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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 operated locations within or nearby U.S. Missions
- **American Corners** – partner locations, often in national libraries or on university campuses
- **Binational Centers** – organizations in Latin America and Germany offering American Spaces programs
- **Affiliate Spaces** – partner locations that operate with the support of U.S. Missions at a smaller/more limited scale than Corners

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

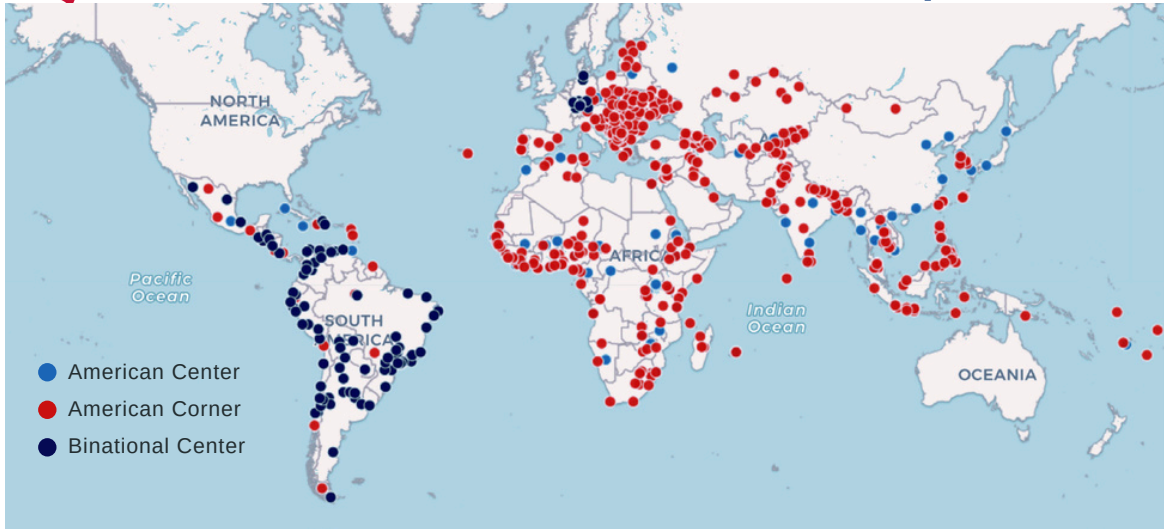


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American Spaces programs showcase American values, ideals, culture, and perspectives by:

- Providing information about the United States
- Offering professional skills building courses
- Promoting English language learning and teaching
- Providing U.S. higher education information & advising
- Hosting strategic cultural programs
- Leading alumni engagement programs

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 participated 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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