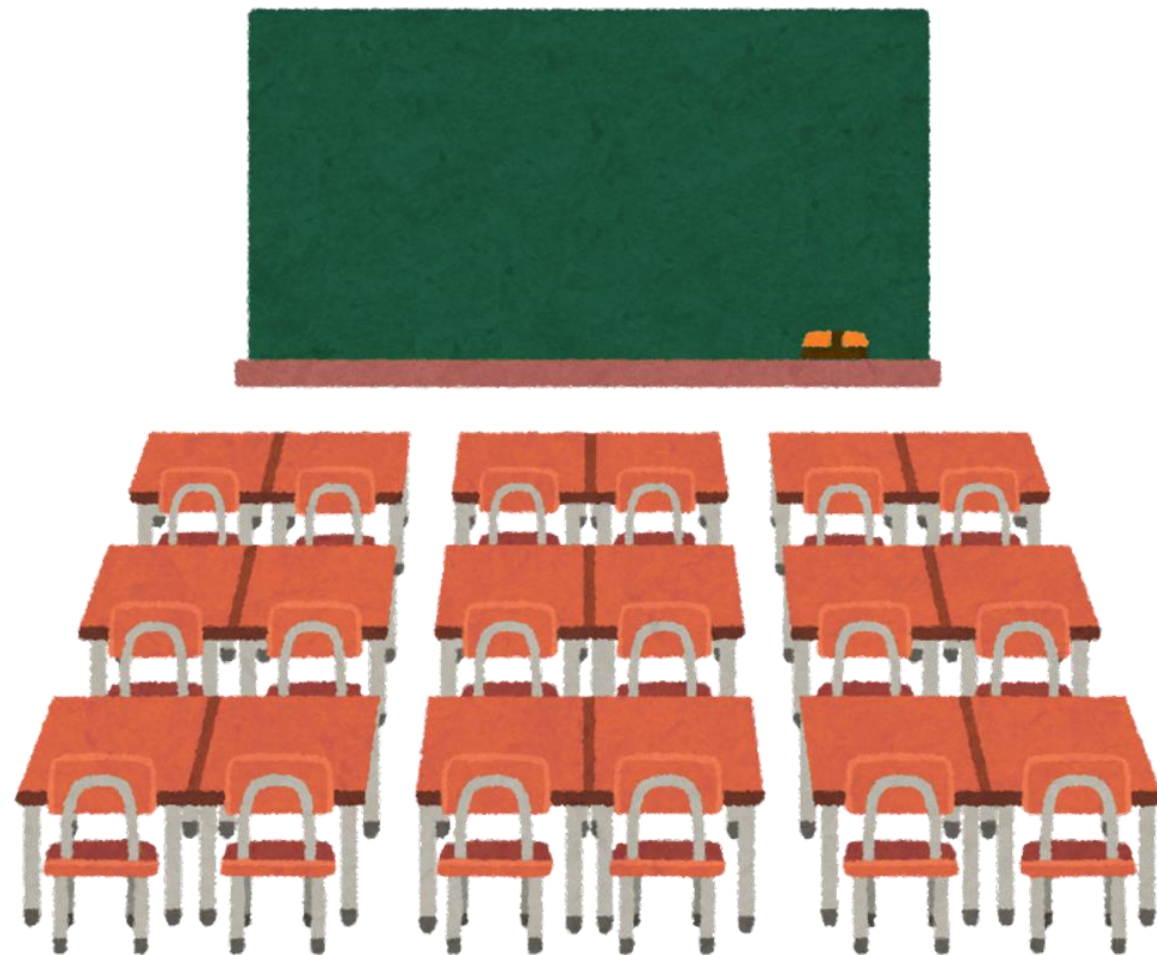


Welcome to Orientation!

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Who's in the

Room?

