SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Student Clubs

As a small, rural community, HWS really values its exchange students for ‘bringing the world’ to our domestic students. While you are with us you will, of course, have access to all services and opportunities that are available to our domestic students such as clubs and campus activities, sports clubs, music and art venues, student government, cultural clubs, political organizations, service learning, leadership programming, and the like.

Medical Services

To ensure a safe and healthy environment, all students have access to on-campus medical services, counseling and mental health advising, alcohol and substance abuse services, and campus-based safety officers.

Cultural Activities and Excursions

There are also special programs just for our international and intercultural students. These include dinners at the home of our college President, excursions to regional cities such as Syracuse or Rochester, New York, an outing to an American football or hockey game, museum visits, a day at Niagara Falls, ski trips (in the winter) and hiking trips (in the fall). Such excursions provide international students with a chance to get off campus, explore the Finger Lakes and beyond, meet each other and other American students.

Cultural Transition

To assist with the cultural transition, all staff members in both the Center for Global Education and at the Center for Intercultural Affairs can help you cope with culture shock, homesickness, meeting Americans, and understanding local customs. These staff members are committed to meeting your personal, religious and cultural needs while you are with us. In addition, American students from HWS who have studied abroad at your home universities have volunteered to be ‘buddies’ and to introduce you around campus and Geneva shortly after your arrival. We also offer airport “meet and greet” for all exchange students.

Volunteer Opportunities

Our Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement offers options to volunteer in area schools, with the elderly, at soup kitchens, and in other local venues. We encourage you to sign up for a service trip during fall or spring break when student groups travel to other U.S. locales for a group service project.

Whatever your personal interests and academic objectives, the Center for Global Education will assist you in making the most of your time with us and engaging with our faculty, students and community.
And if there is something in particular that you would like to see or do that is not on offer, ask us! We may be able to incorporate your interests into our regular offerings.

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We look forward to welcoming you!