight and value to each word."

Interested in studying in France one day? Check out our options on GW Passport! Don't miss our signature programs in France - GW Paris!

[Programs in France](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you for joining our events this semester! Attendance reached over 100 students for some of this Spring's events! We hope you found them helpful and fun! Be on the lookout for more events coming Fall 2021!

MARKETING *Study Abroad*



READY TO SELL YOUR SKILLS POST-GRADUATION?

It's probably not long until graduation will be on your horizons and soon most of you will be looking for work or further study. The graduate job market is competitive, so it is important to think about what might set you apart from the competition. Marketing yourself is something that you will have to do in applications and interviews for employment or postgraduate study. This is something that many people find difficult but highlighting your experiences from your time abroad could help to set yourself apart from others during the application process. One of GW's Exchange Partners, The University of Edinburgh, has designed various tools and strategies to help you "sell yourself" and the skills you gained through your studies abroad. Click the link below to fine tune your elevator pitch, prepare for interviews and determine your "STAR" quality.

Interested in going abroad with GW Exchange - University of Edinburgh? Learn more about this exciting exchange opportunity in GW Passport!

[Check out how you can Prepare to Sell your Skills](#)

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STAFF & RETURNEE SPOTLIGHT

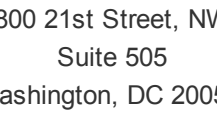
JOSEPH KAZANCIUGLU, CIEE ROME SPRING 2020

"I've gained so much from my study abroad experience, but the most influential was my ability to be comfortable by myself and growing more into my identity. Not having such a rigid social group and being able to float between Americans in my program and locals abroad have helped me determine my values, and have led me to find aspects of each culture that I want to make central to my identity. With my time in Rome, I was able to stay with my mother's cousins and realized that strong family values, such as sharing meals and hosting extended family are important to me."



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