

# GLOBAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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Under the direction of the provost, the Office of Global Education Programs advances the university's mission to educate and empower our students in diverse local and global communities by opening up the world of international learning. The Office of Global Education Programs provides students with academic and experiential international learning and service opportunities, designed to deepen intercultural understanding, increase multicultural competence, and create community across borders.

Global education programs are designed to help students develop a deeper understanding of other cultures and their own values and culture, become aware of critical concerns that affect the world, participate in the dialogue on global issues, appreciate diversity, heighten critical thinking skills, become civically engaged, and become self-directed scholars and global citizens. The Office of Global Education Programs strives to achieve its goals through diverse programs and initiatives.

These include:

- approved study abroad programs (semester, summer, and January options);
- faculty-led, short-term study abroad programs;
- service-learning and internship opportunities abroad;
- approved virtual study abroad programs; and
- global awareness events on campus.

All interested students are invited to participate in either a short-term study, internship, or service experience abroad (one, two, or three weeks) or a summer, a semester or a year abroad in an approved program after applying and discussing their options with the director of global education programs.

The director of global education programs provides direction for selecting culturally rich and academically sound international experiences, and initiates the university approval process for study and service abroad programs. Visit <http://www.georgian.edu/study-abroad/> for more information.

Enrollment in a study abroad program approved for credit by GCU may be considered enrollment at GCU for the purpose of applying for assistance under Title IV, HEA programs. Students may use State of New Jersey forms of financial aid for some study abroad programs.