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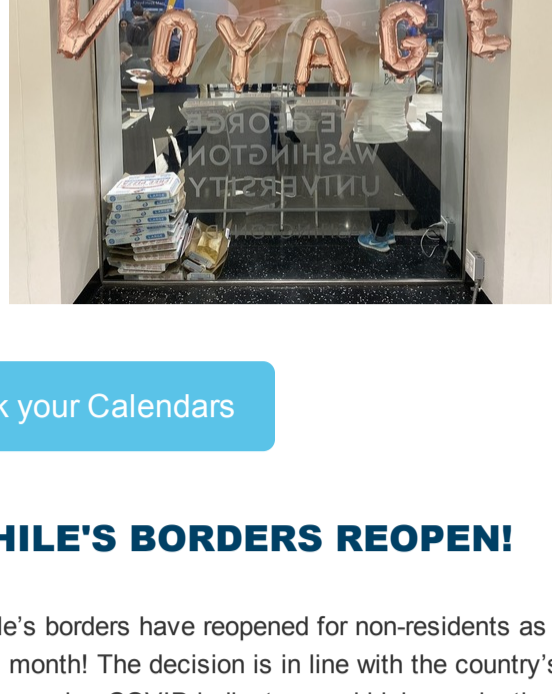
WHAT'S NEW IN *Study Abroad*? ✈️



SPRING 2022 APPLICANTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION

Spring 2022 is just around the corner and that means so is Pre-Departure Orientation! If you are an applicant to a Spring 2022 program, attending at least 2 sessions of this weeklong event is mandatory. Mark your calendars now for next month's (November) orientation sessions.

With proper planning and expectation setting, your study abroad experience is sure to be a success!



[PDO Schedule - Mark your Calendars](#)



CHILE'S BORDERS REOPEN!

Chile's borders have reopened for non-residents as of this month! The decision is in line with the country's encouraging COVID indicators and high vaccination levels. If you have been waiting for a highly immersive study abroad experience in a Spanish speaking country, this is your opportunity: applications for the GW Chile Spring 2022 program are open until October 15.

Discover Chile now and learn what makes GW Chile "bacán"! As one of GW's premier [Study Center programs](#), GW Chile offers the best of both worlds - an opportunity to immerse oneself deep into Chilean culture through direct enroll coursework and a

homestay while still having a [GW Resident Director](#) and cohort of GW peers to lean on. While in Santiago, students can partner up with a language exchange buddy, complete an internship for credit, or explore a volcanic cave as just a small part of their Chilean experience. As a participant in this program, students can enroll in two prestigious institutions - PUC Chile or U.Chile or take advantage of GW-taught courses in topics such as Human Rights in Chile or Advanced Spanish Through a Chilean Context. Other subjects available on this program include Anthropology, Art, Communications and Journalism, Business and Administration, Human Rights, Political Science, and Public Health, just to name a few!

Sound amazing? This could be your experience next semester! We hope to see you in Santiago in February!

[Apply for Spring by October 15](#)

PROCESSING DELAYS FOR U.S. PASSPORTS

Are you ready to go abroad!? Don't let the plane leave without you!

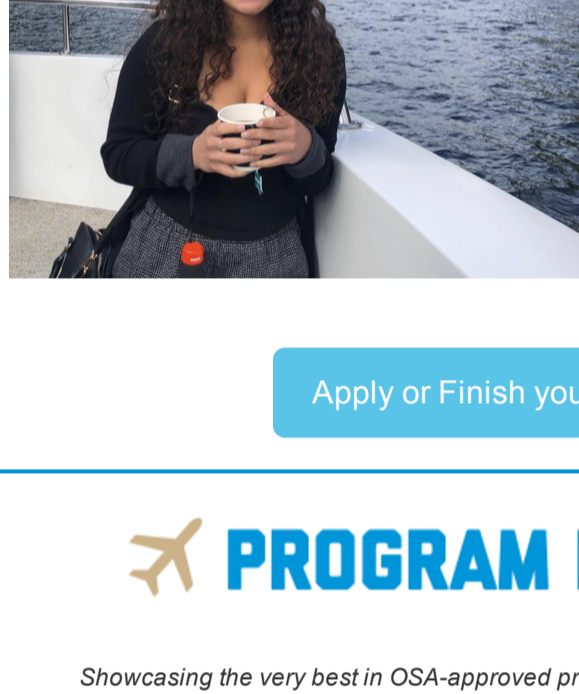
The U.S. Department of State now projects up to 16 weeks for routine processing and up to 12 weeks for expedited processing. Expedited services will cost an additional \$60. At this time, [processing times cannot be expedited beyond the 12-week expedited projections](#) unless your planned travel is within 3 business days.