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

ABOUT

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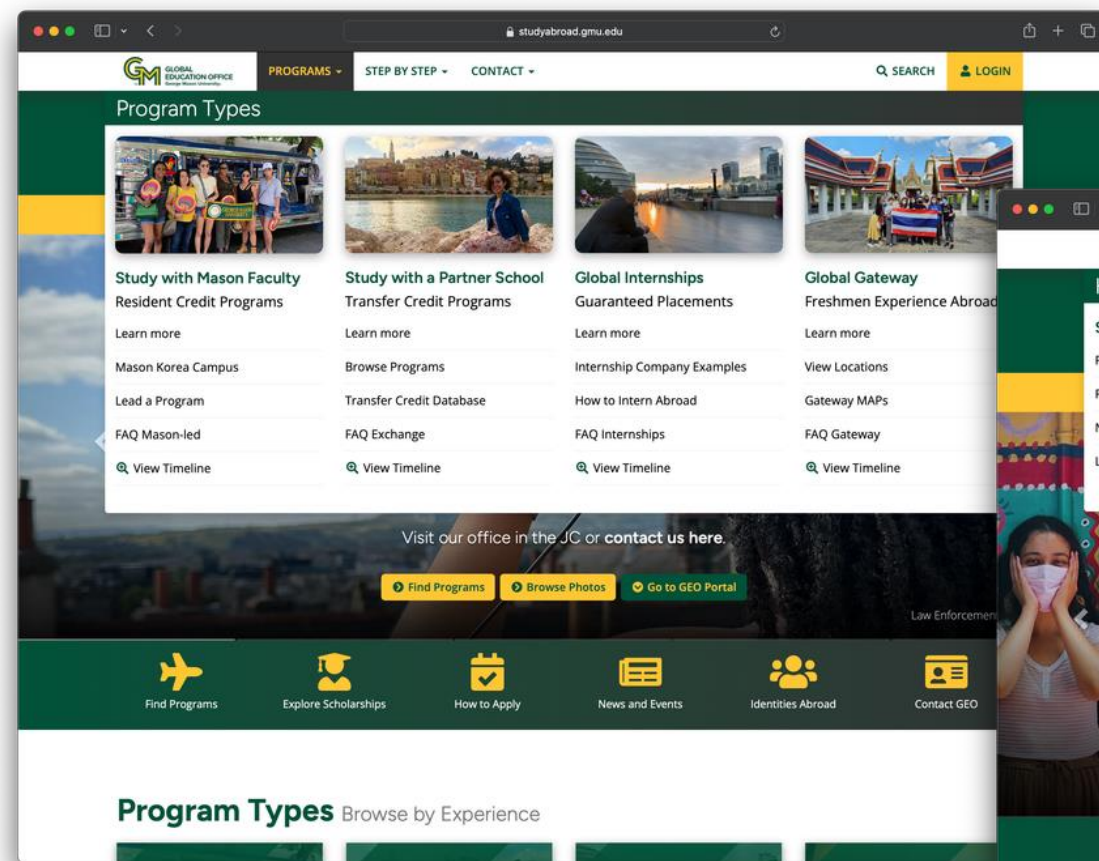
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