Georgia Southern University  
College of Education  
International Study Opportunity (ISO)  
Spring 2020  

https://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/student-teaching/iso/

**Goals:** The goals of the ISO program include the following:
1. To demonstrate the interrelatedness of diverse populations (locally, regionally, nationally, and globally).
2. To gain a broader perspective on diverse learners, curriculum, and school settings.
3. To apply teaching and learning research and theory.

**Description:**
1. An accelerated traditional (total of 11 weeks) student teaching experience during which time the student teacher must (a) complete a minimum of four-weeks of successful full-day teaching, (b) complete all program-specific student teacher requirements including edTPA portfolio, (c) earn a satisfactory performance in the accelerated student teaching experience.
2. Option I: Sheffield England  
   a. A three-week international student teaching experience during which time the student teacher must complete a set of ISO competency assignments at a satisfactory level.  See list of requirements.
3. Option II: Czech Republic  
   a. A two-week international student teaching experience during which time the student teacher must complete a set of ISO competency assignments at a satisfactory level.  See list of requirements.

**ISO Exchange Locations:** Sheffield, England/Czech Republic

**Application Process:**
All information can be found online at (https://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/student-teaching/iso/).
The application packet and video for the ISO Opportunity must be submitted electronically by Friday, September 13, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.. The packet must include the following materials:

1. The completed ISO Application form (via google form)
2. A 3 -5 minute video presentation responding to the prompts/questions not to exceed 5 minutes. The prompts/questions are:
   a. Introduce yourself and describe one thing that is important to you.
b. Indicate which ISO Opportunity you are interested in:
   i. England, Czech Republic, or either

c. Why do you want to participate in the International Study Opportunity in Sheffield, England or Czech Republic?

d. How do you think this opportunity will impact you as a teacher?

e. Discuss how you will adapt to a new culture.

3. Proof of health insurance (upload to google folder)
4. Participant agreement form (download, sign, and upload to google folder)
5. Medical information form (via google form)
6. Two reference forms: one from a program course instructor and one from a University Supervisor (via google form)

Submission Process: Submit completed application packet and electronic video presentation in a folder in Google Drive. The folder should be labeled – ISOS20_Last Name_First Initial. The folder should include the application packet (video and proof of health insurance). Share the folder with Dr. Barrow [ebarrow@georgiasouthern.edu] by September 13, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.. If you need assistance uploading the folder refer to this link https://support.google.com/drive/.

Selection Criteria: The following criteria will be used to evaluate your application packet:
   1. All coursework completed except student teaching
   2. B or better in upper division education coursework (including all field placements) throughout teacher preparation program
   3. Hold Pre-Service Teaching Certificate
   4. Inclusion of all required materials in the application packet

Selection Process: Selection to participate in the ISO exchange is a two-step process. The ISO Selection Committee will review all application packets, including the video presentation, to identify applicants that will be invited for a roundtable interview with the committee. If a candidate is not selected for the interview, he/she will be eliminated from the selection process. After interviews are completed, notification of selection status will take place via email.

ISO Option Requirement: The following requirements must be fulfilled in the ISO Option:
   1. Attend all required ISO information and orientation seminars.
   2. Demonstrate satisfactory performance during accelerated student teaching experience. This includes not being placed on a Performance Agreement or Probationary Status during student teaching.
   3. Communicate as required with the Georgia Southern ISO University supervisor(s) through email or other means while abroad.
4. Complete weekly reflections and a cultural connections project as directed during orientation.
5. Participate in on-site seminars during international placement.
6. Participate in the school and classroom:
   a. Assist classroom teacher (e.g., centers, small groups, one-on-one interaction).
   b. Teach lessons (e.g., large groups, small groups).
   c. Conduct daily routines/procedures.
   d. Attend and participate in planning meetings/grade level meetings.
   e. Visit and observe different grade level classrooms.
   f. Visit administration.
   g. Share information on home country with different grade levels (e.g., teach unit to class, questions and answer session).
   h. Others as specified.

The official final student teaching grade recommendation (satisfactory or unsatisfactory) includes the combined components of the ISO Option and the student teacher’s performance during the accelerated tradition placement.

**ISO Option Cost:** In addition to your tuition, which you will pay directly to Georgia Southern University, the ISO experience includes the following additional cost:

**Option I: Sheffield England**
1. **Airfare** - Approximately $1,000 - $1200
2. **Accommodations** - Accommodations will be arranged by partners in the UK. Cost for accommodations will be approximately $1,000 - $1,500
3. **Spending** - Allow for sufficient funds to cover transportation to school, weekend travel, meals, souvenirs, unexpected expenses, airport departure tax, etc.

Option II: Czech Republic
1. **Airfare** - Approximately $1,000 - $1200
2. **Accommodations** - Accommodations will be arranged by partners in Czech Republic. Cost for accommodations will be approximately $500-$800
3. **Spending** - Allow for sufficient funds to cover transportation to school, weekend travel, meals, souvenirs, unexpected expenses, airport departure tax, etc.

**Application Checklist:**

_____ Application form in Google Forms

_____ Two references in Google Forms
_____ Medical Information form in Google Forms

_____ Proof of Health Insurance (uploaded to google folder)

_____ Video (uploaded to google folder)

_____ Participant Agreement form (uploaded to google folder)

_____ Shared google folder with Dr. Barrow (ebarrow@georgiasouthern.edu)