1. What is a GSPM Global Perspective Residency (GPR)?
The Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) offers several short-term study abroad courses for graduate students. These courses are called Global Perspective Residencies. They comprise one month of Blackboard-based coursework, followed by a one- or two-week residency in the location indicated by the course. They are housed under GSPM’s Advocacy in the Global Environment (PSAD) master’s degree program, but any graduate student is encouraged to apply. On a case-by-case basis, undergraduates in their final year may be admitted. Priority is given to PSAD students, as GPRs are required for their degree completion.

2. When are course offerings available for the upcoming semesters through this website?
- Spring: August for January courses, November for all others
- Summer: January
- Fall: July

3. How will I be notified of upcoming Global Perspective Residencies (GPRs)?
Information regarding upcoming GPRs is released based on the timeline in the previous question. The GPR website is updated with a list of current courses and course application sites, if available. Current GSPM students also will receive notification through the weekly e-newsletter, “Three Things You Need to Know.”

4. Am I eligible for a Global Perspective Residency (GPR)?
Eligible students must be in good academic standing (GPA of 3.0 or higher). First-semester students are eligible, but must either provide a letter of recommendation from a professor or a transcript from previous schooling.

5. If I’m a PSAD student, how will Global Perspective Residencies (GPRs) be counted toward my degree?
Twelve credits (either four one-week GPRs, or two one-week GPRs and one two-week GPR) are required in order to complete the PSAD degree.

6. If I’m a GSPM student (non-PSAD), how will Global Perspective Residencies (GPRs) be counted toward my degree?
GPRs are currently counted as electives for GSPM students in the Political Management, Legislative Affairs, or Strategic Public Relations programs.
7. If I am not a GSPM student, am I eligible for enrollment in a Global Perspective Residency (GPR)?
   - Yes, graduate students from other GW schools are eligible to apply.
   - Qualified undergraduates in their final year are considered on a case-by-case basis.
   - Students from other universities are eligible to participate in GPRs. Please note that if you are not a GW student, you will be required to apply to GW as a non-degree student and pay GW tuition for the course.
   - GW and GSPM alumni are eligible to apply. These students are required to apply to GW as a non-degree student and pay GW tuition for the course.

8. Are international students eligible to participate in Global Perspective Residencies (GPRs)?
   Yes, international students are eligible to participate. They must meet the same academic standards as GW students (GPA of 3.0 or higher), be fluent in English (written and oral), and, if in their final undergraduate year, be among the small number of undergraduates chosen to participate. It is the responsibility of the international student to ensure that he/she is following the correct U.S. immigration procedure to travel to the GPR destination. Questions regarding travel abroad for international students should be directed to the International Services Office.

9. Are Global Perspective Residencies (GPRs) eligible for alumni audit?
   GPRs are not eligible for the traditional alumni audit program. Although alumni may opt to not pursue a grade, they must still apply to GW as a non-degree student and pay GW tuition for the course.

10. Are Global Perspective Residencies (GPRs) available through the D.C. Consortium?
    GPRs are not eligible for registration through the D.C. Consortium. Consortium students who wish to participate in a GPR may apply as a non-degree student and pay GW tuition for the course.

APPLICATION

11. How do I apply?
    Students submit an online application for Global Perspective Residencies (GPRs). The online application can be accessed from the webpage of the specific GPR and by selecting the “Apply Now” button. If you already started an application and would like to return to it before the application deadline, you may access it here.

12. Why do I have to apply?
    Limited space is available in each Global Perspective Residency (GPR). Interested students must submit online applications to be considered. Priority is given to PSAD students, since 12 GPR credits are required in order to complete the PSAD degree.

13. Can I apply to more than one Global Perspective Residency (GPR)?
    Eligible students may take part in multiple GPRs throughout their degree. If you are interested in more than one GPR for the same time period, you should fill out a separate application for each opportunity. If you are accepted to multiple opportunities for the same time period, you can decline your secondary choice with no penalty, should you do so within the “Commit” deadline period noted for the specific GPR.

