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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY



CENTER FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT
Division of Student Affairs

Global Connections

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January 2022



FSU Welcomes New International Students

Florida State University's Center for Global Engagement (CGE) welcomed over 150 new international students from 26 countries to campus this spring. These new arrivals contribute to FSU's global footprint, which now includes over 1,700 international students coming from approximately 120 countries and areas.

"We are excited to have so many international students join us this semester given all of the obstacles they had to go through in order to arrive," said Cindy Green, Director of the CGE. "We look forward to having them involved on campus and adding to the rich cultural diversity of the FSU community."

Nine of the new arrivals are international exchange students from FSU's Global Exchange partner universities in the Netherlands, South Korea, Sweden, France, Spain, Germany, and Japan. They join fourteen other exchange students who are completing the academic year at FSU, for a total of 23 Global Exchange students on campus this semester.

Best of luck to our new international students!



International Coffee Hour Will Resume Friday, January 28

We are excited that International Coffee Hour will resume this Friday, January 28, featuring the French Club at FSU. Enjoy chocolate pot de crème prepared in the Globe kitchen and served with fresh croissants. International Coffee Hour takes place each Friday when classes are in session from 5–6:30 p.m. in The Globe (GME Building).

"We are excited to bring back International Coffee Hour for the spring semester," said CGE Programs Coordinator Michelle Lawson. "We look forward to our weekly Coffee Hour event as it brings together the FSU community to catch up over delicious food prepared by Chef Jesse and his team."

International Coffee Hour presents a unique opportunity for FSU domestic and international students, faculty and staff to come together every Friday and meet people from around the world. It is one of the most popular events offered by the Center for Global Engagement and has contributed to the diversity of campus culture for over 30 years.

Please mark your calendars for the February schedule and featured cultures:

- 2/4: La Societa' Italiana
- 2/11: South Asian Student Association
- 2/18: Russian Program (Modern Languages and Linguistics)
- 2/25: Bangladeshi Student Association



Interested in Participating in an Exchange?

FSU Global Exchanges offers students the unique opportunity to study at one of FSU's 45+ prestigious, international partner universities for either one semester or an academic year.

Participating in a Global Exchange presents students with the opportunity to fulfill academic requirements while taking classes in English at one of FSU's international partner universities. Students will fully immerse themselves in a new culture while forging life-long friendships with fellow international and exchange students.

Students pay FSU tuition and fees and can use financial aid in support of these programs. Tuition and fees are waived at the host university, with all academic credit earned at the host institution transferred back to meet FSU degree requirements.

This semester there are a total of 22 outbound exchange students studying with universities in the following countries: Netherlands, South Korea, France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Martinique, the United Kingdom, and Japan.

If you are interested in participating in an FSU Global Exchange for Spring 2023, please go to <https://globalexchanges.fsu.edu/>. Start by attending an information session, which are held every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. and Friday at 12:00 p.m. this semester.

The deadline for applications to participate in a Spring 2023 exchange is **October 1**.

[Apply for Global Exchange](#)



Global Citizenship Certificate Scholarship Winners

The Center for Global Engagement would like to recognize and congratulate our Spring 2022 Global Citizenship Certificate Scholarship recipients, Gabriela Gavranic dos Reis, Sara Young,

and Jonathon Dorsey.

These three undergraduate students are enrolled in the Global Citizenship Certificate program and are participating in a Global Exchange as their sustained experience. Each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the Spring 2022 semester. The students are participating in Global Exchanges with our partner institutions in three different countries.

Dos Reis is currently participating in an exchange program at the University of Strasbourg, France. Young is enrolled virtually at Waseda University, Japan, since student visas to study in Japan are not being issued for spring semester. Dorsey is completing an exchange at Sookmyung Women's University, South Korea.

The Global Citizenship Certificate Scholarship was established in 2017, and is awarded to recognize high achieving students with documented financial need who demonstrate values of global citizenship. FSU undergraduate students who are enrolled in the Global Citizenship Certificate program and are participating in a Global Exchange are eligible to apply for the scholarships.

Scholarship Application Opens: *February 1, 2022 for Summer and Fall semesters*

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Highlights & Programs

Mini International Bazaar Coming Soon!



Friday, March 4

5 – 6:30 p.m. | The Globe

Please join us to experience the first Mini International Bazaar to be featured during Coffee Hour on Friday, March 4 from 5-6:30 in the Globe. Learn more about the culture of several featured FSU multicultural organizations who will be sharing typical snacks and dessert. Engage in conversation with students from around the world while enjoying coffee and tea in the usual Coffee Hour format.

If your organization is interested in participating in the Mini International Bazaar, please fill out this [form](#) by Friday, February 4. Space is limited and applications will be reviewed on a first-come-first-serve basis. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to Michelle Lawson and Imani Lewis at cge-programs@fsu.edu.

