

SPANISH HOUSE (*CASA ESPAÑOLA*)
Housing application (2009/2010 academic year)
(Due on February 23rd, 2009 at noon in Meier Hall, 109)

Name: _____

Local Address: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

- You are currently...
Freshmen ____ sophomore ____ junior ____ senior ____
- Overall GPA as of December 2008 _____
- How many years did you study Spanish in high school? _____
- List the courses you have taken in Spanish while at Valparaiso University (including any study abroad) and the grade you received in each:

Course Title

Grade Received

- If you plan to study abroad, or have already studied abroad, please indicate where and when:

Please circle: Granada (Spain) Puebla (Mexico)

Semester/Year: _____

- Have you spent other time in a Spanish-speaking country? If yes, please explain.

- For which semester(s) are you applying to live in the Spanish House?

Circle: full year fall only spring only

- If you are applying for one semester only, please state the reason:

- Spanish House residents share the planning, preparing, eating, cleaning up, and expense of the evening meal (Sunday – Thursday) unless an academic class is

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

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RECOMMENDATION FOR RESIDENCY
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To the Applicant:

Please have your current RA or RLC complete this form. Commuter students should have a faculty or staff person complete it. Study-abroad students have a recent RA, RLC, or current study-abroad director complete it.

Please ask your referee to return this form to the Office of Residential Life (Kretzmann Hall 121) by February X, 2009. Please check one of the statements listed and sign as indicated:

_____ *I waive my right to access of this form and other material connected to the selection process.*

_____ *I do not waive my right to access of this form and other material connected to the selection process.*

Signature _____ Date _____

To the Reference Person:

(Applicant's Name) _____ has applied to live in the VU Spanish House. S/he has given your name as a reference person.

Students who live in the Spanish House are expected to serve non-resident students through planned and intentional social gatherings and educational outreach programs (for example: hosting Spanish Club activities; planning informational gatherings about study abroad; or organizing Spanish cultural events). Further, they are expected to speak only Spanish in public areas of the Spanish House.

Your honest appraisal of this individual's potential as a resident of the Spanish House is greatly appreciated. Others will comment on the applicant's Spanish ability; we ask you to comment on whether the applicant will contribute to the success of the Spanish House with regard to the expectations described above.

Name of Reference Person: _____

Campus Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Relationship to Applicant (please check appropriately):

_____ Applicant's current or recent RA or LRC

_____ Member of faculty or staff; acquainted with the applicant

_____ Other (please explain your relationship below)

Please evaluate the applicant on each characteristic listed below using the following rating. Any additional written comments you can provide are greatly appreciated.

1. Excellent
2. Above Average
3. Average
4. Minimally acceptable
5. Not acceptable
6. N/A – Not Applicable (no information available in this area)

_____ INITIATIVE: The ease and vigor with which this person approaches a new situation or develops a new project. (Is the applicant likely to initiate an activity for residents and/or non-residents of the Spanish House?)

Comments:

_____ COOPERATION: The applicant's ability to work with others. (Is the applicant likely to participate in activities initiated by others?)

Comments:

_____ RESPONSIBILITY: The degree to which this person is dependable, reliable, and accurate in his/her work. (Is the applicant likely to keep his/her pledge to speak only Spanish in the Spanish House?)

Comments:

_____ PERSONAL DISPOSITION: The applicant's ability to interact in a residential community. (Is the applicant likely to maintain a level-headed disposition in situations of conflict, anxiety, or social discomfort?)

Comments:

Additional Comments or Explanations:

Reference Signature: _____ Date: _____