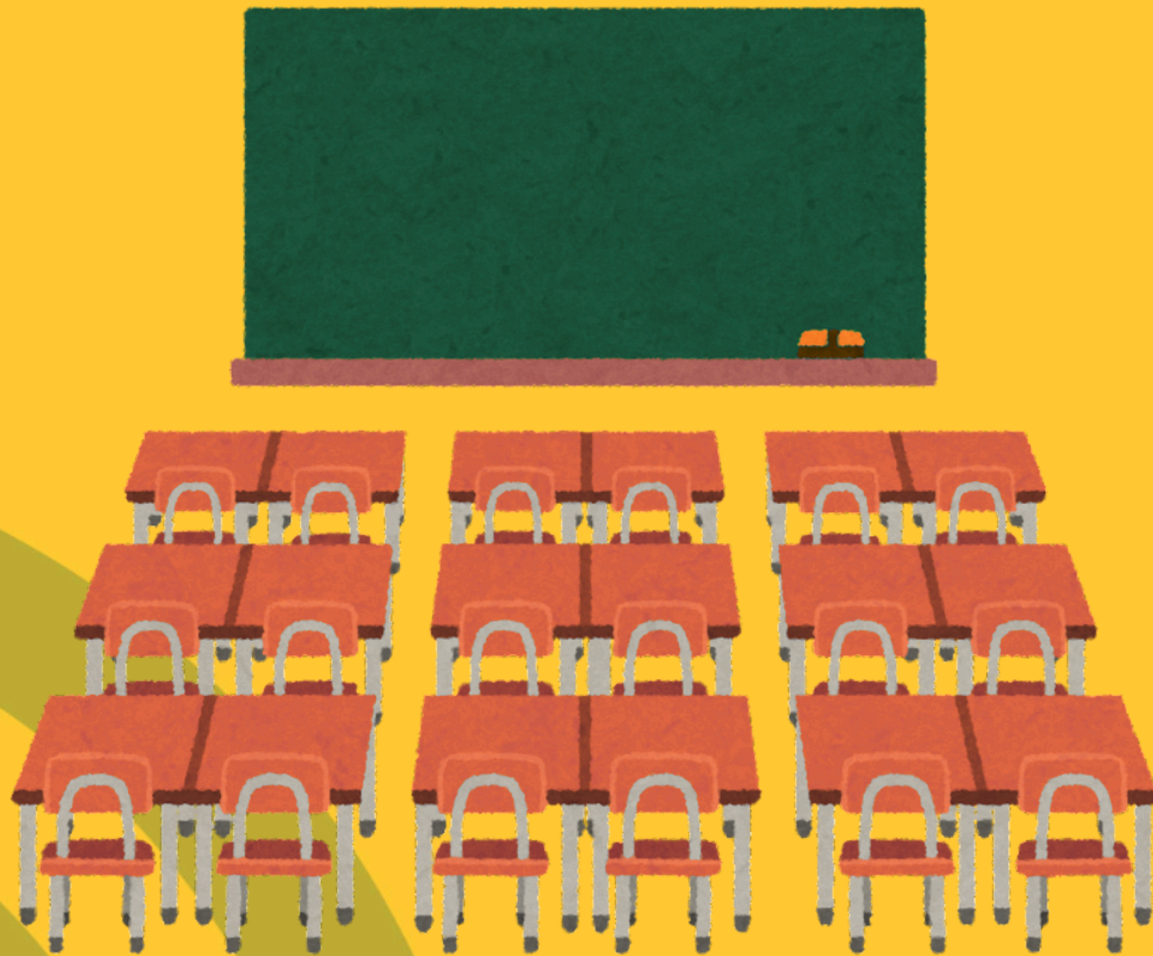

Welcome to Orientation!

STUDY ABROAD 101

Global Education Office
Johnson Center, Room 235





Who's in the Room?

- Have you **traveled abroad** before?
- **What** is your **major**?
- **Where** would you like to go?