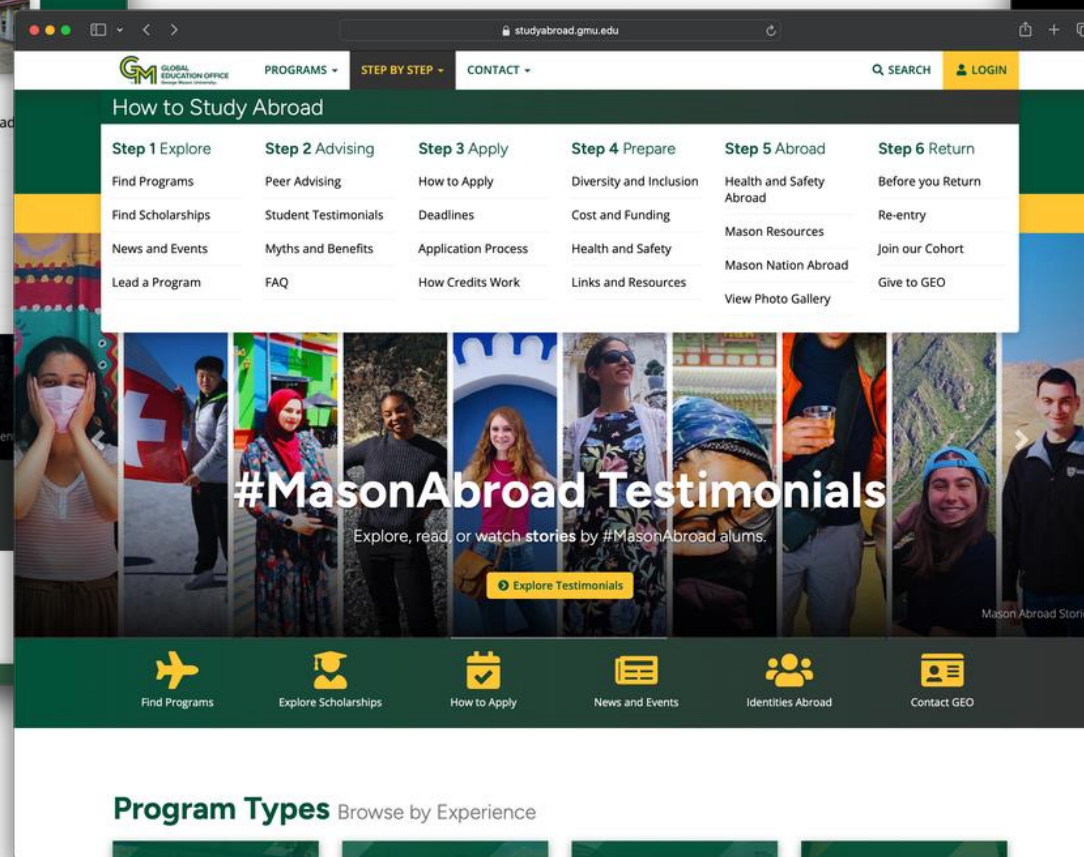
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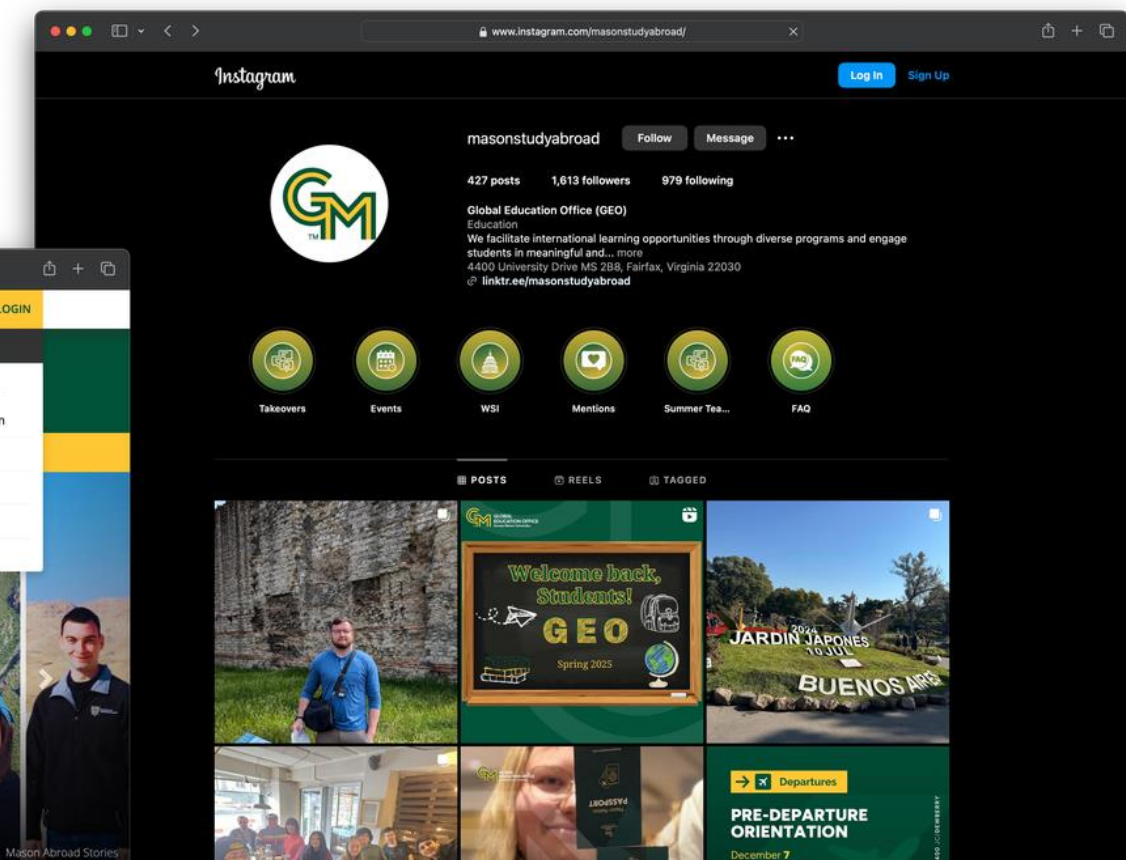
View Program Types and Options



