International Students and Scholars

The Center for Global Programs and Studies (GPS) provides support and resources for international students and scholars (ISS) during their time at Wake Forest. Charged with helping students and scholars acculturate and thrive on campus and in the U.S., ISS advisors organize the “Worldwide Wake” pre-orientation program, assist with visa/immigration issues, sponsor activities and seminars throughout the academic year, manage the Friendship Family program, and address individual questions and situations as they arise. Additionally, the international student/scholar advisors collaborate with other Wake Forest offices and departments to foster a campus culture more global in character.

Study Abroad/Away in Wake Forest Programs

Austria (Vienna)

Students have the opportunity to study and live at the Flow House in the 19th District of Vienna (northwest section of the city). Each semester or summer session, a resident professor leads a group of up to 16 students and offers two courses in his or her respective disciplines. Resident professors are chosen from a wide variety of academic departments. In addition, Viennese professors offer courses in the study of German language or literature, Austrian art and architecture, business, music, or history of Austria and Central Europe. Group excursions to Central Europe enhance the learning experience as well as numerous integrative experiences within the city itself. Prior study of German language is recommended but not required. Further information may be obtained from the program director, professor Rebecca Thomas, in the Department of German & Russian.

Chile (Santiago)

Students have the opportunity to study and live in South America on the Southern Cone Program, which is offered during the spring semester. Students begin the semester in Buenos Aires for three weeks taking a cultural immersion course at Universidad Torcuato di Tella and living in a homestay. Then they travel to Santiago, Chile, to spend the rest of the semester taking courses at Universidad Diego Portales. A resident professor leads the group of students and offers two courses in his or her respective discipline. Resident professors are chosen from a variety of academic departments. Students experience the Chilean culture through homestays and excursions to locations such as Easter Island and San Pedro de Atacama. This program offers courses in English and Spanish. Prior study of Spanish language is recommended but not required. Further information may be obtained from the program director, professor Peter Siavelis, in the Department of Politics and International Affairs.

Chile (Santiago)

To receive Honors in Latin American and Latino Studies, highly qualified students apply to and are selected to complete the Chile Honors Semester which is offered each fall in Santiago, Chile. The honors designation is a recognition of outstanding scholarship in the area, as evidenced by academic achievement, critical thinking, intellectual initiative and deep familiarity with the culture and peoples of Latin America. Students undertake focused individual research in the country by participating in LAS 380, the Latin-American and Latino Studies Honors Colloquium and pursue other related coursework including an internship. Students are required to present research findings from their honors colloquium independent project upon return to campus. Further information may be obtained from the program director, professor Peter Siavelis, in the Department of Politics and International Affairs.

England (Cambridge)

Wake Forest offers a semester program in Cambridge, England, in partnership with the Institute of Economic and Political Studies (INSTEP). The program emphasizes a close student to faculty teaching relationship with most classes taught in the seminar format with five to 12 students. In addition, intensive courses are offered for qualified students in the supervision format with one to four students (who meet course prerequisites). Courses are taught by Cambridge University professors and provide a contemporary perspective on economics, business, politics, and international relations. Further information may be obtained from the Center for Global Programs and Studies.

England (London)

Students have the opportunity to study and live at the Worrell House in the Hampstead District of London. Each semester or summer session, a resident professor leads a group of up to 14 students and offers two courses in his or her respective discipline. Resident professors are chosen from a wide variety of academic departments. In addition, British professors offer courses in the study of art, history, and theatre of London and Great Britain. Group excursions to museums and theatre performances enhance the learning experience as well as numerous integrative experiences within the city itself. Further information may be obtained from the program director, professor Kathy Smith, in the Department of Politics and International Affairs.

England (London)

In partnership with the Institute of Economic and Political Studies (INSTEP), Wake Forest offers a semester program in London, England. The program emphasizes a close student-to-faculty teaching relationship common to the English system of higher education. Courses are taught by select faculty members from local universities. Students may choose courses in business, politics, communication, and sociology. Further information may be obtained from the Center for Global Programs and Studies.

