

SEWANEE

AROUND THE GLOBE



Welcome to the Office of Global Citizenship's first newsletter for the 2023-24 academic year! We're passionate about providing the Sewanee community with global education opportunities, resources, and expertise that empower transformational experiences and cultivate global citizens able to meet the challenges of today.

Study Away by the Numbers

In AY 22-23 the Office of Global Citizenship study away team saw study away & abroad participation return to—and then exceed—pre-pandemic levels.

12.4% of the undergraduate student body studied abroad/away.

28% of study away participants identify as minorities.

21% of our travellers were Pell eligible.

44% were STEM majors.

This fall we have **134 students** studying on Sewanee-led, direct enroll, and third-party programs.

Sewanee offers over **120 programs** on all seven continents! Top destinations for Advent '23: Ecuador, Italy, France, New Zealand, and Spain.



Alumni, students, and OGC staff at the Homecoming '22 reception

Office of Global Citizenship Upcoming Events

Family Weekend Open House

1-3 p.m. Friday, October 6, 2023
Torian-Watson House

Pre-Departure Orientation Workshops

Check Engage for more information!

Ein deutscher Nachmittag: An Afternoon of German Art Song

4 p.m. Sunday, October 8, 2023
St. Luke's Chapel

Gabriel Rice C'24 • A reflection of their time abroad in Austria, Germany, & Switzerland. This event is presented by the Department of Music in partnership with the OGC.



New International Students

In August Sewanee welcomed thirteen new international undergraduate students and six seminarians from eighteen different countries. Travis Parker, Coordinator of International Student & Scholar Services, hosted a multi-day international student orientation, giving students the opportunity to meet current students, become familiar with their new home, and build connections with each other and our campus community.

Mellon Grant Programs Sewanee's EQB Spirit in Study Abroad Program Collaborations



Centre, Sewanee, and Rhodes received a generous Mellon Grant to establish three semester-long study away programs intentionally designed to promote unique themes of study in nontraditional study abroad locations.

1. Ghana on the World Stage, led this semester by Sewanee's Dr. Amy Patterson, examines the African diaspora, focusing on the historical, cultural, and political intersections between Ghana, Memphis, and the world. Students can also pursue an internship.

2. Study & Intern in NYC immerses students in NYC's rich performing arts traditions while students study the peoples, cultures, and their histories that make NYC's rich patchwork quilt of global communities. Rounding out the program is a semester-long, for-credit internship. Through the Sewanee alumni channels, our students are able to find placements guided by their future goals.

3. The newest Mellon Grant program is Ecuador: Global Environmental Challenges. Led this semester by Rhodes professor Michael Collins, this program explores various environmental challenges of today and tomorrow through an integrated lens of science and humanities in place-based courses. A three-week module takes place in the Amazon river basin and the Galápagos Islands. All three programs are currently operating with a full roster of students. Check out our #GlobalSewanee Instagram account for posts from Study & Intern in NYC participant Ngan Nguyen C'25.

News from Nantes: Sewanee in France

Bonjour! This semester, ten Sewanee students and two Centre College students are greeting host families this way on their immersive Sewanee in France program, which is partnered with IES Abroad in Nantes, France. Faculty leader Professor Julian Ledford isn't the students' only Sewanee connection, however: the director of the IES Nantes Center, Nicolas Steffani, was the director of Sewanee's French House in 2012-2013!



Students studying abroad in Nantes visit the Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery

While students take most of their classes at the study abroad center, a number are also taking local university classes, such as choir and an art class, among others. They've taken trips to Vannes, Clisson, and Normandy, with more to come. Though they're enjoying traveling, they're also enjoying living in their homestays. "The experience of living with [my host family] has so far made...study abroad truly feel immersive," said Warner Greene, '25, a student on the program. "So far my experience has been nothing short of amazing."

OGC Associate Director Awarded Federal Grant

Marcus Murphy (Associate Director of the Office of Global Citizenship) was recently awarded a STARTALK grant to support the Sewanee Chinese Language Camp for high schoolers. STARTALK is a federal grant program managed and funded by the National Security Agency. The camp will run June 15 - July 1, 2024 and will include online modules pre-camp and post-camp. Students will be able to attend the entire program free of charge. Sewanee will also offer Spanish and Russian Language Camps during the summer of 2024.



Student Spotlight: Vivine Kampire, C'24

Major: Psychology

Hometown: Gikondo, Kicukiro District, Rwanda

IES Vienna, Psychology & Social Science, Easter 2023

With no German skills but a desire to do something new, Vivine Kampire set off for IES Abroad in Vienna: Psychology and Social Sciences in January of 2023.

For her, it was transformative. “Studying abroad will always remain one of the most important and influential decisions I will have ever made during my college career. I am so grateful and thankful for the wonderful opportunity it has been for me. I have surely grown in so many ways, like having learned a new language, traveled to new countries, made new friends, etc.” From going to museums, traveling to other countries, attending a ball, and basking in the beauty that is Vienna, Vivine took full advantage of her semester abroad. She loved it so much that she’s now an ambassador for IES — and one of our study away ambassadors — willing to share her experience with others who are interested (or should be!).

And what comes next? She’s applied for a Watson Fellowship, which funds a year of travel for pursuit of a personal interest. Her journeys abroad started at Sewanee, took her to Vienna, and may take her around the world.



GLBL 102: Global Citizenship & Reflecting on Study Abroad

When students return to Sewanee after studying away, they have the opportunity to process and reflect on their experience in the classroom. In GLOBL 102, Global Citizenship and Study Abroad, through discussion, readings, and projects on topics including culture shock, identity development, and global citizenship, students work to integrate their study away experiences with their academic and co-curricular work at Sewanee and beyond.

The course first invites students to look inward and to use storytelling techniques to consider and

express the personal impact of studying away. At the midterm, students share digital stories illustrating their intercultural development and personal growth. In the second half of the course, students undertake projects that put into action the awareness, skills, and attitudes of global citizenship. Last semester, students designed elementary-level lesson plans on the role each person plays in the environment, produced podcasts on intercultural awareness and disability rights at home and abroad, and initiated a clothing drive. Exciting projects are already in the works this semester!



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