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

Korean Language and Culture



Academic Enrichment

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

Teaching English as a Foreign Language in Thailand



Personal Growth

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

Global Gateway Morocco



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.

Japanese Language and Culture in Akita



"Study abroad sets you up for success. If you go abroad to another country, you will have an additional market to consider when you apply for jobs."

—Simeon Omorodion



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200

Programs



60

Countries



100

Partners



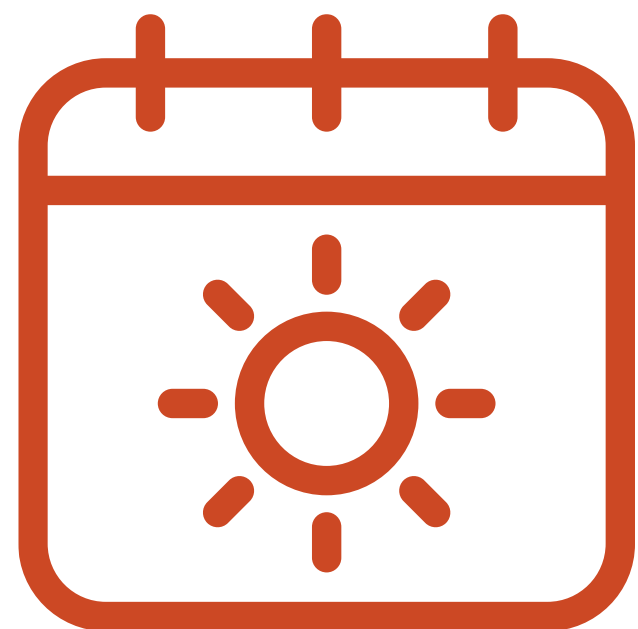
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Internships



