

Valparaiso University Exchange Program with l'université de Cergy-Pontoise

Student Application Essay and Letter of Recommendation

This replaces the "essay" portion of the standard Valparaiso University Study-Abroad Application Form. Other parts of the application remain the same.

1. Please list the college French courses that you have taken, indicating which semester you took them (include courses taken at other colleges) and the grades you earned.
2. Write an essay (one to two typewritten pages) on a separate sheet of paper, explaining why you want to study abroad, and specifically why you have chosen the Cergy exchange program. Please discuss the personal qualities that you possess that will be helpful to you, such as flexibility, self-reliance, and ability to work independently, as well as your French language skills.
3. Please obtain a letter of recommendation from a professor who knows you well (not a French professor). Give him or her the attached instruction sheet, making sure to sign the top section.

Please return to the International Studies Office (Meier 137) before March 30, 2007 (early acceptance) or before September 14, 2007 (regular acceptance).

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Letter of Recommendation

To the Applicant:

Please check one of the options below and sign:

I waive my right to access to this form.

I do not waive my right to access to this form.

Signature: _____

To the Recommender:

You have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for a student who is applying to admission to VU's exchange program with l'université de Cergy-Pontoise in France. We would appreciate your appraisal of the student's ability to excel in an immersion atmosphere where contact with fellow Americans will be limited. For example, is the student flexible? self-reliant? perseverant? able to deal with adversity? You may write on this form or on a separate sheet of paper.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____