14. When are applications due?
    Please see the Global Perspective Residencies website for the latest details.
    - Spring: Dates noted in applications, generally between October and December
    - Summer: Dates noted in applications, generally between February and April
    - Fall: Dates noted in applications, generally in August

15. Why can’t I register for a Global Perspective Residency (GPR) directly?
    Students cannot register for GPRs directly. If your application is accepted, GSPM's administrative staff will register you for the particular GPR.

16. Are there prerequisite courses for all Global Perspective Residencies (GPRs)?
    There are no prerequisites at this time.
17. **Who reviews the applications?**

The professor of the particular Global Perspective Residency and GSPM faculty make the final admissions decision.

18. **When will I hear back regarding my application?**

After the application deadline for the particular Global Perspective Residency (GPR) has arrived, the average review period is one week. Once a decision has been made, all applicants will be notified if they have been admitted, denied, or waitlisted.

Admitted students then have five business days to submit a $500 deposit and confirm their spot in the program by selecting “Commit” in their GW Passport application. After that time, GPR staff will notify people from the waitlist if they have been selected.

19. **How do I submit the program deposit?**

- **GW Students:** Credit cards are accepted for payment of the $500 GPR program deposit. Accepted students in each course will receive directions on how to submit their program deposit.

- **Non-GW Students:** Deposits must be submitted by check or money order and made out to “The George Washington University.” On the $500 deposit (check or money order), note the specific course to which you would like the deposit applied. Checks or money order are accepted in person or by mail* at:

  The Graduate School of Political Management
  ATTN: Global Perspective Residencies
  The George Washington University
  805 21st Street, NW, Suite 401
  Washington, DC 20052

*Program deposit deadlines are strictly enforced. If you plan to mail your deposit, please take into account postal mail processing times when mailing a deposit. Checks have been lost in the mail, so it is recommended students track the check or inform GPR staff when the check has been mailed.

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**ACADEMICS**

20. **How may I register for one of the Global Perspective Residencies (GPRs)?**

Students interested in GPRs complete an online application in GW Passport.

Students cannot register directly for GPRs. Only GPR staff can register students. GPR staff will notify students when they have been registered in the courses.

21. **Do all Global Perspective Residencies (GPRs) have Blackboard-based work prior to the international experience?**

All GPRs comprise one month of Blackboard-based work prior to the international experience. Although deadlines are noted in each GPR’s syllabus, there are no particular dates or times when students must physically be on Blackboard completing the work.

22. **Is the pre-departure meeting mandatory?**

Yes. Each Global Perspective Residency (GPR) is preceded by a pre-departure meeting at which students will meet their classmates, receive a tentative syllabus and itinerary, and have their questions answered. The date and time of this meeting will be communicated to students by GPR staff.

23. **What does a typical Global Perspective Residency (GPR) syllabus look like?**

Each GPR typically comprises three assignments (a Country Analysis, a Briefing Document, and a Post-Residency Advocacy Assignment). There are also readings to complete and videos to watch—all of which are either linked to online or posted on the course Blackboard page.

24. **What are the academic and grading standards?**

Global Perspective Residencies (GPRs) are held to the same academic standard as all other GSPM courses. Please note that you may be penalized for late submission of assignment(s). Any assignment 1–3 days late will be docked one letter grade level. Any assignment 4–6 days late will be docked one additional letter grade level. Any assignment more than six days late will be docked one additional letter grade level, and the student will be given an “incomplete” until the assignment is received. “Incomplete” grades, until resolved, may cause academic holds to be placed on students’ GW accounts.
**FINANCES**

25. **How much do Global Perspective Residencies (GPRs) typically cost?**

   It is difficult to give an average cost for GPRs because destination and course credits are the main determinants for the overall course cost and can vary. (GPRs are typically three credits for a one-week residency and six credits for a two-week residency.)

   - **Tuition:** Each course will be billed tuition that will correspond to the number of credits in the course. The tuition is a figure set by GW. (For reference purposes, tuition was $1,530 per credit for academic year 2015-2016, but this is subject to change each year.)
   