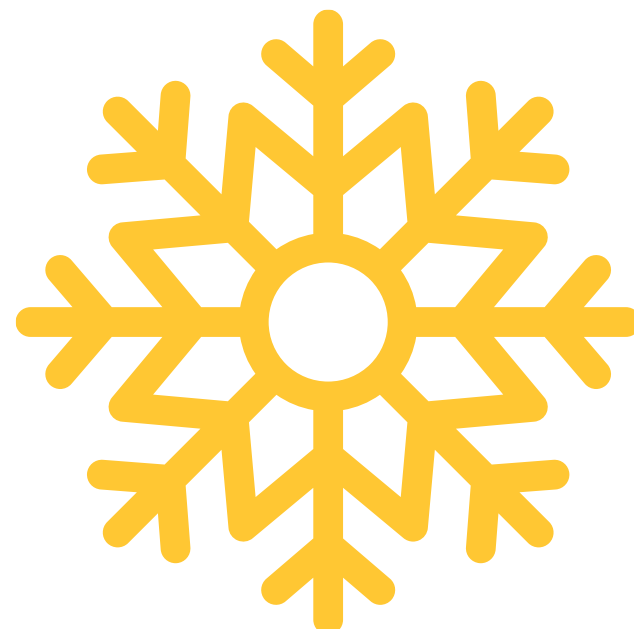
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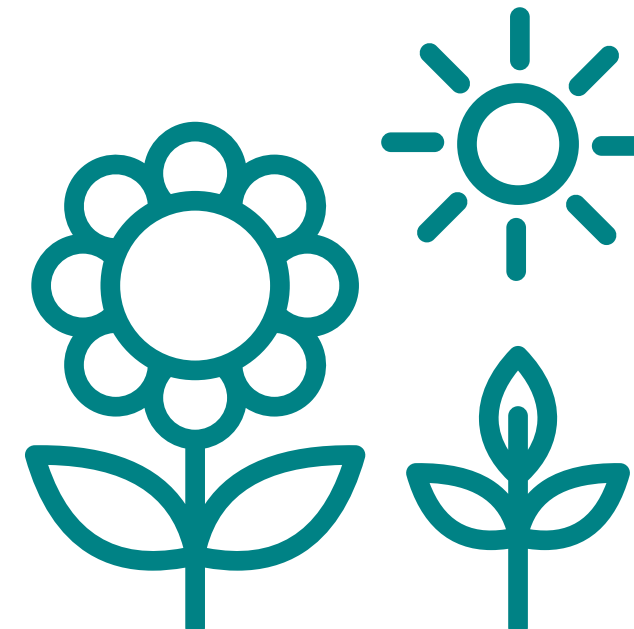
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Summer +
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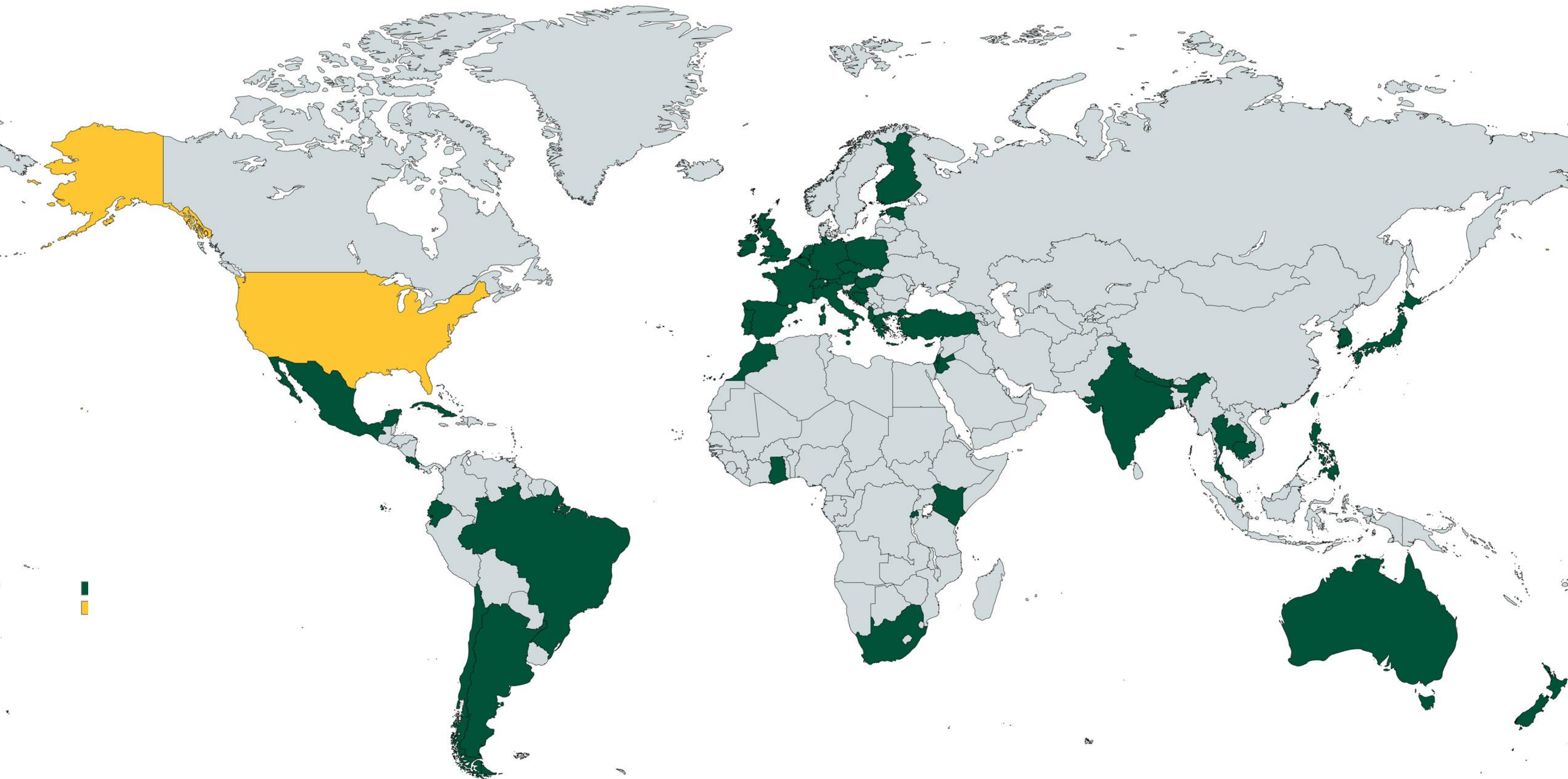
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Winter
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NOV