If your previous passport was issued when you were under the age of 16 and it was not a 10-year adult passport, you will need to [apply in person](#). Some acceptance facilities require an appointment while others do not - appointments right now can be very difficult to secure and can delay the process even further so it is essential to plan ahead.

If you don't have a passport, or your passport expires prior to 6 months after your return from abroad, do not delay in applying for or renewing your passport. Delaying could jeopardize your ability to travel internationally by your program's intended start date. You should also keep in mind that passports are often required to apply for a visa, which is a requirement for many programs.



[See the Full DoS Announcement](#)



GILMAN APPLICATIONS DUE

Are you a Pell Grant Recipient? Did you know you could be awarded up to \$5,000 for study abroad!?

Don't let this amazing opportunity pass you by! (You have a 0% chance of being awarded if you don't apply!) Applications are due by October 5 at 11:59 PT (2:59am EST) - there is still time.

A Gilman Scholarship enables American students to gain proficiency in diverse languages and cultures, skills that are critically important to their academic and career development.

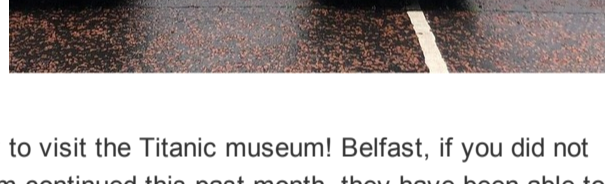
[Apply or Finish your Application Today!](#)

✈️ PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT 📄

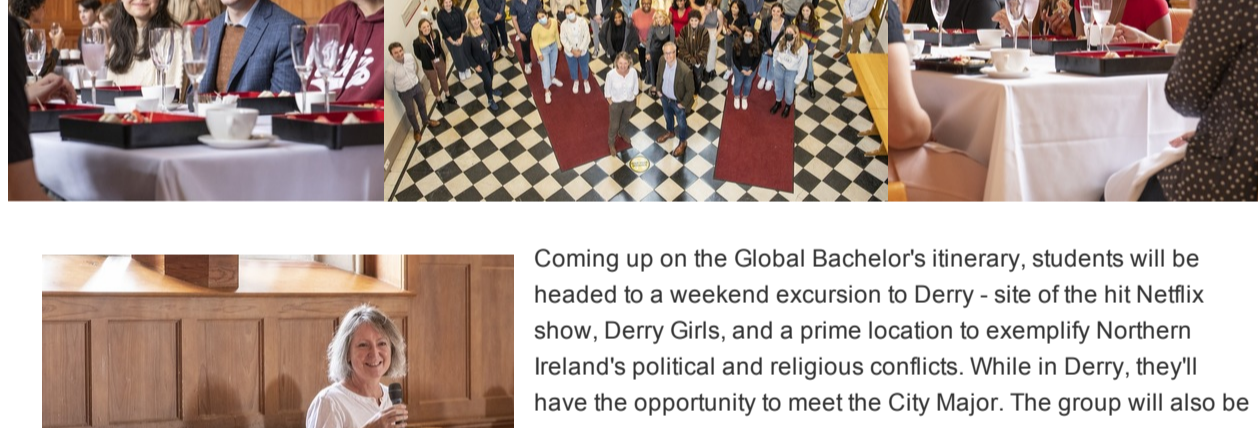
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GLOBAL BACHELOR'S PROGRAM - QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST COHORT

The semester has begun for our Global Bachelor's cohort at their host university, Queen's University Belfast! QUB offered our students an amazing Welcome Event in their Great Hall (lots of Hogwarts vibes). Pictured below, welcoming our GW students, is Professor Olwen Purdue, the Director of the Center of Public History who leads the cohort's signature class, Pathways to Peace. This class explores the history of Northern Ireland's conflicts.



