Additional Programs and Services

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The Office of International Programs & Services (OIPS) is responsible for the strategic execution of Georgia Southern’s internationalization process and provides oversight for the international activities of the campus. The OIPS aims to infuse a global dimension throughout the University’s teaching, research, and service activities, and improve the breadth and depth of Georgia Southern’s global reach and engagement. These aspirations are achieved by managing international strategic partnerships; providing study abroad & exchange programming for students; offering professional development and service activities for faculty; maintaining high-quality, federally compliant international student and scholar services; and hosting programs and events that contribute to campus-wide intercultural education. This infusion of internationalized educational activities extends beyond the scope of the University to support global learning, business, and economic development in Southeast Georgia.

Study Abroad and Exchange Programs
Studying abroad provides students with a trans-cultural experience that has many major benefits: 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, and year-long exchange, summer, language immersion, and alternative break programs are available. All disciplines are eligible to participate, and programs are offered in more than 30 locations world-wide. For more information, visit www.georgiasouthern.edu/studyabroad or email stdyabrd@georgiasouthern.edu.

International Student and Scholar Services
There are nearly 400 international students and scholars in F-1 (student) and J-1 (exchange visitor) visa status from about 90 countries at the university. The Office of International Programs & Services 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. Services provided include: orientation (including academic advisement and registration), English proficiency testing/placement, assistance with health insurance coverage, and visa and cultural advisement.

Intercultural Educational Programs
The OIPS 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 Education Week, the International Festival, the Global Ambassadors Program, the Cross-Cultural Friendships Program, and the International Extended Families Program. Participation in these programs and events are open to both international and U.S. students, as well as the local community.

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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