Spring
Break



What are your options?



Study Abroad Programs

Around **200** options in **60+** countries

- **Global Faculty-Led** Programs
- **Global Partner** Programs
- **Global Internship** Placements

Apply through [MasonAbroad](#).

Usually for upperclass students. Many options.

GFL

Global
FACULTY-LED

GP

Global
PARTNER

GIP

Global
INTERNSHIPS



Global Pathway Program

- **Freshman** year only
- **Preparation course** in the fall (**GEOC 108**)
- **Spring** semester **abroad**
- Available in **10 select locations** globally

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Global
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When can you study abroad?



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When can you go abroad?

Term	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate
Fall Semester Semester	Global Pathway GEOC 108 Course	Semester or Year-long Programs Global Faculty-led / Global Partner			Semester Programs
Winter Break 2 weeks	Global Faculty-Led Programs				
Spring Semester Semester	Global Pathway Semester Abroad	Semester or Year-long Programs Global Faculty-led / Global Partner		not recommended when last semester	Semester Programs
Spring Break 7-10 Days	Global Faculty-Led Programs				
Summer Term 4 to 6 Weeks	Global Faculty-led Programs, Global Internship Programs, Global Partner: International Summer School Many summer programs can also be audited, for example, students graduating in May				

What is the cost of study abroad?



Cost and Affordability

Cost Factors

- 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!

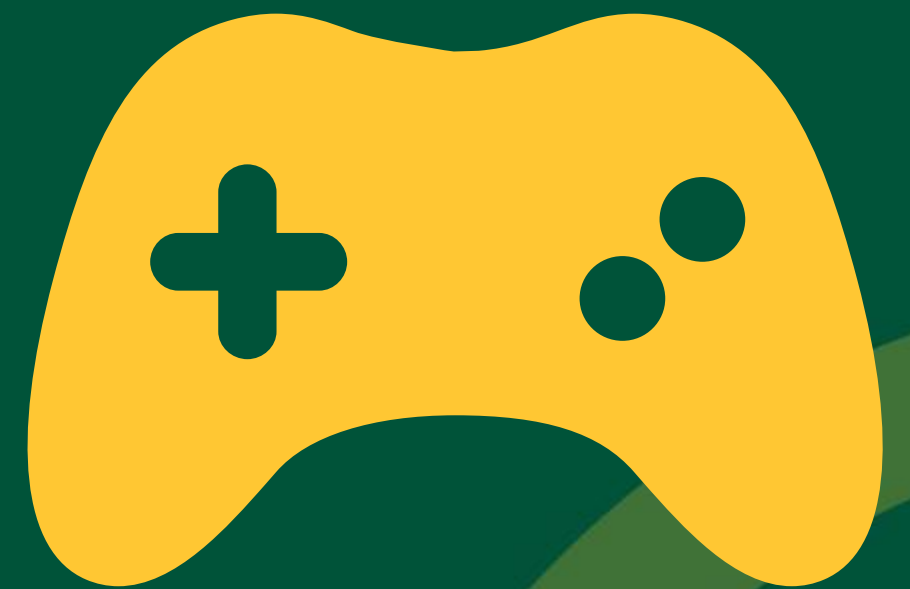
Out-of-State?

