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About

As the University's central point of contact for all of its international activities, the Global Engagement Office (GEO) develops, coordinates, and supports global learning opportunities for students.

Education Abroad

A UNC Greensboro student in good standing may engage in a summer, semester, or academic year opportunity abroad in several ways.

Faculty-Led Programs

UNC Greensboro professors regularly develop and lead student group programs overseas for course credit. Over the past few years, groups have gone to such countries as Costa Rica, Italy, Greece, Spain, United Kingdom, and Tanzania, among many others. Faculty lead students abroad on interculturally immersive short-term programs during Winter Break, Spring Break, and over summer.

Exchange Programs

UNC Greensboro students may study abroad for a semester or year at one of our partner universities while still paying UNC Greensboro tuition and utilizing all their financial aid. This makes exchange programs one of the most accessible avenues for studying abroad. These long-standing exchange partnerships provide reliable support abroad since UNC Greensboro reciprocally hosts exchange students from these partner universities to come and study at UNC Greensboro. Programs are available for every major in over 40 countries around the world.

Virtual Global Programs

UNC Greensboro students may take advantage of virtual international experiences to learn a language, access subject areas as taught by partner institutions, or even engage in an internship with an organization abroad. These affordable, credit-bearing and non-credit bearing opportunities allow students to engage internationally regardless of where they are located.

International Student and Scholar Services

UNC Greensboro is home to more than 800 international students and scholars who represent more than 70 countries around the world. Specific services and advocacy are provided by the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) for international students (both

degree-seeking and short-term incoming exchange), and visiting scholars, including faculty, researchers, and observers. GEO provides services from the time of initial contact through the student or scholar's entire experience at the university. GEO offers continued support to international students up to 36 months beyond graduation for those who participate in the Optional Practical or Academic Training post-completion employment benefit associated with the F and J visa status.

Support for select scholarships

The Global Engagement Office (GEO) successfully supports study abroad students applying for and receiving the Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship.

GEO also provides information and support to current students and recent graduates applying for the U.S. Fulbright Student Program. Opportunities include undergraduate and graduate study, research, and English language teaching in other countries. GEO works with faculty and units across campus to provide advice and feedback to candidates at all stages of the application process.

System-Wide Initiative: Baden-Württemberg North Carolina (BW/NC) Exchange Program

GEO administers the Baden-Württemberg/North Carolina Exchange Program on behalf of the UNC System. Established in 1996, this state-to-state exchange program allows students from North Carolina's 15 public universities to study at the 9 universities in the German state of Baden-Württemberg for one semester or a full year. Participating students remain enrolled at their home university, pay no additional tuition, and earn credits for transfer at the end of their studies in Baden-Württemberg. In addition, the BW/NC Faculty Mobility Program (<https://www.uni-mannheim.de/en/academics/going-abroad/the-baden-wuerttemberg-north-carolina-exchange-program/bw-nc-faculty-mobility-program/>) (<https://www.uni-mannheim.de/en/academics/going-abroad/the-baden-wuerttemberg-north-carolina-exchange-program/bw-nc-faculty-mobility-program>) offers travel grants to support short research stays and foster collaboration between faculty in the two states.

Committees

All GEO activities are carefully supervised and supported by the following committees:

- GEO Advisory Committee
- Discretionary Funds Committee
- University-Affiliated International Travel Committee