

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

Global Education Office

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The Global Education Office offers students the opportunity to develop critical and creative skills and challenge their assumptions about themselves and other cultures in an educational environment by offering study abroad programs of varying lengths, academic emphases, and locations. Through study abroad, students discover new cultures, sharpen language skills, and travel while earning credit. Study options include faculty-led, short-term courses and intensive language programs; semester and year-long Mason-sponsored programs; and international internship programs. Most programs are open to Mason undergraduate and graduate students and short-term programs are also open to faculty, staff, and the general public.

The Global Education Office also offers a wealth of resources to help students create a personalized international educational experience, including general advising sessions about study abroad and internship options; one-on-one student advising; transfer of approved international program credits; a resource library of travel books; international and diplomatic community programming, and advising to international students from partner schools.

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Dedicated to the promotion of multidisciplinary research on globalization, the Center for Global Studies coordinates outreach efforts in global affairs, facilitating access for external communities to the university's full range of global expertise. Ongoing activities include hosting guest speakers and visiting scholars, an annual conference, electronic publications, and an annual cycle of small grants to support faculty research. The center also manages multi-academic unit research projects and a number of regional and thematic working groups.

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To enhance Mason's global presence and increase accessibility to its academic programs, the university offers opportunities in Songdo, South Korea on the Incheon Global Campus.

George Mason University Korea (Mason Korea), which opened in March 2014, offers bachelor degree programs in economics, global affairs, management, finance and accounting. Additional programs are being planned for the future. Academic program requirements and standards are identical with those on the US campuses. Students based Mason Korea travel to the Fairfax campus for their 6th and 7th semesters. Opportunities for US-based students to study at Mason Korea are in place.

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Administration

Judith A. vanBever-Green, MEd, Executive Director

The Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS) provides services on both regulatory and cultural topics. Staff members provide regulatory information related to non-immigrant status and have been designated by the university to issue and sign immigration documents and paperwork on behalf of the institution. OIPS advisors are available at scheduled walk-in times and by appointment to discuss any concern and to provide practical assistance to students and scholars as they adjust to U.S. culture. OIPS conducts a comprehensive orientation program for new international students and offers social and cultural programming throughout the fall and spring semesters. Most notably, the staff and student volunteers work to internationalize campus life for all members of the Mason community through programs and outreach designed to connect people from different global cultures with one another for meaningful dialogue and cultural learning.

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Building on a thirty-two year tradition of excellence in English language and language-supported education at Mason, the INTO George Mason University joint venture was established in 2014. This venture marks the fifth INTO University Partnership in the United States.

Located in the new Mason Global Center, Mason offers academic International Year One and English language development programs administered by the Academic Division of the INTO Mason joint venture. Personalized support tailored to international students' educational, social and cultural needs prepares them to progress with confidence as degree-seeking students. INTO Mason provides international

students with learning experiences and services that promote academic, professional and personal success. International Year One programs are available to students interested in studying in a wide range of degree programs at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. An Academic English program is available to students looking to develop their language proficiency on a short term basis or as they complete the application process for a pathway or direct admission. All of the innovative International Year One and English language programs offered at INTO Mason are delivered by highly qualified university faculty.