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MCSA APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

MCSA Member Institutions:

Alma College, Ball State University, Central Michigan University, Concordia University (Ann Arbor), DePauw University, Grand Valley State University, Indiana State University, Northern Michigan University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University, Wheeling Jesuit University, Wilmington College

Submit the following materials to *your study abroad office*:

Completed Study Abroad Application

One typed Autobiography

Write a brief autobiographical sketch. Be sure to include what is unique about you and something about the nature of your previous academic, work, and/or international experience. This essay should be at least one page in length, double-spaced. Please write your name and the program you are applying for on the top of each page. The essay will be reviewed by your enrolling institution's international study advisor and by AHA program staff.

One typed Transitional Experience Essay

Tell us about a specific transitional experience in your life. What difficulties did you encounter before or after the transition and how did you deal with these difficulties? What were the positive aspects of this transition? This essay should be at least one page in length, double-spaced. Please write your name and the program you are applying for on the top of each page. The essay will be reviewed by your enrolling institution's international study advisor and by AHA program staff.

Official transcripts from your current university plus all colleges or universities that hold 15 credits or more

One signed Reference Form from a college instructor or academic counselor

One signed Reference Form from a group advisor, youth leader counselor, or employer

Application fee and deposit payment

- one \$50 non-refundable application fee
- \$200 deposit *per session* for which you are applying

AHA accepts payment by check, money order, or Visa/Mastercard/Discover Card. If paying by check, please submit one check for total payment.

Deadlines: Check your program deadline on the AHA website at www.ahastudyabroad.org or contact your study abroad office on campus for more information.

Acceptance: Program acceptance is determined by the study abroad advisor at your institution. Once you have been accepted, your complete application will be forwarded to AHA. Upon receipt of an application, AHA will send you a program packet of site-specific informational materials, which includes various forms to complete and return.

Cancellation and Deferment: Once your application has been submitted to AHA, you are subject to AHA's cancellation and deferment policy. For more specific information regarding AHA's deposit refund and penalty guidelines, visit our website at www.ahastudyabroad.org or contact AHA.

If you have any questions regarding a program or the application process, feel free to call us at (800) 654-2051 or send an email to: ahamail@uoregon.edu.



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SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The following programs require additional or special instructions for application:

MACERATA, ITALY

In addition to your completed application, you must also submit:

- A photocopy of your valid passport

OVIEDO, SPAIN

In addition to your completed application, you must also submit:

- A photocopy of your valid passport

SEGOVIA, SPAIN

Special Instructions:

- Either the Autobiography or Transitional Essay must be written in Spanish.

In addition to your completed application, you must also submit:

- A photocopy of your valid passport

SIENA, ITALY

In addition to your completed application, you must also submit:

- A photocopy of your valid passport

VALDIVIA, CHILE

Special Instructions:

- Either the Autobiography or Transitional Essay must be written in Spanish.
- You must submit a Language Proficiency Report (LPR), prepared by a current academic instructor or advisor who is qualified to evaluate your Spanish language skills. If the LPR form is not attached as a component of this application, contact AHA for a copy.
- One of the two required Confidential Reference Forms must be completed by a college instructor who has knowledge of your academic history and language abilities. This can be prepared by the same instructor who completes your Language Proficiency Report (LPR).



INTERNATIONAL

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For office use only
Student # _____ Session _____

STUDY ABROAD APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION (please type or print clearly)

Name Last name First name Middle initial Preferred name

SSN - - Student ID # Passport number

Present address Living here until / / Number and street city/state/zip Phone

Permanent / Parent address Number and street city/state/zip Phone

Billing address Number and street city/state/zip Phone

Email address Cell phone ()

Female Male Place of birth (city, state) Country of citizenship

Age Date of birth College/university currently attending

Emergency contact name Phone ()

Year in school: Sophomore Junior Senior Major Minor

Will you be applying for financial aid? Yes No Cumulative GPA from all universities/colleges attended:

What college level of program-relevant language coursework will you have completed by the start of the program?

Beginning (none) Elementary (100) Intermediate (200) Advanced (300-400) Superior (400+)

Please list all universities or colleges you have attended, beginning with your current school.

Table with 2 columns: School Name Location (city/state) and Months and years attended. Includes rows for From / / to / /

To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided on this application form is complete and accurate. I agree to assume all financial responsibilities for any and all debts and obligations incurred by me prior to and during the program(s). I understand that the cancellation policy applies to all applicants, regardless of acceptance status.

I understand that my conduct information may be released to the international programs office at my enrolling university, to AHA Portland staff, and to on-site program staff from the point of my application until the completion of my AHA/MCSA study abroad program(s).

