

Application and Admission

Applications forms can be found at:

<http://www.georgetown.edu/programs/oip/os/sites/mideast/McGhee/index.html>

Application deadlines and course offerings for the coming year are also announced on the web site. The deadline for Georgetown students is normally during the first week of October immediately prior to the semester in which the student wishes to study in Alanya. The deadline for non-Georgetown students is normally on or about November 1 each year.

Costs

The cost of tuition for the McGhee Center semester program will be the same as the tuition on Georgetown's main campus for full-time undergraduates. The cost of room and board in Alanya will be approximately the same as it is on Georgetown's main campus. All costs associated with the program orientation, field excursions, and study tour to Syria are included in the cost of the program. Additional costs (such as airfare and personal travel) are the responsibility of the student. Although work study opportunities are not available at the McGhee Center, Georgetown University students may apply their regular financial aid. Non-Georgetown students should inquire at their home institution about the possibility of applying financial aid to the McGhee Center program.

Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of the Institute of Turkish Studies and the Turkish Cultural Foundation, the McGhee Center is able to offer a limited number of partial scholarship awards each year. All applicants to the McGhee Center semester abroad program, including both Georgetown and non-Georgetown students, will automatically be considered for these awards. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of both academic excellence and financial need.

Georgetown University reserves the right to cancel programs, modify travel itineraries, or adjust program fees without prior notification; however, every effort will be made to notify participants in a timely manner.

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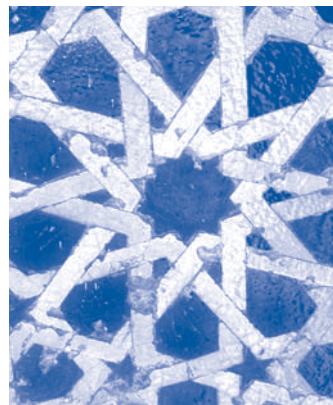


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Introduction

The McGhee Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies was founded in 1989 when Ambassador George McGhee, former U.S. ambassador to Turkey and West Germany, donated his Mediterranean villa to Georgetown University to create a center of scholarship and learning. It was Ambassador McGhee's hope that new generations of students would come to know a part of the world that had profoundly affected his own life, and that he believed to be crucial to our understanding of both the past and the future of human civilization. Today Georgetown University continues to realize this vision by offering students the opportunity to study at the McGhee villa in Alanya, Turkey.

Each year the McGhee Center hosts a spring semester study abroad program open to both Georgetown and non-Georgetown undergraduate students. The program runs from late January to late May and is designed to offer broad-based exposure to the history and culture of the Eastern Mediterranean, as well as to the changing landscape of contemporary Turkey and the global economic and political forces affecting this region today.



Since its creation the McGhee Center has trained students for a wide range of careers in the private sector, diplomacy, academia, cultural affairs, and journalism. Indeed, the McGhee Center stands out for its role in creating a world-wide network of young leaders in scholarship, business, and international affairs working in Turkey and the wider European, Middle Eastern, and Mediterranean regions.

Academic Program

A unique feature of the McGhee Center's academic program is its emphasis on the integration of classroom education with field study. The McGhee Center curriculum promotes active learning through excursions, travel, community based activities, and the opportunity to interact with political, cultural, business, and community leaders. The focus on interactive learning is also reinforced through a culture of communal meals where students are encouraged to interact informally with faculty, staff, and guests at the McGhee villa.



The semester begins in late January with a two-week orientation program. The first ten days provide a cultural and historical introduction to the region in Istanbul, capital of three world empires and an enduring center of cultural life in the Eastern Mediterranean, the Balkans, and the Middle East. Students are then introduced to the political and diplomatic landscape of modern Turkey during a visit to the capital city of Ankara. The orientation program also includes excursions to the historic cities of Bursa and Edirne and a visit to Ankara's acclaimed Museum of Anatolian Civilizations.

