

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OFFICE

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Office Hours:
Monday -Friday
9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00

STUDY ABROAD APPLICATION

(Please TYPE your application; you may type it on a computer)

Please indicate the program, semester(s) and year for which you are applying:

_____ Anglia Ruskin	_____ Namibia
_____ Athens	_____ Cergy-Pontoise
_____ Cambridge	_____ Puebla
_____ Granada	_____ Paris
_____ Hangzhou	_____ Paris Internship
_____ Japan: Kansai Gaidai	_____ Reutlingen
	_____ Tübingen

PLEASE ATTACH
REQUIRED
PHOTO HERE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Preferred Name _____
(last) (first) (middle) (nickname)

E-Mail _____

Campus Address (Include dorm) _____ Campus Phone _____

Permanent Address _____ Permanent Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____

Religious Affiliation (optional) _____ Ethnicity (optional) _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____
(include address and phone number if different from yours)

Parent's or Guardian's Occupation _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

College _____ Major _____

Minor _____ Student ID Number _____

Total credits earned (including this semester) _____ Year you want to go abroad: FR SO JR SR

Number of semesters at VU (including this semester) _____ GPA _____

Foreign Languages formally studied and at what time _____

Foreign Languages learned outside an academic setting _____

Academic Advisor _____ Other faculty references _____

Your occupational goal(s) _____

Where did you find out about the VU study-abroad programs? _____

Scholarships or other financial aid you are receiving _____

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Do you have a valid passport? yes no If yes, when does it expire? _____

(month) (day) (year)

Do you have an expired passport? yes no

Countries visited _____

PERSONAL ESSAY

Write an essay (one to two typewritten pages) on a separate sheet of paper, explaining why you want to study abroad. Discuss what you expect to gain from this experience and try to articulate how the semester abroad will enhance your academic program at VU. Because the selection committee views this essay as the most important part of your application, you should organize and develop it well.

TRANSCRIPT

Please attach a current transcript (from the Registrar's Office) to your application.

ADVISOR'S APPROVAL

If you have not already done so, you should consult with your advisor to make sure your semester abroad fits into your academic plan. Remove the Academic Advisor section below and submit it to your advisor for approval.

INTERVIEW

Once you have submitted the completed application materials to the International Studies Office, you can schedule your twenty-minute interview. For students with a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA, who are applying to the Cambridge or Reutlingen study abroad programs, an interview is NOT required. An interview is required for all other programs, regardless of GPA. All interviews and applications must be completed by 4 pm on the application deadline. You will be notified of your acceptance by letter approximately one week after the application deadline.

DEAR ADVISOR:

(Student's Name) _____ is applying to participate in VU's study-abroad program in _____ for (fall/spring/academic year) 20____. **Please review the applicant's degree progress to make sure that this study abroad semester will fit into her/his program, then sign below.** The applicant has (if available) a list of the courses offered at the study abroad center. Prerequisites are waived for all University catalog courses offered at the centers except in the case of foreign languages.

Please call the International Studies Office (x5333) if we can be of assistance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Hugh E. McGuigan
Director

Holly Singh
Associate Director

Having reviewed this student's degree progress, I have no objection to her/his participation in the study-abroad program for the indicated semester(s).

Advisor's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please return this form to the International Studies Office, Meier Hall 137.

COMMENTS WELCOME! PLEASE WRITE ON BACK OF THIS SHEET OR ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET.