

STUDENT SERVICES CONNECTION



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GWC's International Student Program (ISP) - Making the World a Smaller (and Better) Place

Did you know that Golden West College has a lively and dynamic International Student Program? Our recruitment team meets students from all parts of Asia, Europe, and Australia, sharing the top-notch educational and transfer opportunities our college has to offer. The unmatched beauty of Southern California beaches does not hurt the outreach efforts either!

Currently, GWC hosts 235 international students from 32 different countries. The top five countries represented in our program are:

- 1) Vietnam
- 2) China
- 3) Japan
- 4) South Korea
- 5) Brazil

Once students arrive in the U.S., they are not left to fend for themselves. The hospitable ISP staff are trained to provide comprehensive support services to our international students – from assistance with housing, visas, and insurance to registration and academic counseling. Help is just a phone call, email, or even a text away.

Many fun and engaging activities and outings are planned throughout the school year such as beach parties, dinners, sightseeing, etc. One especially fun event is the annual (uniquely American) Thanksgiving celebration. (Ask an international student what they think about turkey and stuffing!)

For more information about GWC's International Student Program, visit our [WEBSITE](#) or our [ISP INSTAGRAM](#).

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MEET OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INTERNS

Victoria Pham (L) and Ruxin Zheng (R)



Ruxin Zheng: I started my internship with ISP back in January 2020 to fulfill a practicum requirement for my graduate program. I chose GWC because I enjoyed my interviews with my supervisor Melissa Lyon, and she seemed to be a good mentor (which has been proven to be true). Despite the interruption of the global pandemic, I have enjoyed my internship and gained a lot

Ruxin Zheng and Victoria Pham, International Student Program Interns

of hands-on experience working with international students. This semester, Victoria and I have had the opportunity to work on various projects, including the Virtual Orientation and International Education Week (IEW). I'm grateful that I am able to combine my professional knowledge, personal experience as an international student, and empathy with the international students when working at ISP.

IEW was November 16-20 and I'd like to give a shout-out to all the international students at GWC. Thank you for bringing different perspectives to the campus and enriching the learning experience for all students! Here's a photo of Victoria (L) and me (R) when we visited the UC Berkeley campus.

Victoria Pham: I'm originally from Vietnam, but now call California home. At the moment, I am finishing my

graduate degree in International Education Management at Middlebury Institute of International Studies. This fall, while completing my course work online, I have the opportunity to intern at the Center for Global and Cultural Programs (CGCP) at Golden West College thanks to my dear friend, Ruxin Zheng, who is an alum in my graduate program and also did her internship at CGCP.

Applying to the internship at CGCP was my best decision last summer, and I am impressed by how much I have learned on the job through my internship experience. I am also grateful to have the this chance to get to know and support many international students at GWC. I want our international students to know that we are proud to have them as part of the GWC community and we are always here to support their academic journey.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



**GET YOUR
FLU SHOT**

Drive Thru Flu Vaccine Clinic -
Thursdays 1:30 - 4:30pm

offered by the Golden West College Student Health Center

The GWC Health Center is offering \$16 flu shots via a drive-thru clinic every Thursday from 1:30 – 4:30pm, located in Parking Lot E off Edinger. In order to keep everyone healthy and safe, please read the important information below. Feel free to email me or call the Health Center at 714-895-8379 if you have any questions.

Who: GWC and Coastline Students, Staff & Faculty

What: Influenza Vaccine Clinic

Where: GWC, Outside Nursing Building/Student Health Center & Parking lot E off Edinger

Cost: \$16

When: Every Thursday, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm. While supplies last. First come, first served.

Please read the following information carefully:

- **If you are having COVID-19 symptoms, the GWC Health Center will NOT provide you the Influenza vaccine. Please do not come on campus if you are experiencing any of these symptoms:** cough, fever, chills, headache, fatigue, trouble breathing, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, congestion or runny nose, new loss of taste or smell

- Masks and social distancing are required
- Drive-through only – you must remain in your vehicle
- No access to restroom will be available
- Access to your entire upper arm is important. If you are unable to raise your sleeve above your shoulder comfortably, you will not be able to receive the vaccine at that time

You will be instructed to remain in the area for 15 minutes after you receive the vaccination for observation of a possible adverse reaction



STAR WARS: The Mandalorian - Season 2 Weekly Watch Party

Join us every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. starting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, as we livestream one Chapter (episode) per week of "The Mandalorian" Season 2 via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting URL: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96862539253>



Join Us Every Tuesday

Community-Building Circles create a brave space for students to share their thoughts, feelings, and personal stories through rounds of questions and/or prompts. Each circle is led by a trained facilitator. Community-building circles are held every Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. through December 8th.

Zoom Meeting URL: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/91971938816>

Things You Need to Know



Need assistance registering for Spring?
Check out our resource guide [HERE](#).
More Admissions and Records resources are on our new website! Link found below.

- Admissions and Records Forms: [HERE](#)
- Academic Calendar and Spring 2021 Drop for Non Payment Dates: [HERE](#)
- Excused Withdrawal Information: [HERE](#)

ACADEMIC SUCCESS WORKSHOPS

Take advantage of the FREE workshops available to GWC students. To sign up, visit the Academic Success Center web page at <https://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/asc/> and click the green button to enter our virtual front desk via Zoom. A staff person will answer your questions and get you set up for the workshop. Or, if it's after hours, you can send an email to [aca-demicsuccessctr@gwc.cccd.edu](mailto:academicsuccessctr@gwc.cccd.edu).

College Algebra Workshops – Mon, 12-1pm

11/23/20 - Different Patterns
Review of difference of squares, perfect square trinomials, sum and difference of cubes, and solving quadratics by factoring

Writing Assistance Workshops – 11-12pm

12/4/20 - Timed Essay Writing
Students will learn strategies to effectively prepare and write essays with a time constraint.

Studying Strategies/Test Taking Strategies

Not doing well on exams? Finding you study but can't retain the information? Let us help! We'll cover how to study better, strategies for recalling information, and tips on how to take exams.

11/19/20 @ 1pm
12/2/20 @ 1pm