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Global Citizen Award



Nomination Deadline: February 25, 2022

The Global Citizen Award honors outstanding students who have actively engaged in intercultural initiatives on campus or abroad and who have exemplified leadership in promoting and supporting a global community among Florida State University students. Photos of winners of the award will be added to the Global Citizen Award wall in The Globe.

Students can be nominated by faculty, staff, or their peers. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Exemplify leadership in fostering a global community at FSU
- Support diverse cultures on campus or in the community by contributing to a welcoming environment
- Be currently enrolled during the spring semester at FSU and in good academic standing

[Nominate](#)

English Conversation Club



Monday – Friday

4 – 5 p.m. | The Globe Lounge

CGE invites all levels of English as a Second Language (ESL) speakers to meet and practice conversational English in a relaxed atmosphere during its English Conversation Club. These sessions are led by experienced English speakers.

English Conversation Club is free for FSU students, scholars, and their family members.

[Mark Your Calendar](#)

CGE Student Spotlight

Erin King, Global Citizenship Certificate (GCC) and FSU alumna with a bachelor's in International Affairs, now works in human resources for Mitsubishi and claims the program shaped her career trajectory.

Growing up in a multi-cultural home, King enrolled in GCC to learn more about cultural differences, both for her own personal and professional understanding.

From a relational standpoint, being involved with GCC helped her bridge the gap between understanding people and their cultures. King believes that participating in the GCC Program honed her communication skills. "I am better able to thrive and interact with my co-workers thanks to the lessons I learned," she said.



Students take a total of four academic courses: one required course and three electives from a list of 500+ liberal studies courses that enhance understanding of global issues and cultures; attend eight intercultural events; and complete one sustained experience.

While taking the required Global Perspectives course, King made connections between her life and global competencies. "We have all experienced those 'ah-ha' moments, when something just clicks and makes perfect sense in your head," King said. "That's how my experience in those courses felt. The class teaches a way of thinking, a mindset when you engage with other cultures. It's something that you feel like everyone should know, but it isn't really made clear until you're given the opportunity to openly and freely discuss it within the course."

King studied abroad in Leysin, Switzerland, counting as her sustained experience.

Undergraduate students interested in learning more about global issues and demonstrating to employers and graduate schools that they're ready to succeed in a diverse and multicultural world should enroll in the Global Citizenship Certificate.

After completing all GCC requirements, King recognized the importance of diversity and inclusion within the work force. She then shifted her interest to human resources and has been working as a recruiter for Mitsubishi, a globally integrated business enterprise which employs millions of individuals across the globe. "GCC pushed me to find a company that focused on the care and

understanding of its employees and that sought out to diversify the workplace," King said. "I now have the great opportunity to speak with a variety of people across the country."

[Read More](#)

Spring Info Sessions

Global Citizenship Certificate Information Sessions



Mondays at 4 p.m. | Wednesdays at 12 p.m.
The Globe Room 2600

Through a combination of taking academic courses (1 required and 3 electives), attending 8 intercultural events, and completing 1 sustained experience, you can earn your Global Citizenship Certificate and develop intercultural and communication skills and enhance your knowledge of global issues.

Attend an info session so you can learn more about how our program can help you achieve your goals.

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Global Exchanges Information Sessions



Wednesdays at 1 p.m. | Fridays at 12 p.m.
The Globe Room 2300

Join us to find out how you can study at one of FSU's 45+ international partner universities while earning FSU credits, paying FSU tuition and using your financial aid! Topics covered include: selecting the right program, application process, and course selection and financial aid.

View the complete list of FSU's Global Exchange programs by clicking below.

globalexchanges.fsu.edu

FSU Global Events

For a full list of FSU's events with a global focus, [check out this full calendar of events](#) or visit global.fsu.edu.

Global Citizenship Certificate Events*



FSU's Global Citizenship Certificate prepares undergraduate students to succeed in a diverse and multicultural world. Students take four academic courses (choose from a list of 500+ approved liberal studies courses), attend 8 intercultural events, and completed a sustained experience.

An asterisk (*) is used to denote which events qualify as an intercultural event toward the Global Citizenship Certificate. For more information, click below.

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Support CGE Programs



The Center for Global Engagement facilitates international diversity, fosters global understanding and awareness, and enhances internationalization efforts throughout the FSU community.

We envision a welcoming campus environment where students, faculty, and staff value cultural diversity and actively engage in a global community.

If you would like to support our mission by making a donation to our programming fund, please click the 'give' button below. On behalf of the CGE, the Division of Student Affairs, and the FSU Foundation, we thank you for supporting Florida State University.

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