CENTER FOR GLOBAL PROGRAMS AND STUDIES

The Center for Global Programs and Studies (GPS) advances a global campus community and cultivates global mindsets through collaborative initiatives, programs, and services for the entire University. GPS includes four units: International Student and Scholar Services, Global Campus Programs, Global Research and Assessment, and Global Abroad and Away. A complete list of programs and services offered by GPS is available here (http://global.wfu.edu).

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International Students and Scholars Services (ISSS)

International Student and Scholar Services (https://global.wfu.edu/iss/) provides visa processing and immigration support to international students, faculty, and staff during their time at Wake Forest and beyond. Through maintaining compliance with immigration regulations and accurate reporting to several federal government agencies, the ISSS team ensures Wake Forest can continue to host international students, faculty, and staff on campus. ISSS organizes many cultural activities and immigration information sessions throughout the year to educate campus partners, as well as provides programming to encourage engagement with the larger community. The advisors in ISSS also advocate for services that will enhance the experience of our international population on campus.

Global Campus Programs

The Global Campus Programs (GCP) team is responsible for the planning, design, and implementation of programs focused on building a global campus community. The GCP team is both proactive and responsive to developing collaborative programming based on the needs of students, faculty, staff, and campus partners with the goal of enhancing global mindsets. Hallmark programs include: Global Village Living and Learning Community (https://global.wfu.edu/global-campus/global-villages/), Global Laureates Academy (https://global.wfu.edu/global-laureates-academy/), Cross-Cultural Engagement Program (https://global.wfu.edu/global-abroad/cross-cultural-engagement/), Worldwide Wake pre-orientation program (https://global.wfu.edu/global-campus/www/), and the WISE Conference (https://global.wfu.edu/global-campus/wise-conference/) for International Educators.

Global Village: The Global Village Living & Learning Community consists of globally-minded students from a broad spectrum of majors who reside together for a full academic year and commit to collaboratively explore a global theme through curricular and co-curricular activities. The Global Village is an intentional residential community focused on cultivating social, cultural, and intellectual development of participants and is designed to foster engagement with the broader Wake Forest community.

Global Laureates Academy: The Global Laureates Academy provides a focused opportunity to develop one’s global competencies through participation in a series of globally themed workshops and seminars that result in a collaborative capstone project designed to impact the Wake Forest and/or Winston-Salem community.

Cross-Cultural Engagement Program: The CCE Program is a series of courses available to students before, during, and after their study abroad term. CCE courses facilitate the development of skills necessary to study, live, and work effectively in cultures other than your own.

Worldwide Wake: Worldwide Wake is a pre-orientation program that enables globally-minded first-year students to enrich their cross-cultural awareness through a series of small group activities, interesting discussions, daily Global Challenges, and fun social events.

WISE Conference: The Workshop on Intercultural Skills Enhancement (WISE) is the pioneering conference focused on providing knowledge and skills to educators to help study abroad and international students develop intercultural competence and global awareness. Initiated in 2009 by a small group of WFU faculty intent on better preparing students for international experiences, WISE has grown into a global network of professionals and practitioners seeking to expand global understanding in our diverse society. WISE Conference is held annually (early February) in downtown Winston-Salem, NC.

Global Research and Assessment

Global Research and Assessment (https://global.wfu.edu/global-strategies/qep/assessment/) oversees program evaluation for the four initiatives of the Wake Forest University Quality Enhancement Plan: Global AWAKEnings, Global Connections, Global Laureates Academy, and Global Village Living & Learning Community. Global Research houses the Academic and Cultural Transition (ACT) Research Team (https://global.wfu.edu/global-outreach/act/). Comprised of faculty across three institutions as well as WFU undergraduate international students, the ACT Research Team advances understanding and practice on international students’ academic, cultural, social, and emotional adjustment to U.S. universities. To enhance faculty global competency, Global Research provides cross-cultural teaching opportunities in China (https://global.wfu.edu/global-outreach/wfuprogram-scls/).

Global Abroad and Away

Global Abroad and Away (http://studyabroad.wfu.edu/) manages the extensive offerings of Wake Forest and Affiliate study away programs and provides advising to all students pursuing these academic opportunities. Other programs and services include:

- Study abroad/away scholarships (http://studyabroad.wfu.edu/funding/)
- Passport Assistance
- Cross-Cultural Engagement (CCE) program (https://global.wfu.edu/global-abroad/cross-cultural-engagement/)
- International Studies Minor coordination and support (https://global.wfu.edu/global-campus/international-minors/)
- Global Trade and Commerce Studies Minor coordination and support (https://global.wfu.edu/global-campus/international-minors/global-trade-commerce-studies/)