Signature: Date:

Application continues on back

PROGRAM AND TERM SELECTION

Year of Participation: 2007 2008 2009 2010

Program sponsored by MCSA

Program sponsored by NCSA

ACCRA, GHANA ▶

- Fall Semester
- Spring Semester

ANGERS, FRANCE ▶

- July
- August
- September Intensive
- Fall Quarter
- Fall Semester
- Spring Semester

ATHENS, GREECE ▶

- Summer Art
- Summer Poetry
- Summer Theater
- Fall Semester
- Spring Semester

BERLIN, GERMANY

- July
- August

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

- Semester 1 (Feb – Jun)
- Semester 2 (Jul – Nov)

COLOGNE, GERMANY ▶

- Fall Quarter
- Spring Quarter

DUBLIN, IRELAND ▶▷

- Summer

DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND

- Semester 1 (Feb – Jun)
- Semester 2 (Jul – Nov)

KEFALONIA, GREECE

- Fall Semester
- Spring Semester

LONDON, ENGLAND ▶

- Fall Quarter
- Fall Quarter Internship
- Winter Quarter
- Winter Quarter Internship
- Spring Quarter
- Spring Quarter Internship

MACERATA, ITALY** ▶▷

- Fall Semester
- Spring Semester

MORELIA, MEXICO ▶

- Summer Educator 3 week
- Summer Educator 6 week
- Summer Language/Culture
- Fall Quarter
- Winter Quarter
- Spring Quarter

OVIEDO, SPAIN** ▶▷

- July
- August
- Fall Quarter
- Spring Semester

PERTH, AUSTRALIA

- Semester 1 (Feb – Jun)
- Semester 2 (Jul – Nov)

ROSARIO, ARGENTINA ▶

- Summer Session 1
- Summer Session 2
- Fall Semester
- Spring Semester

SEGOVIA, SPAIN** ▶▷

- Summer
- Fall Semester
- Spring Semester

SIENA, ITALY** ▶

- Fall Quarter
- Winter Quarter
- Spring Quarter

VALDIVIA, CHILE** ▶

- Fall Semester
- Spring Semester

VIENNA, AUSTRIA ▶▷

- Fall Semester
- Spring Quarter
- Spring Semester

OTHER

Site _____

Term(s) _____

** See Supplemental Application Information for further instructions when applying for this program.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

AHA accepts payment by check, money order, or Visa/Mastercard/Discover Card. Please indicate your method of payment below:

Check (Please write one check, payable to AHA, to cover both the \$50 application fee and the \$200 per session deposit.)

Money order

Visa/Mastercard Card number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on card _____ Amount paid \$ _____

FINANCIAL AUTHORIZATION

It may be helpful to designate someone such as a parent or family member to handle the financial aspects of your participation while you are abroad.

I authorize _____ to discuss with AHA

list name(s)

International staff the financial arrangements of my study abroad program including, but not limited to, account balance, payments, credits, and financial aid until my account is closed.

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE APPROVAL

All students should contact their study abroad office when applying for a study abroad program. Students from the following institutions must have their study abroad advisor sign below before submitting their application:

Alma College, Ball State University, Central Michigan University, Concordia University (Ann Arbor), DePauw University, Grand Valley State University, Indiana State University, Northern Michigan University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University, Wheeling Jesuit University, Wilmington College

Signature of Study Abroad Advisor: _____ Date: _____



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CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM

To the student: Complete the sections below and provide this form to your reference along with a stamped envelope addressed to AHA International. References from family members or friends will not be accepted.

Applicant name

Home university

International program location

Term & year

To the reference: The student named above is an applicant for an international program with AHA International. Study abroad programs combine a full schedule of academic work with related excursions and placement in a homestay or apartment with other students.

To benefit fully from this experience, a student must be emotionally mature, able to adapt easily to people from different social and cultural backgrounds, and highly motivated. Therefore, we appreciate your thoughtful and candid appraisal of the applicant. This form is reviewed by staff and faculty specifically responsible for administering the program, and will be forwarded to the applicant's enrolling university and employers at internship placement sites, if applicable. We appreciate your cooperation.

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Reference name (please print or type)

Mailing address

Occupation/organization

() _____
Daytime telephone number and/or cell

Email address

Signature and date

In what capacity have you known the applicant, and for how long? _____

Please tell us how well you feel this student will adapt to the ambiguities of living and interacting in another culture:

Please rank the student on the criteria below using the following scale:

A = Top 10% B = Top 30% C = Top 70% D = Bottom 30% E = Bottom 10% X = No basis for opinion

Circle one letter for each item below and provide comments as necessary.

							Comments
Intellectually curious	A	B	C	D	E	X	_____
Emotionally mature	A	B	C	D	E	X	_____
Socially mature	A	B	C	D	E	X	_____
Self-reliant	A	B	C	D	E	X	_____
Self-motivated	A	B	C	D	E	X	_____
Perceptive	A	B	C	D	E	X	_____
Adaptable	A	B	C	D	E	X	_____
Cooperative	A	B	C	D	E	X	_____
Poised	A	B	C	D	E	X	_____
Well-mannered	A	B	C	D	E	X	_____
Articulate	A	B	C	D	E	X	_____

Other comments: _____

Please check one:

- I highly recommend this student.
- I recommend this student.
- I recommend this student upon condition. Please provide explanation below.
- I do not recommend this student.



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