ABOUT

Global Education Office

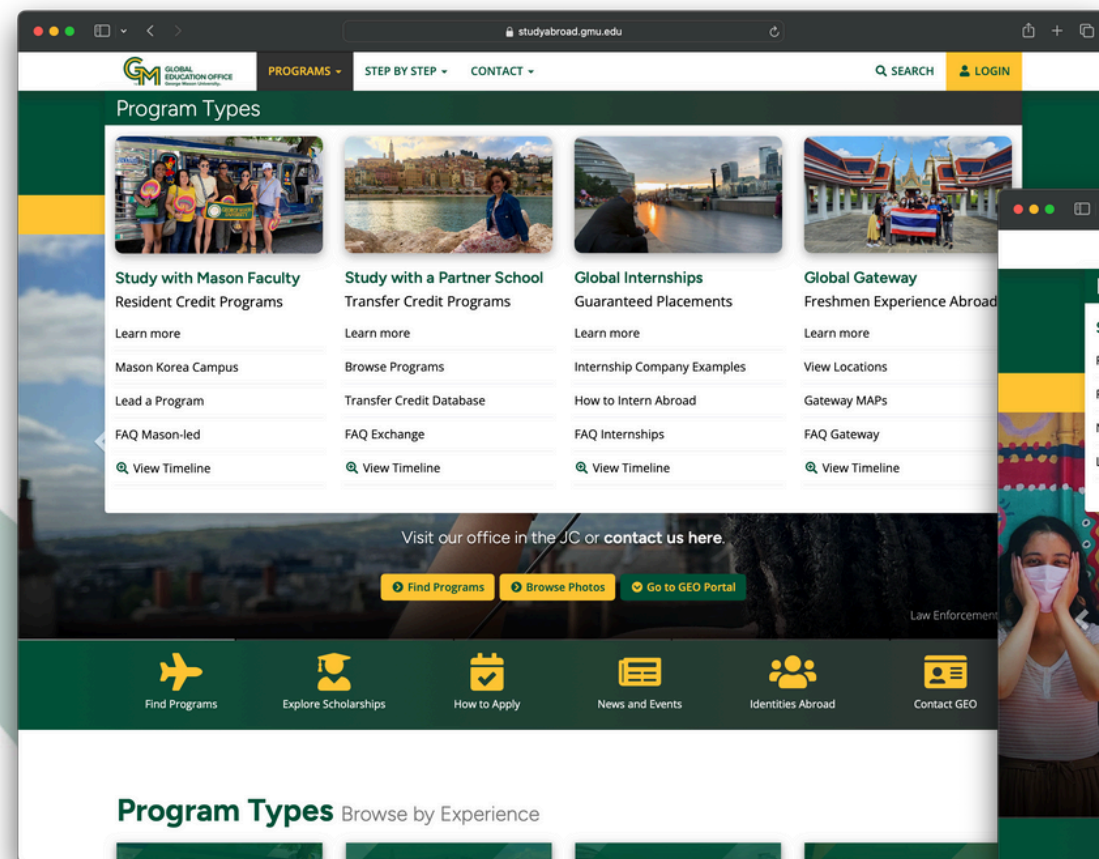
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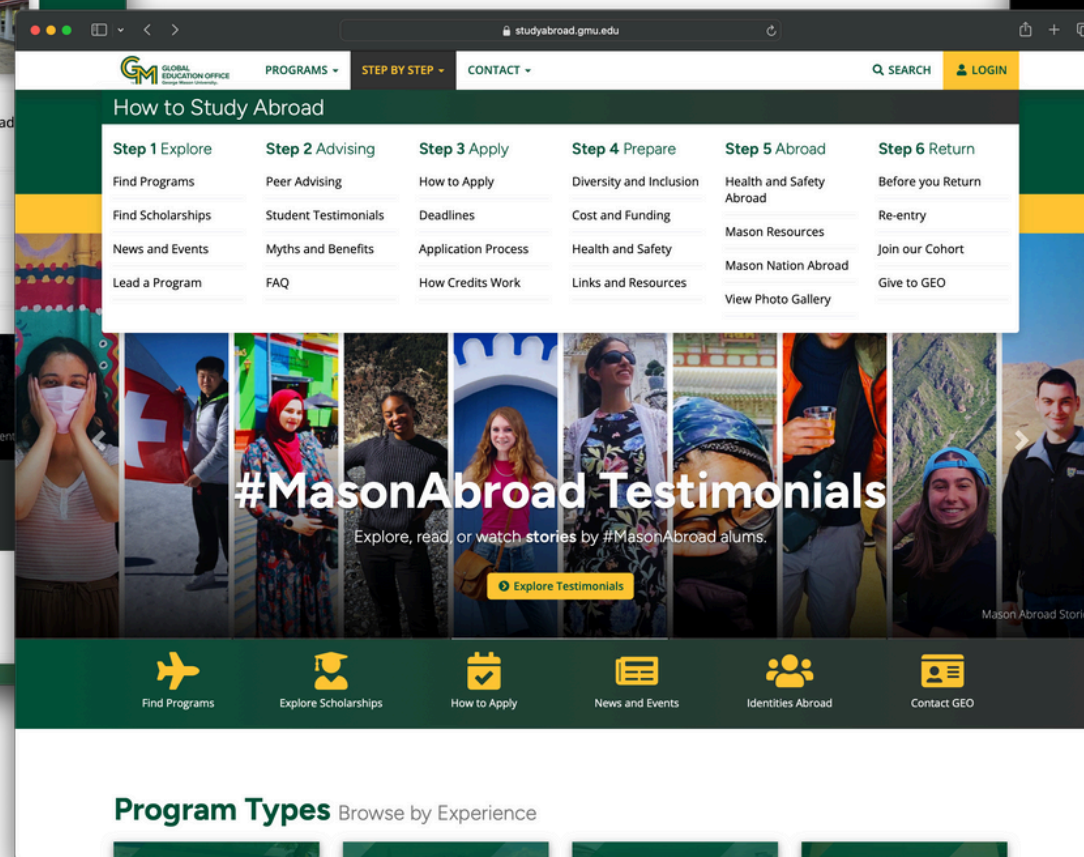
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