Consider the **visiting student** option!

Good to Know

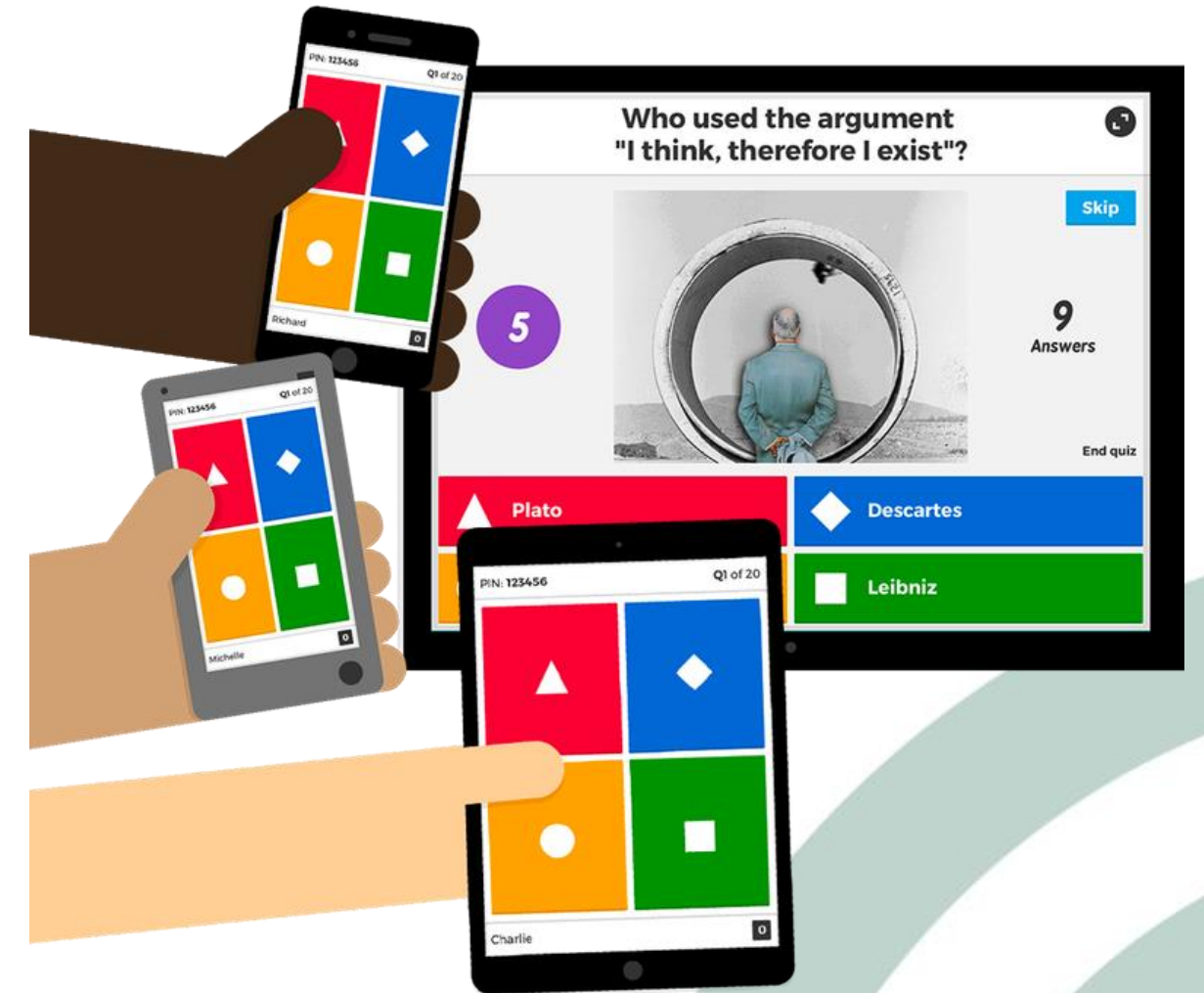
Housing can be less than at George Mason.

Game Time: Get your phones ready!



Play Kahoot

- Grab your phone
- Join the game
- [Start Here](#) (Kahoot: GEO 101)



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