   - **GPR Group Expenses:** This charge covers the billable program costs arranged by GSPM on behalf of the student and includes group transportation, group meals, GW-mandated health and safety insurance, and some cultural events (note: lodging is only included if noted). This is charged in addition to tuition for the course.
   
   - **Incidentals:** Estimated incidental expenses you will incur on your own will likely range from $1,000 to $2,000. This may include lodging, non-group meals, transportation to and from airports, airfare, and any necessary travel documents such as passports and, in some cases, visas.

26. **How will my tuition be billed?**

   Costs associated with your Global Perspective Residency (GPR) will register in your GW account as two separate transactions. (Separately, the program deposit will show up in your student account as a short-term abroad deposit. When you pay this deposit, it will appear as a credit on your student account. Please see the Withdrawal Policy for additional information on program deposits.)

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27. **What is the difference between a Program Deposit and the GPR Group Expenses charge?**

   The Program Deposit is like a down payment for the program. It confirms with GPR staff that you are committed to taking part in the study abroad opportunity.

   The GPR Group Expenses charge is used to pay for on-the-ground logistics arranged by GSPM on behalf of the student, such as group meals, group transportation, and some cultural events. GW-mandated health and safety insurance is also included.

   *Note: Lodging is only included if noted.*

28. **Will my financial aid, fellowships, and/or scholarships apply?**

   Financial aid, fellowship, and scholarship availability may vary by program and destination. All program tuition costs are paid directly to the George Washington University. GPRs are covered by most financial aid and fellowships restricted to U.S.-based credit-bearing programs.

   If the student’s private health insurance does not cover the student while abroad, the student is eligible to register for short-term health insurance coverage abroad through **HTH Worldwide**. Please submit questions about HTH Worldwide registration to the Office of Risk Management at risk@gwu.edu.

**PRE-DEPARTURE**

29. **When can I purchase my flight?**

   It is highly recommended that students wait until they receive specific instructions from GPR staff about when to purchase airfare. Students are responsible for booking their own international flights but will receive guidance from GPR staff regarding arrival and departure dates and times.

30. **Will I be notified of health and safety considerations for the destination?**

   Students traveling with any study-abroad program are encouraged to visit the **HTH Worldwide** website, an online database that provides health, safety, and travel tracking information for the destination country.

31. **Will I need additional insurance coverage during my time abroad?**

   Students are required to have sufficient health coverage while abroad. If the student’s private health insurance covers the student while abroad, the requirement is satisfied.
32. **Can I bring my spouse/partner on the Global Perspective Residency (GPR)?**

Anyone who wants to attend class sessions or other program-related activities during the GPR must fully enroll in the program. **Students may not bring friends or family members on the program who are not fully enrolled in the program.** Class meetings, site visits, field trips, dinners, receptions, program-related transportation, and all other program-related events are open only to students registered for the course. Please be aware that the university will not provide any support services or assume any responsibility for accompanying non-enrolled participants.

In very rare cases, exceptions may be made upon request to GSPM. Additionally, in rare instances, students may be approved to travel with a disability companion.

33. **Will I have my own room?**

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED,** students are responsible for booking their own lodging. Students will be given recommended arrival and departure dates, as well as the dates and times of required GPR programming that will be strictly adhered to by all.

34. **What if I am no longer able to participate in a Global Perspective Residency (GPR)?**

Students should reference the Withdraw & Refund Policy in GW Passport prior to withdrawing from a GPR.

35. **Can a program be cancelled?**

There are typically two reasons a Global Perspective Residency (GPR) could be cancelled. If either of cancellation reasons do take place, students will be informed as soon as possible. For more information, reference the Cancellation Policy in GW Passport.

- **Reason 1:** Not enough students submitted a $500 deposit and committed to the GPR by the deadline. Programs that cannot meet the necessary student enrollment number are cancelled after the commit deadline, and students who committed to the program are notified and refunded their $500 deposits. Due to this risk of cancellation, students are encouraged to delay purchasing flights until they receive specific instructions from GPR staff.

- **Reason 2:** Concerns that the GPR can no longer meet GW’s standards for health, safety, or programmatic quality due to changes in the status of the destination country.