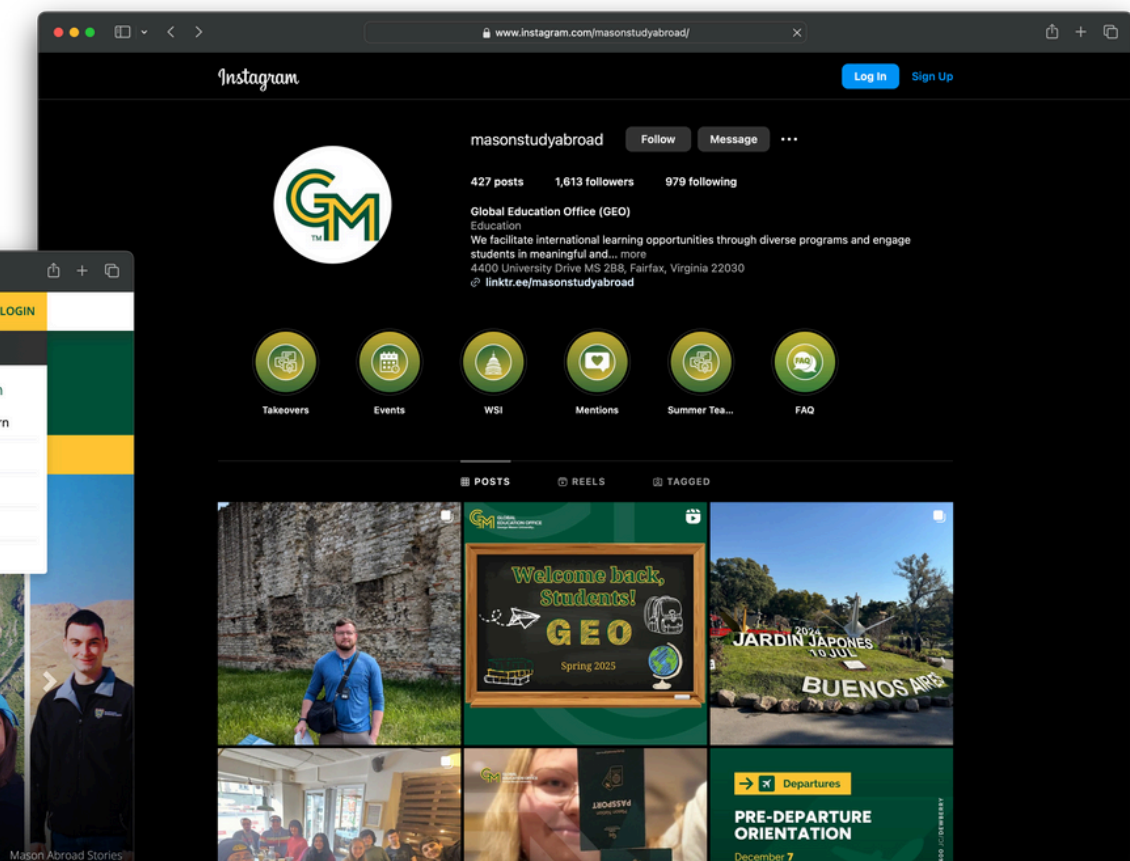
View Program Types and Options



Step-by-Step Journey



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What is Study Abroad?



