

INTERNATIONAL

More than ever before, Georgia State University's graduates must be prepared to think and work globally in order to become the leaders of tomorrow. Likewise, faculty must be active internationally in scholarship to provide leadership in their respective fields. As a result, one of GSU's main goals in the next 15 years is to further curricular innovation and the development of a thriving network of international partnerships, so that students and faculty have the resources and experiences required for success in an increasingly interconnected and globally-oriented world.

Office of International Initiatives

The Office of International Initiatives (OII) leads the way in creating a global campus culture by creating opportunities where faculty, staff, students and the larger community can collaborate campus-wide and beyond.

More specifically, OII works toward the major goal of globalizing the university by strategically coordinating international initiatives, partnerships, grants, program development and management, events, student and scholar services, and study abroad programs through its five units:

International Student & Scholar Services

(ISSS) supports the large community of international students, faculty and staff at GSU. ISSS helps international students and scholars with their initial adjustment to the university and Atlanta; provides information and advice about immigration regulations, cultural differences, financial matters and personal concerns; and assists them throughout their stay by providing useful and creative programs.

Study Abroad Programs offers support to the ever-increasing number of Georgia State University students who pursue academic experiences outside the U.S. This unit also helps GSU faculty develop and manage university-sponsored study abroad programs.

International Initiatives and Partnerships

works to assist faculty in globalizing the university. This unit develops partnerships agreements, administers an annual seed grant program and measures the impact and outcomes of international programs.

Strategic Planning & Development

supports the development of university-wide collaborations, develops international initiatives and partnerships and promotes global engagement throughout the university. The unit manages the Task Forces that focus on five select countries and provides technical assistance to university faculty who pursue externally-funded initiatives and training projects.

The Confucius Institute provides services for promoting Chinese language and culture, fosters exchanges between China and the U.S., and serves as a one-of-a-kind resource center for business communities in Atlanta and Georgia to establish or further business with China. The Confucius Institute has three distinct emphases:

- Provide targeted, business-oriented Chinese language and culture instruction for the business community,
- Promote Chinese culture through various activities, and
- Offer Chinese language instruction for the non-business sector.

GSU's International Reach

- 1,574 international students
- 730 study abroad students
- Academic programs on 5 continents
- 48 faculty-led study abroad programs in 27 countries
- 18 exchange programs in 10 countries
- 132 of international agreements in 35 countries
- 16 international student organizations

International Centers

- Asian Studies Center
- Center for Business Development in Transitional Economies
- Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER)
- Center for Latin American and Latino Studies
- Confucius Institute
- Middle East Institute

Academic Programs

- English as a Second Language
- Global Partners MBA
- International Economics and Modern Languages
- International Business

Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society

As one of the founding chapters of this honor society, GSU's Alpha Lambda chapter recognizes scholarly achievements in international education. Invitations are extended to international students and scholars, U.S. students who have studied abroad, and faculty and staff who are involved in international endeavors.

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