England (London)

In partnership with Queen Mary University of London, one of the United Kingdom’s leading research-focused higher education institutions, Wake Forest’s London University Studies & Internships program provides students the exceptional opportunity to experience London in both academic and professional capacities. From Queen Mary’s fully integrated Mile End campus — part of London’s historic East End district — students can pursue coursework from dozens of academic departments and gain real world experience through carefully selected internship placements. Further information may be obtained from the Center for Global Programs and Studies.

France (Dijon)

Students have the opportunity to study and live in France. Each fall semester a resident professor leads a group of students and offers a course in French. In addition, students take courses at the University of Burgundy. Students experience French culture through homestays and excursions to locations throughout France such as Paris, Provence, and Strasbourg. A major in French is not required, but FRH 319 or its equivalent or any French course above the intermediate level is required.
Further information may be obtained from the program director, professor Sally Barbour, in the Department of Romance Languages.

India (Delhi)
This summer abroad program focuses on the ways in which Indian cultural practices have developed into a hybridized format with elements that sustain some of the traditional components of Indian culture that have been synthesized with global cultural trends. This course examines the issues of sustainability of the cultural ecology of a specific ancient cultural system. The program is based in Delhi; however, there are excursions, including a trip to Ladakh in the Himalayan region of India, and to the “Golden Triangle” of India including the Taj Mahal. Further information may be obtained from professor Ananda Misra in the Department of English.

Italy (Venice)
Students have the opportunity to study and live at Casa Artom situated along the Grand Canal in Venice. Each semester or summer session, a resident professor leads a group of up to 20 students and offers two courses in his or her respective discipline. Resident professors are chosen from a wide variety of academic departments. In addition, Venetian professors offer courses in the study of Italian language or literature, Italian art and architecture, history, and economics to help students integrate into the local culture. Group excursions throughout Venice and in surrounding cities enhance the learning experience as well as numerous integrative experiences within the city itself. Prior study of Italian language is not required, but may be determined by the resident professor. Further information may be obtained from the program director, professor Peter Kairoff, in the Department of Music.

Japan (Hirakata)
For students wishing to study in Japan, Wake Forest offers a fall and/or spring semester at Kansai Gaidai University. Located in Hirakata, Japan, Kansai Gaidai is situated near three of Japan’s most interesting cities—Kyoto, the capital of Japan for 1,200 years; Osaka, the largest commercial city; and Nara, the ancient capital of Japan during the 6th century. Courses in a variety of disciplines including economics, political science, religious studies, sociology, history, art, and communication are offered in English. Japanese language is offered at all levels. No prior knowledge of Japanese is required. Further information may be obtained from the Center for Global Programs and Studies.

Peru (Cuzco)
This intensive, field-based program provides hands-on experiences in the wide range of environments Peru has to offer. Students take BIO 349 and/or JOU 370. Course work consists of daily lectures, readings, hands-on field activities, a full range of journalistic interviewing, reporting and writing skills and techniques, and a final project. At all sites, students collect analyze, and identify a wide variety of plant species, and evaluate the possible stories and blog posts that emerge from interviews and observations. Journalistic reporting is the critical means by which decision makers and the public get information about environmental issues. Further information may be obtained from professor Miles Silman in the Department of Biology and/or professor of journalism Justin Catanoso in the Department of English.

Spain (Barcelona)
This semester program is specifically designed for business, economics, entrepreneurship, and global trade and commerce students, but it also appeals to those students interested in political science and international studies in general. Based at the Autonomous University of Barcelona’s Sant Pau Campus (UAB), the program places students the heart of this city of 1.6 million inhabitants. A Wake Forest on-site administrator oversees program administration and Wake Forest’s academic center. Courses are primarily taught in English, with no prior knowledge of Spanish required. Students are required to enroll in one course taught in Spanish or Catalan. Housing options include apartments, student residence halls or homestays. Further information may be obtained from the Center for Global Programs and Studies.