What is Study Abroad?

- Educational program
- Live or work abroad
- Study at a foreign institution
- Receive academic credit

WHY

Study Abroad is a **transformative** and **enriching** experience that contributes to **academic growth** and broadens your **global perspective**.



Benefits of Studying Abroad



Cultural Immersion

- Immerse yourself in
 - a different culture
 - another language
 - new way of life
- Foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of global diversity



Academic Enrichment

- Access **unique courses, perspectives, and teaching methods** not available at home
- Enhance your academic experience.



Personal Growth

- Living abroad encourages:
 - **independence**
 - **adaptability**
 - **resilience**
- Foster personal development and confidence



Career Opportunities

- **Enhance** your resume
- Demonstrate **adaptability** and **cultural awareness**
- Work on your **language** skills

Career Readiness

Desired qualities for future employers in an increasingly globalized job market.



Italy

Study Abroad by the Numbers

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Programs



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Countries



100

Partners



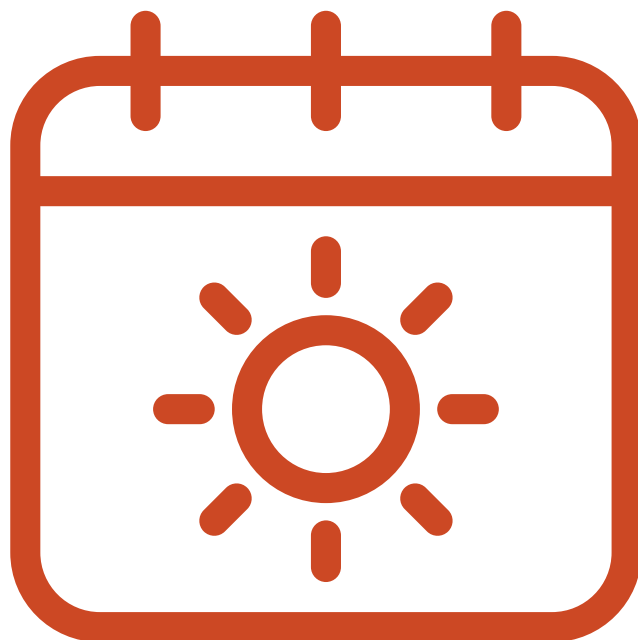
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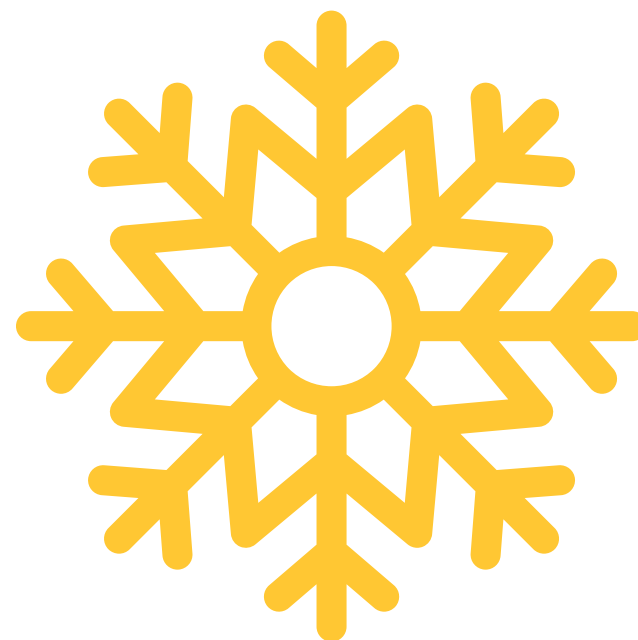
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Scholarships



