

January 2016 Program in the Republic of Georgia
January 4-22, 2016

Application due on October 19th by 9:00 a.m.

- The Georgia Program (begun some thirty years ago by Williams College) is run jointly by Wellesley, Williams and Mount Holyoke and always includes students from all three colleges.
- Wellesley students take the course as a Wintersession course in the years when the Wellesley is the designated leader (normally, every three years).
- In the years when Williams or Mount Holyoke is in charge, Wellesley students are eligible and welcome to participate in the program. In 2016 the program is organized by Williams College and the faculty director accompanying the group will be Professor Noah Coburn, an anthropologist at Bennington College. <http://noahcoburn.bennington.edu/>
- All Wellesley students are eligible to apply without prerequisite. At Williams College, first years are not included, because of a particular policy at that college, but Wellesley does consider applications from students in all classes. So first year students are welcome.
- The cost of the program (including airfare) will be \$1000 per student. This low cost is explained by the generally low cost of living in Georgia as well as a subsidy from the Davis Fund, which generously supports the Russian Area Studies Program.
- As you see in the course descriptions, the program is centered on individual internships that students engage in while living with host families in Tbilisi. The program also includes lectures, field trips and excursions—both in and outside of Tbilisi—as well as film screenings and interviews with film directors, plus social events.
- The **APPLICATION TO THE 2016 GEORGIA PROGRAM** consists of a two-page statement of intent or purpose, indicating why you want to go on the Georgia program, what you hope to gain from participation, and what sorts of internships you would like to undertake while staying in Tbilisi.
 - **Applications are to be submitted by email to Professors Kohl and Tumarkin no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2015**
 - Please include possible internships at TWO kinds of institutions.
 - Please note that we are limited to only five Wellesley College participants this year, so you are advised to make your applications as complete and compelling as possible.
- Students who are currently studying abroad are also welcome to apply, but should note that their program cost will be affected by the expense of flights different from the group flights that will be arranged for all students leaving from and returning to Boston's Logan Airport.
- Students will be informed of their acceptance status within a timely manner after the October 19th application deadline.

- Student must have current passports that are valid for at least six months beyond the travel dates of January 4-22, 2016.
- Students selected to participate in the program will be asked forthwith to confirm their participation and their internship interests addition to their passport information, parental consent forms and a deposit.
- Students confirmed in the program will receive further information about
- Internships and all activities in Georgia will be organized by the local program director, Mr. Archil Kikodze, a writer, screenwriter, photographer and field guide. <http://book.gov.ge/en/author/kikodze-archil/27>
- After the program's end, students are required to write a ten-page paper interpreting their internship experience and their more general experience of Georgian life and culture. A more specific essay prompt will be provided.

Wellesley's Program in Georgia invites students to immerse themselves in the life, history and creative imagination of this "jewel of the Caucasus." Georgia is home to a vibrant culture, renowned viniculture, delicious cuisine, and majestic landscapes capped by the snow-covered peaks of the Caucasus Mountains. Students join Williams and Mt. Holyoke peers in exploring Georgia through internships, visits to museums and churches, lectures by Georgian specialists, screenings by film directors, and excursions to unique Georgian sites, including Stalin's birthplace and museum and Dmanisi, the oldest early hominid site outside Africa. While in the capital city of Tbilisi students live with Georgian host families and work on internships designed in conjunction with the Georgian program coordinator. *Prerequisite: None. Application required. 0.5 units of credit. In January 2016 this course will be hosted by Williams College, and Wellesley students are welcome to take it and then transfer their .5 course credit to Wellesley.*

RUSS 25 Williams in Georgia (Same as SPEC 24)

Williams has a unique program in the Republic of Georgia, which offers students the opportunity to engage in three-week-long internships in any field. Our students have worked in the Georgian Parliament, helped in humanitarian relief organizations like Save the Children, interned in journalism at The Georgian Times, taught unemployed women computer skills at The Rustavi Project, documented wildlife, studied with a Georgian photographer, done rounds at the Institute of Cardiology, and learned about transitional economies at the Georgian National Bank. In addition to working in their chosen fields, students experience Georgian culture through museum visits, concerts, lectures, meetings with Georgian students, and excursions. Visit the sacred eleventh-century Cathedral of Sveti-tskhoveli and the twentieth-century Stalin Museum, take the ancient Georgian Military Highway to ski in the Caucasus Range, see the birthplace of the wine grape in Kakheti and the region where Jason sought the Golden Fleece. Participants are housed in pairs with English-speaking families in Tbilisi, Georgia's capital city. At the end of the course students will write a 10-page paper assessing their internship experience. Knowledge of Russian or Georgian is not required.

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