Following the orientation program, classes begin in Alanya in mid-February and run through late May. Weekly excursions from Alanya introduce students to the cities and monuments of Mediterranean Turkey, complementing classroom study with field experience. A ten-day mid-semester study tour to Syria offers another perspective on the Eastern Mediterranean and a rare opportunity to visit early Christian, Islamic, and Crusader monuments as well as the modern Arab cities of Damascus and Aleppo.

The curriculum at the McGhee Center is interdisciplinary, attracting students from a wide range of faculties and majors. Georgetown University is home to a world-class faculty in Turkish and Eastern Mediterranean Studies, and the McGhee Center is privileged to host both resident and visiting faculty who are among the premier scholars working in this part of the world. Courses of study vary from year to year according to the specialization of visiting faculty. In recent years course offerings have included: Cultural Geography of Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean; History of the Crusades; Introduction to Architectural History Through the Monuments of Turkey; Environments of the Mediterranean; From the Village to the Internet: Contemporary Cultural Politics in Turkey; Encoun-

ters in Literature: The Ottoman Legacy; and Political Economy of the Middle East. Turkish language instruction is offered at all levels. Students also have the option to earn credit for community based learning by engaging with local educational and environmental organizations in Alanya. To learn what courses are being offered this year, please visit us on the web at: <http://www.georgetown.edu/programs/oip/os/sites/mideast/McGhee/index.html>

All courses (with the exception of advanced Turkish language) are taught in English. Courses offered at the McGhee Center are Georgetown courses taught by Georgetown professors, and students will receive Georgetown University credit upon completion of the semester.

Alanya

The McGhee Center is located in Alanya, a small city on Turkey's Mediterranean coast. Today Alanya is known primarily for its medieval castle, idyllic beaches, and citrus groves, yet it is also a place with a rich history – an ideal setting for the study of Turkish and Mediterranean history, culture and language.



Alanya and its surroundings bear the traces of many Eastern Mediterranean civilizations – Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Seljuk, Crusader, Ottoman, and more. From the time of Alexander the Great, the port of Alanya was a crucial link in Mediterranean commerce with Egypt, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, and the Holy Land. Today this long and diverse history intersects with the contemporary landscape of international tourism and with Turkey's increasing role in the global economy. Alanya's beaches, ruins, and summer nightlife draw visitors from Western Europe, Israel, and the former Soviet Union. Its present-day landscape reveals mosques alongside internet cafes, medieval pleasure gardens nestled in orchards of fruit cultivated for export to Western Europe, and modern shopping malls near the castles and caravanserais of the ancient Silk Road. The encounters between East and West, past and present that define this complex and beautiful landscape offer students an unparalleled opportunity to experience firsthand the rich tapestry of civilizations and cultures in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The Villa

The McGhee villa is an Ottoman-era mansion located in the historic district of Alanya, within the old walled city overlooking the harbor. The villa was built in the early nineteenth century by a local Orthodox Christian merchant who specialized in the export of timber to Egypt. After World War I and the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, Alanya's trade routes were severed and its Christian community departed for Greece. The villa, like many of Alanya's grand old Ottoman homes, fell into disrepair and was gradually abandoned as more and more families came to prefer the comfort and convenience of modern apartment buildings.

The villa was discovered by Ambassador George McGhee and his wife Cecilia on a visit to Alanya during his tenure as U.S. Ambassador to Turkey in the 1950s. McGhee purchased the property in 1968 and renovated it for his family's use. In 1989 he donated the villa to Georgetown University with the intention that it should endure as a center of learning and scholarship.

Students at the McGhee Center take classes and meals at the villa. The villa also houses a library, study areas, kitchen, faculty and staff offices, and space for visiting lecturers. The property includes a terraced garden that rises behind the villa, culminating in a gazebo with spectacular views of the sea and the city. The gardens are planted with tangerine, lemon, pomegranate, bougainvillea, cypress, oleander, loquat, oregano, and cactus. Students frequently retreat to the garden to read quietly in the sun or enjoy the views of the harbor and the mountains beyond.

Students are lodged in a modern apartment building located halfway between the villa and downtown Alanya – a fifteen-minute walk to each. Student apartments are furnished, including fully equipped kitchens, bed and bath linens, wireless internet access, and a study area with computer and printing facilities.