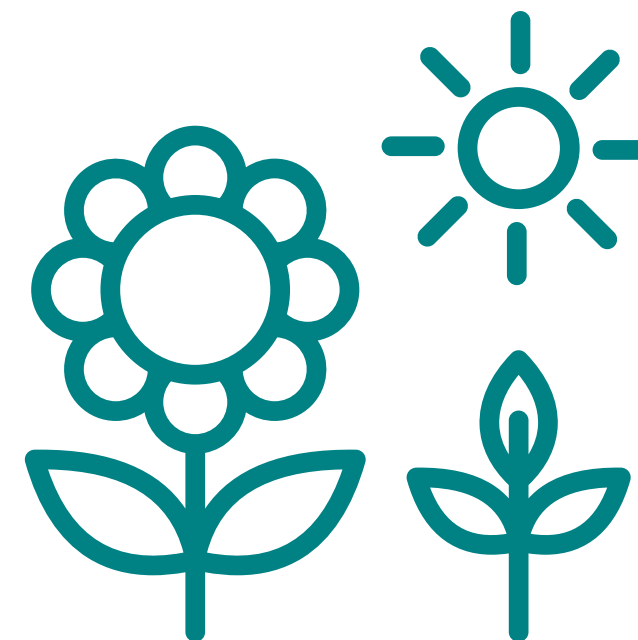
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Summer +
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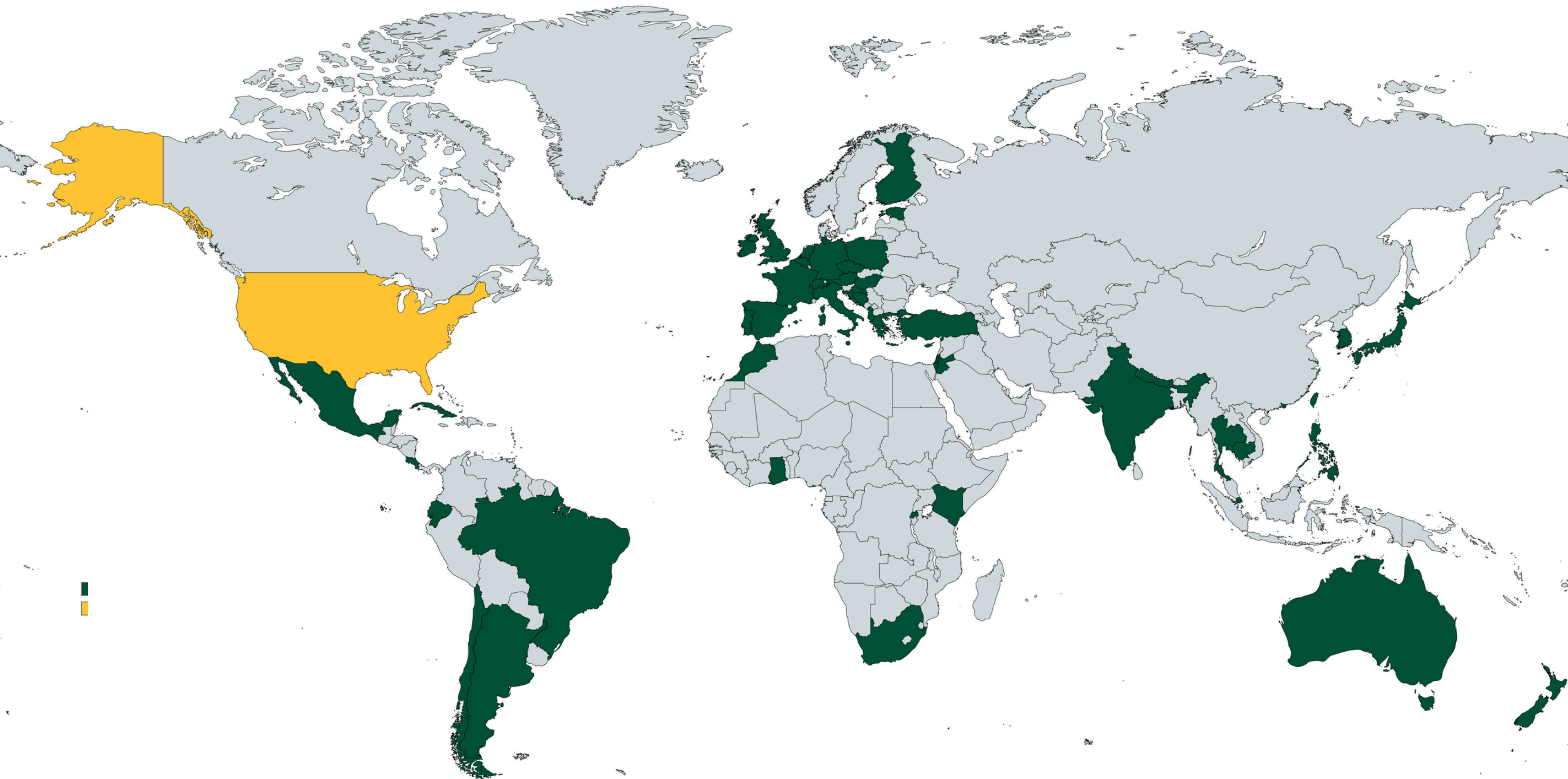
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Spring
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What are your options?



