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Non-SMCM Study Abroad Program Proposal

Students wishing to apply for a **Non-St. Mary's Study Abroad Program** must receive approval from their academic advisor, the Office of International Education, and the IE Advisory Committee prior to beginning their application for their chosen program. Students should use this proposal to demonstrate that they have chosen a Non-SMCM program because it fits a need that a SMCM program cannot fill and should address academic, professional and personal goals. Each proposal will be considered on its own merits and in the context of each student's individual situation.

DEADLINES

Term	Proposal Due Date
Summer 2016	Feb 7, 2016
Fall 2016	Feb 7, 2016
Winter 2016	Sept 11, 2015
Spring 2016	Sept 11, 2015

In order to allow students sufficient time to complete all of the application materials for their study abroad program, proposals must be received by the Office of International Education **by 4:00 pm** for consideration.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

FORMAT

All proposals **must be typed and submitted in hardcopy** to the Office of International Education with this page attached. Incomplete proposals will not be considered. Completed proposals will include all of the information below as well as your academic advisor's signature. It is expected that you will have a conversation with your academic advisor to discuss the appropriateness of this program as it relates to your academic and career goals. The IE Office will review your program and sign your proposal if it finds your program to be legitimate and determines that there is no unreasonable risk being caused to the student's health or safety. Please note that submitting your proposal does not constitute approval of your program. Your proposal will be reviewed by both the IE Office as well as the IE Advisory Committee.

Name:

SMCM Student ID#:

Email:

Phone:

Major/Minor:

Current GPA:

Program Name:

Program Location (City and Country):

Program Term: Fall 20 ____ Winter 20 ____ Spring 20 ____ Summer 20 ____

Program Sponsor/Organization:

Program website:

Note: If a website is not available, please attach a copy of the program brochure to this application.

Required Signatures:

Academic

Advisor: _____

Office of International

Education: _____

Please answer **all** of the following questions; answers should be long enough to support the proposal's argument.

- What impact will this study abroad program have on your academic goals? Please be specific. Consider the courses you'll take while abroad as well as the impact on coursework here at SMCM. What academic opportunities does this program provide that are not available at SMCM?
- How does this study abroad program relate to and affect your professional goals? What skills will you learn through this program that will be necessary to you in your future career?
- What factors inspired you to want to study abroad in this particular country or city? What research have you done to learn more about this location? How did you hear about this program? Please be specific.
- How do you plan to become culturally engaged outside of the classroom? What opportunities does this program offer for interacting with people and learning about the history, traditions, and culture of your host country? Do you plan on participating in a service-learning or volunteer opportunity while abroad and if so what do you plan on doing?
- What opportunities does this program afford you that cannot be met through one of the SMCM study abroad programs?