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# The Office of American Spaces



American Spaces are the U.S. government's primary public cultural and information centers abroad that provide free and open access for communities worldwide interested in learning more about the United States. Through people-to-people connections and modern environments equipped with advanced technologies, over 600 American Spaces in 140 countries serve as the initial experience that millions of global visitors have with the United States, building mutual understanding and partnership. These innovative hubs offer programs and events that foster learning, discussion, and civic engagement around democratic principles.

Strategically located wherever they can best connect with foreign audiences, American Spaces showcase American values, innovation, creativity, diversity and openness to ideas, cultures, and people. Visitors can explore and share ideas, access information, develop practical professional skills, and participate in programs that foster economic strength and hone critical thinking.

## THE AMERICAN SPACES NETWORK

American Spaces sometimes have different names depending on where they are located, but they are all part of a single network:

- **American Centers** – USG-owned or leased locations within or near U.S. embassies
- **American Corners** – partner locations, often in national libraries or on university campuses
- **Binational Centers** – partner locations in Latin America

In some countries, American Spaces may use other titles or special names, such as Lincoln Corners, America Houses, American Hubs, or InfoUSA Centers, among others.

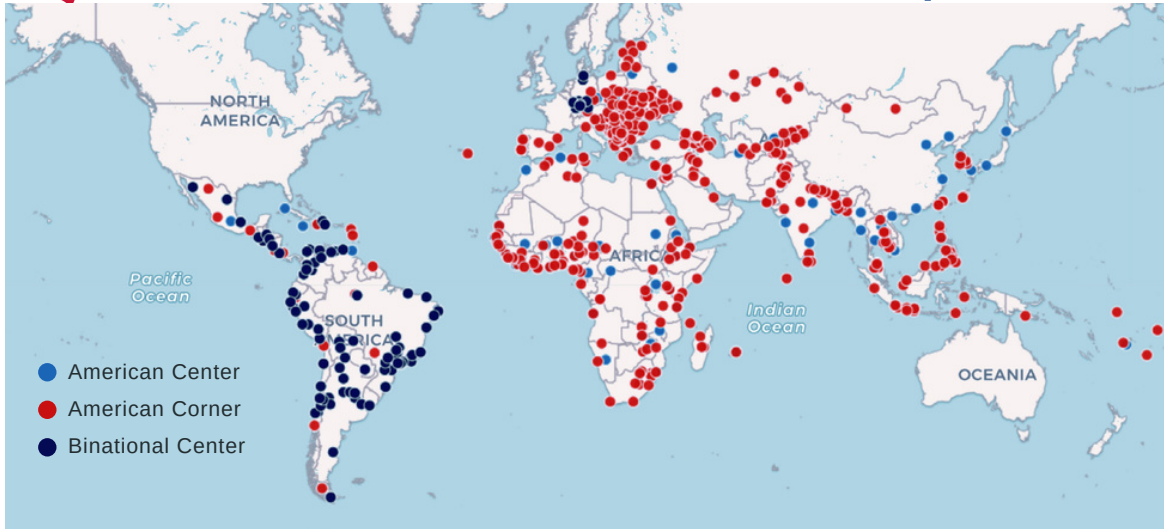


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## RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS

American Spaces offer a wide range of free resources and programs:

- Open internet access
- Academic databases & library collections
- Professional skills & entrepreneurship courses
- American English language courses
- U.S. higher education information & advising
- Expert speakers & discussions
- Makerspaces
- STEM, coding, robotics, & gaming
- Films, cultural events, & performances

## CHECK TO SEE IF THERE IS AN AMERICAN SPACE IN YOUR COUNTRY OR COMMUNITY

Come join us for an American Spaces program in your community or online!



For country specific information, visit the U.S. embassy or consulate website in your country under “Education & Exchanges” to learn more.

## WHAT OUR VISITORS SAY

### CHINA

*The Shenyang American Center has broadened my international vision and improved my critical, diverse and inclusive thinking ability. — Professional skills course attendee, 2022*

### KYRGYZSTAN

*Participating in the English program through the Karakol American Corner not only improved my language abilities but also enriched my cross-cultural understanding. I will cherish an unforgettable experience for a lifetime.. — English course attendee, 2024*

## FACTS AND FIGURES

- The first American Space was a Binational Center - Instituto Cultural Argentino-Norteamericano (ICANA) - established in Buenos Aires in 1927.
- In 2023, nearly 30 million attendees in virtual, in-person or hybrid programs.
- American Spaces are directed by a team in Washington, D.C. and advised in the field by a corps of Foreign Service Specialists, called Regional Public Engagement Specialists (REPS).



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