Additional Programs and Services

Study Abroad and Exchange Programs

Studying abroad provides students with a transcultural experience that has many major benefits such as discovering the culture and institutions of other lands, facilitating the development of relevant career skills, making important connections with overseas professionals, and enhancing language skills. In addition, studying abroad contributes to personal maturity, a sense of independence, self-knowledge, and self-confidence. Semester, year-long exchange, summer, language immersion, and alternative break programs are available.

Georgia Southern University offers short-term study abroad programs in a variety of disciplines. Each program is approved by the Office of the Provost and coordinated by the Center for International Studies. Although program offerings differ from year to year, Georgia Southern has sponsored programs to: Albania, Botswana, Costa Rica (Nursing and Spanish), Dominican Republic (Spanish), Ecuador (Geography), France (French), Germany and Poland (History), Ghana (Public Health), England (Education), Italy (Nutrition and Health Science), Spain (Spanish), and Switzerland ( Biology). Music International Studies provides opportunities for students in the Department of Music to perform, study, and travel abroad.

The European Council of the University System of Georgia sponsors summer study abroad programs to London, England; Paris, France; Berlin, Germany; Waterford, Ireland; St. Petersburg, Russia; and Madrid, Spain. A program in Montepulciano, Italy is co-sponsored by Georgia Southern University, Kennesaw State University, Georgia College and State University, and Valdosta State University. These unique programs feature University System of Georgia faculty members who teach a variety of core and upper division courses at the overseas sites. Georgia Southern students may apply for these programs on campus through the Center for International Studies.

Graduate students are required to have a 3.0 GPA. Participating students register for classes and pay tuition and fees to Georgia Southern. Students are encouraged to contact the Office of Financial Aid for information about how to apply their available financial aid resources toward the cost of study abroad.

Exchange programs for Georgia Southern students are currently available at the Fachhochschule Ingolstadt and the University of Kassel in Germany; Roskilde University in Denmark; University of South Bohemia in the Czech Republic; Keimyung University and Chung-Ang University in South Korea; Nagoya University of Foreign Studies in Japan; Central China (Huazhong) Normal University and United International College in China; Wilfrid Laurier University, Mount Allison University, and the University of New Brunswick-Saint John in Canada; the Universidad Veracruzana and Tecnológico de Monterrey-Campus Ciudad de Mexico in Mexico; and Sheffield-Hallam University in the United Kingdom. These programs allow students to pursue semester or year-long study of both major courses and classes in the language and culture of the host country.

Georgia Southern is also a member of ISEP, a worldwide network that facilitates the exchange of students between 300 member institutions in the United States and 49 other countries. Students may pursue academic year or semester programs of study through the ISEP network. More information can be viewed at ISEP (http://www.isep.org).

The College of Education offers an International Study Opportunity in a partner school in the United Kingdom for eligible student teachers. This opportunity allows student teachers to gain a broader understanding of the interrelatedness of individuals, small groups, and society from a global perspective. Contact the Director of Field Experiences and Partnerships, Pat Parsons, pparsons@georgiasouthern.edu, (912) 478-0499 for more information.

For information on Georgia Southern University study abroad programs, and on numerous programs offered worldwide, contact:

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International Student Programs and Services

There are nearly 350 international students and scholars in F-1 (student) and J-1 (exchange visitor) visa status from about 80 countries at the University. The Center for International Studies helps international students acclimate to their new environment at Georgia Southern, provides support services, processes visa-related documents, educates students and scholars on the visa laws to help them maintain their status with U.S. Homeland Security, and maintains the university’s compliance with the visa laws.

In addition, the Center plans and coordinates programs which foster international understanding and cultural exchange, both on campus and within the Statesboro community. Some of the programs offered are: weekly International Conversation Hours, the International Club, International Week, the International Festival, the Global Ambassadors Program, the Cross-Cultural Friendship Program, and the International Extended Families Program. Day and overnight trips, as well as socials and cookouts, are offered throughout the year. Services provided include: orientation (including academic advisement and registration), English proficiency testing/placement, assistance with health insurance coverage, and visa and cultural advisement.

For more information about programs and services, please contact:

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Center for Teaching and Technology (CT2)

The Center for Teaching and Technology (CT2), which is located in the Henderson Library, offers Graduate Teaching Enhancement Programs that are designed to help Georgia Southern graduate Teaching Assistants (TAs) develop and refine their teaching skills. All graduate TA2s involved in face-to-face instruction must have completed training, which consists of centralized training offered by the Center for Teaching & Technology (CT2) or decentralized training within the academic program. Decentralized training must have prior approval from the College of Graduate Studies, CT2, and the Office of the Provost. TA2s may also be required to participate in additional in-service training within their College or Department, as determined by their program. Centralized TA2 training in CT2 consists of the Orientation to Teaching portion of the program, consisting of three 3-hour seminars conducted prior to the beginning of each semester.

In addition to the basic orientation, two different university teaching certification programs are offered to interested participants. All programs are coordinated by the Center for Teaching and Technology, with administrative support from the College of Graduate Studies. All TAs are further invited to individually consult with CT2 staff regarding their teaching related questions.

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