Study Abroad Programs

- Around **200** options in **60+** countries
 - **Global Faculty-Led** Programs
 - **Global Partner** Programs
 - **Global Internship** Placements
 - **Global Gateway**

Apply through [MasonAbroad](#).

Usually for upperclass students. Many options.



Global Gateway Program

- **Freshman** year only
- Fall semester **preparation course**
- **Spring** semester **abroad**
- Available in **10 select locations** globally

Apply before coming to Mason.
Separate application process.



GLOBAL GATEWAY
FOR FRESHMAN STUDENTS

When can you study abroad?



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When can you go abroad?

	Fall Semester	Winter Break	Spring Semester	Spring Break	Summer Term
Freshman	Global Gateway Course	Faculty-led programs	Global Gateway Abroad	Faculty-led programs	Faculty-led Programs (FAC) Global Internships (INT) International Summer School (SUM)
Sophomore	Semester programs		Semester programs		
Junior					
Senior			not recommended		can be audited
Graduate	Semester programs	Faculty-led programs	Semester programs	Faculty-led programs	FAC INT SUM

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What is the cost of study abroad?



Affordability

- Cost of program depends on:
 - **Type**
 - **Length**
 - **Location**
- **Faculty-led programs** offer a quality experience at an affordable price.



Financial Aid eligible.
Scholarships available:
1. GEO Scholarships
2. External funding options

Some **semester programs** are equal or less than a semester at Mason.

Exchange

Cost-effective for **in-state tuition** payers!

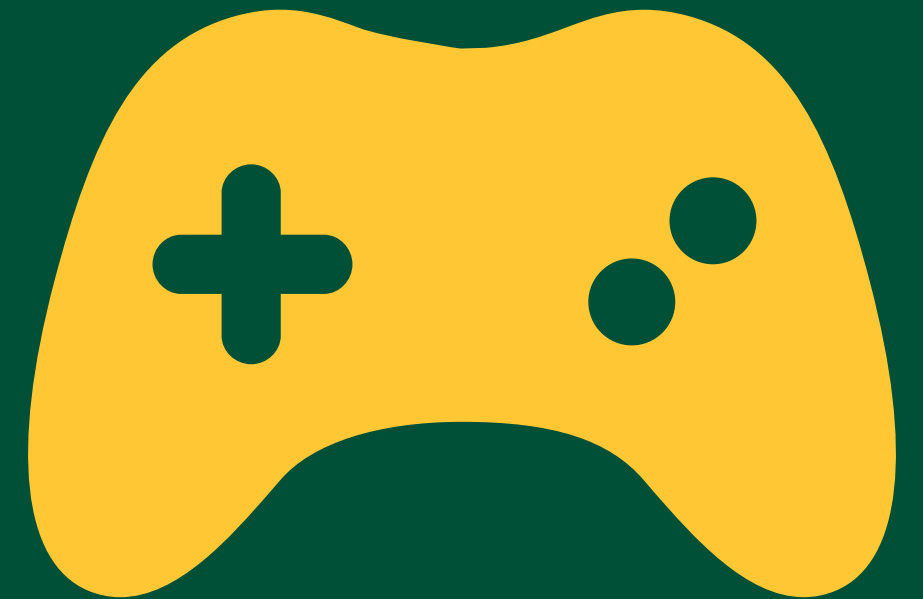
Out-of-State?