During orientation, students also had the opportunity to visit the Titanic museum! Belfast, if you did not know, is where the Titanic was built! As their program continued this past month, they have been able to visit Stormont, the seat of Northern Ireland's government, and did an outdoor tour in typical Northern Irish weather, pictured above to the right (it's always grand, despite the rain!). Nothing dampened our group's spirits and enthusiasm though! They have been accompanied thus far by [Dr. Colin Green](#), Academic Dean and Associate Professor in GW's Graduate School of Education and Human Development. Dr. Green is also a Northern Irish native!



Coming up on the Global Bachelor's itinerary, students will be headed to a weekend excursion to Derry - site of the hit Netflix show, Derry Girls, and a prime location to exemplify Northern Ireland's political and religious conflicts. While in Derry, they'll have the opportunity to meet the City Major. The group will also be visiting the North Coast!

Want to be a part of the fun next cohort? Apply to join the AY 2022 Global Bachelor's Program! Applications will open in December of this year and will close in March. Interested students in GWSB, CCAS, and ESIA would benefit from beginning a conversation now with the Office for Study Abroad and their academic advisor to set yourself up for success!

[Learn More about the Global Bachelor's Program](#)

📅 UPCOMING EVENTS 🌐

Events this fall 2021 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 Fall](#)

[Register for Online Events](#)

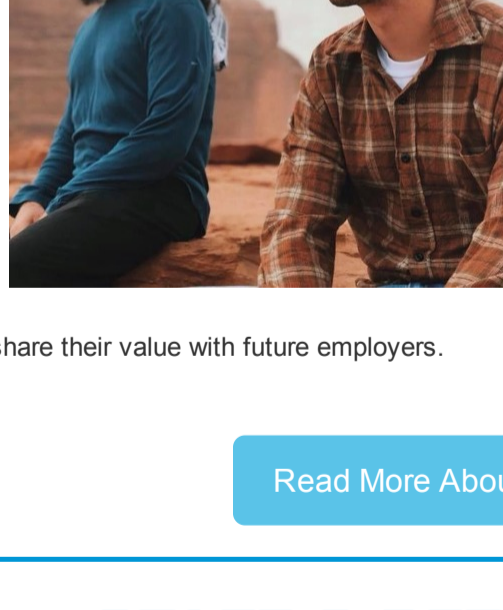
- OCTOBER EVENTS -

STUDY ABROAD INFO SESSIONS

Join us for our October editions of not only our Study Abroad 101 info sessions but also two new sessions taking more in depth looks into funding your semester abroad and transferring credits. These online events 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, all of these sessions are a must! Additional sessions will be held throughout the Fall semester! RSVP (required) with the WebEx link above.

- "Let's Talk Finances" - Funding your Semester Abroad - Tues. Oct. 5 (2pm-3pm)
- [Study Abroad 101 Sessions](#) - Thurs. Oct. 14 (11am-12pm)
- [Everything You Need to Know About Transfer Credit](#) - Wed. Oct. 20 (2pm-3pm)

📁 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](#)

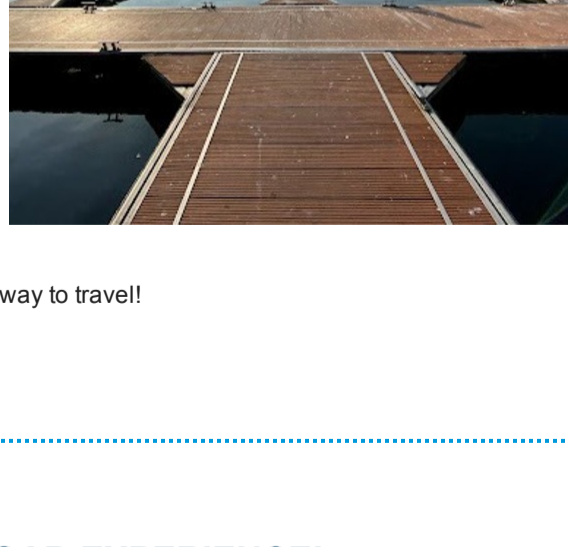
👥 STAFF & RETURNEE SPOTLIGHT 📢

MEET ABBY SIDES SIT - GLOBAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT IN SWITZERLAND, SPRING 2020

Why I studied abroad: I wanted to improve my French-speaking skills and travel. Living with a host family allowed me to practice French constantly and being in central Europe was a perfect spot to hop around the rest of the region.

One of my favorite memories: A raclette cheese party with my host family.

Advice to people who study abroad: Get familiar with the public transit system in your host country. It is the best way to travel!



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