Spain (Salamanca)
Students have the opportunity to study and live in Spain. Each semester a resident professor leads a group of students and offers a course in Spanish. In addition, students take courses at the University of Salamanca. Students experience the Spanish culture through homestays, or dorms at the University of Salamanca and excursions to locations throughout Spain such as Granada, Madrid, and Seville. Internship opportunities are available. A major in Spanish is not required, but one course beyond SPA 212 is required. Further information may be obtained from the program director, professor Candelas Gala in the Department of Romance Languages.

Spain (Salamanca)—Internships
Students interested in experiencing the Spanish work environment are encouraged to apply for the Salamanca Summer Internship program. Internships are available during both summer sessions in a wide range of fields (medical, business, teaching, translation/interpretation) and may carry 1.5 or 3 hour credits. Students enroll in an internship course and have the option of taking a conversation course or literature course while in Salamanca. Students live with Spanish families or in dorms at the University of Salamanca. Further information may be obtained from professor Candelas Gala in the Department of Romance Languages.

United States (Washington, D.C.)
Each fall and spring, the Wake Washington program allows students to study and intern in the nation’s capital. The WFU Resident Professor teaches two courses in his/her field, with a focus on taking advantage of Washington D.C.’s resources to enhance the coursework. In addition, students engage in a four-day-per-week internship. Students are responsible for writing a research paper on a topic related to their internship and for participating in weekly meetings which include opportunities to hear prominent speakers. Alumni and parent mentors are available to students throughout the semester. Students earn 6 credits for the coursework taught by the resident professor and 6 credits for the internship experience and related obligations. Further information may be obtained from the program director, professor Katy Harriger in the Department of Politics and International Affairs.

Additional Summer Programs
Each summer, the University offers a variety of summer study abroad courses led by Wake Forest faculty. There are many types of summer programs including language immersion, field research, specialized academic topics and internships. Wake Forest summer programs are offered throughout Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Detailed information on summer programs is available on the Center for Global Programs and Studies website http://studyabroad.wfu.edu. Further information may be obtained from the Center for Global Programs and Studies.

Study Abroad in Affiliate Programs
Students wishing to study abroad on an affiliate program must visit the Center for Global Programs and Studies for assistance and procedures.
Affiliate programs are approved study abroad programs offered through program providers or other universities. GPS maintains an online database of approved Affiliate programs at http://studyabroad.wfu.edu. In addition, GPS has a collection of printed materials of approved programs. All students planning to study abroad are required to meet with a study abroad advisor. GPS staff advises students regarding their program options. Students will not receive credit for participation on any unapproved study abroad program.

**Course Approval Process.** Once a student is accepted to a study abroad program, he or she must start the course approval process by scheduling an appointment with a study abroad advisor. In no case may a student undertake study abroad elsewhere without completing this process in advance to the satisfaction of GPS, the Registrar’s Office, and the academic departments which oversee course credit approval. Students may not register for fewer than 12 hours or more than 17 hours on a semester study abroad program without the permission of a dean. Department chairs approve specific courses and the number of credit hours earned for those courses.

Grades for approved courses on affiliate study abroad programs will appear on the Wake Forest University transcript, but will NOT be calculated into the Wake Forest grade point average (see section on transfer credit). Students must follow the drop/add policies of the host institution. If the program does not have any relevant policies, then the Wake Forest policy is applied. If a student withdraws from a study abroad program, he or she must notify GPS, the Registrar’s Office, and Student Financial Services; the rules for withdrawal, as stated in this Undergraduate Bulletin, also apply. For more information, consult GPS.

Students may request to have scholarship and financial aid applied toward Affiliate programs. Scholarships for study abroad are also available. Additional information is available in GPS and the Office of Student Financial Aid.