Consider the **direct-enroll** option!

Good to Know

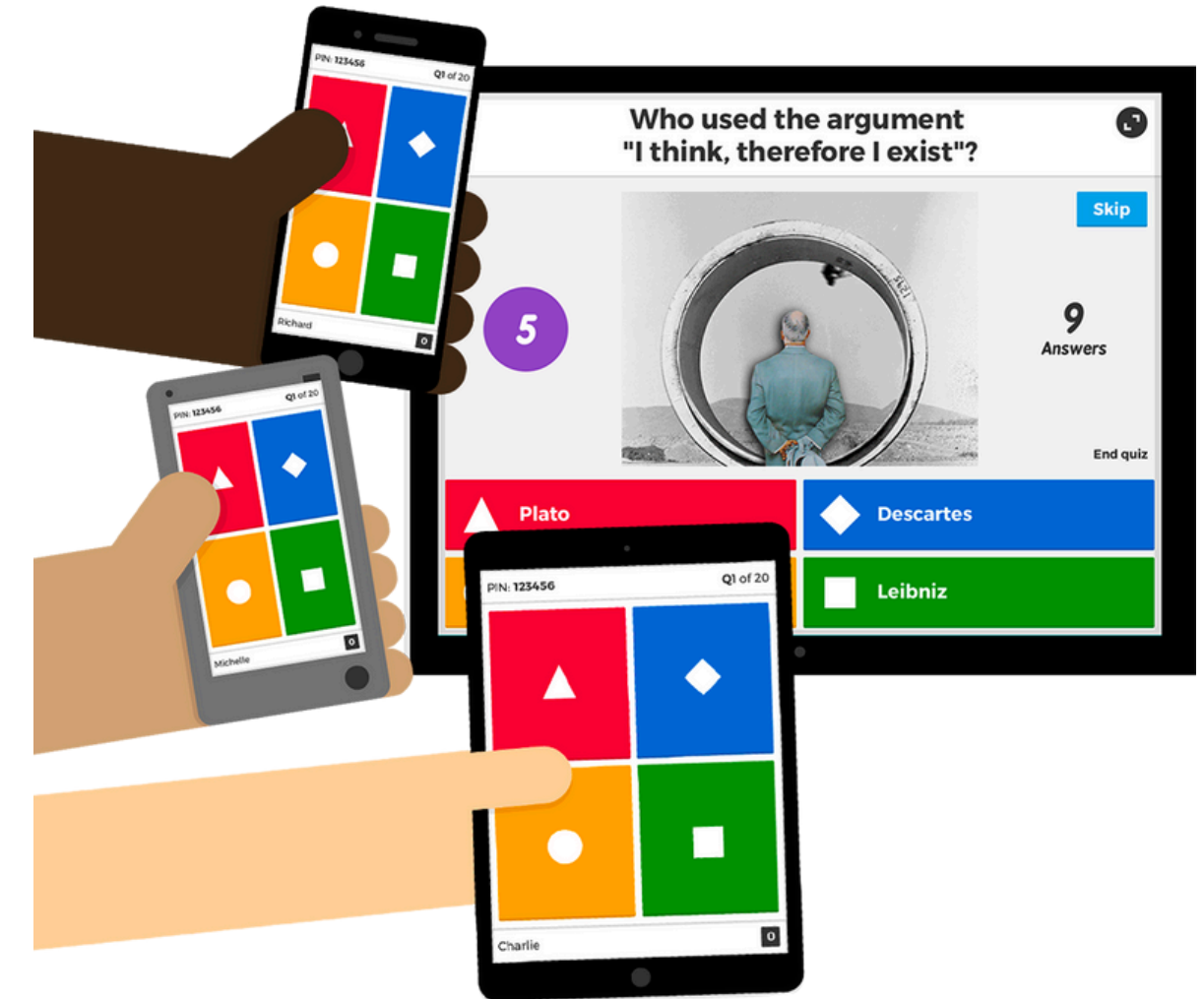
Housing can be less than at George Mason.

**Game Time:
Get your
phones ready!**



Play Kahoot

- Grab your phone
- Join the game
- **Start Here** (Kahoot: GEO 101)



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