1. Try a Short Term Program – Such as GSW Faculty-led programs to Bulgaria or China, Then advance toward a semester-long program
   1. Coursework in English and all core subjects that transfer toward your degree program
   2. Classmates, Peers and Faculty from GSW

1. GREAT ECONOMIC INVESTMENT TOWARD YOUR FUTURE CAREER GOALS
   1. Study abroad experiences and intercultural skills make you highly marketable in our global economy
   2. Languages, internships, Maymester
   3. Options: Spring Break, Short-term, Semester and Academic Year (2-semesters)

2. INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE
   1. Gain an appreciation for other cultures as well as a better understanding of oneself
   2. Develop transferable intercultural skills for interacting with people from different backgrounds
   3. Gain self-confidence to navigate new situations related to the ambiguities of life
1. SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT INTEGRATED WITH CULTURAL STUDY OF COUNTRY
   1. Every Spring (during Spring Break) there is a Millard Fuller Center Build in a various developing country through University 4000
   2. Study about the focus culture – This year Peru – its people, language, society, geography, and culture
   3. Participate with members of the host community in a Build project during spring break
   4. Choose a research topic as a class project and Post Experience Presentation to share with GSW students in a Windows to the World program

2. BULGARIA PROGRAM – CONTAINS A SERVICE LEARNING COMPONENT – They’ll be working with a local orphanage through the Tabitha Foundation

3. NURSING PROGRAM – TRANSCULTURAL NURSING Course – THIS YEAR TO JAMAICA – Always during Spring Break
1. EXPERIENCE OF BEING THERE – NOTHING COMPARES TO THIS:
   1. Opportunities to interact with University students on campus
   2. Live in residence Halls – Both Campuses VERY MODERN
   3. Theatre, Music, and the Arts highly valued both in China and Bulgaria
      1. Students in China – love performance arts, Karoke

2. Take coursework in English by GSW Faculty – Tailored to host country site – See Program Brochures:
   https://gsw.edu/academics/academic-resources/studyabroad/index
SITES, SMELLS, INTERACTION

1. DUMPLING MAKING WORKSHOP at Changshu with CIT students
2. CIT – PAIRING STUDENTS WITH CIT AND GSW STUDENTS
3. AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BULGARIA – HIGH LEVEL OF ENGLISH/ VERY INTERNATIONAL / COSMOPOLITAN COMMUNITY
1. BENEFIT OF HAVING GSW FACULTY AND CIT FACULTY – THERE TO ASSIST;
2. FACULTY WITH LOTS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE HOST COUNTRY
3. GSW FACULTY WHO ARE BULGARIAN
4. Its fun trying new experiences, such as the Foot Massages with live fish nibbling your feet!
SITE VISITS IN THE AFTERNOONS AND LONG WEEKENDS OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE NEW SMELLS, TASTES, ARCHITECTURE, LANGUAGE
1. American University of Bulgaria – MODERN, HIGHLY REGARDED, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER
2. Café culture – INFORMAL, OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY OUTSIDE WITH PROFESSORS
3. DR. SZMEDRA’S BLOGS on Bulgaria, very entertaining! - https://gsw.edu/academics/academic-resources/studyabroad/index
1. INCREDIBLE HISTORY – CULTURAL SITE EXCURSIONS every weekend (Fri-Sun’s) and often time for exploration during afternoons and evenings during the week.
FOOD AND HOSPITALITY –
US STUDENTS AND FACULTY VERY WELCOME AT BOTH CIT IN CHANGSHU AND
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BULGARIA
OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE CORE CURRICULUM or Elective (INTL 2000) THAT INTEGRATES HOST CULTURE
SERVICE LEARNING COMPONENT IN BULGARIA – VISITING AND WORKING WITH A ORPHANAGE IN A RURAL VILLAGE FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Bulgaria Blogs: https://gsw.edu/academics/academic-resources/studyabroad/index
CHINESE CULTURE INTERWOVEN INTO GSW COURSES

1. CHANGSHU IS FAMOUS FOR ITS GARMENT FACTORIES – HUGE BUSINESS
2. CHINA HAS MANY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT CAN BE IDENTIFIED FIRST-HAND
3. 1 CR. CULTURAL SEMINAR CLASS TAUGHT BY CIT FACULTY THAT WILL INCLUDE INTERACTIONS WITH CIT STUDENTS, AS WELL AS WORKSHOPS IN THE CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS, CALLIGRAPHY, LANGUAGE, AND MORE
THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING AVAILABLE – WEBSITE - https://gsw.edu/academics/academic-resources/studyabroad/index

INTEGRATE A SHORT TERM PROGRAM WITH YOUR SUMMER JOB SCHEDULE

Many scholarship deadlines are before the program deadlines! (Many are March 1 Deadlines)

Utilize the university’s additional resources and conduct your own search for more scholarships
REALLY, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR ???
What's Next?

Resources
OIP 101 ACE
Applications

Where to find out information / Search for programs (GSW Study Abroad Site)
Thank you!!
Come see us:
ACE Building, Room 101
Email: windows2world@gsw.edu

“My Year in China”
with GSW study abroad returnee
Tabias Pittman
January 26, 2016
at 5:00 pm
in Room 124,
Nursing Building Auditorium

GSW
Study Abroad Fair

Wednesday, Jan. 27 / 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Marshall Student Center
GET INFORMATION ON:
GSW Summer 2016 PROGRAMS
CHINA MAYMESTER May 8 - June 1, 2016
BULGARIA SUMMER June 2 - June 30, 2016
PERU SPRING BREAK March 18-27, 2016
JAMAICA SPRING BREAK March 20 - 25, 2016
EUROPEAN COUNCIL PROGRAMS
APPLY FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES
STUDY ABROAD - AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE
For more information visit:
https://gsu.edu/academics/international-student-programs/events