



Academic Reference for Study Abroad

SECTION 1 – TO BE FILLED OUT BY APPLICANT

Complete the top section of this form and ask your professor or course instructor to complete section 2. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their references have been submitted prior to the deadline date. All references are strictly confidential.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Course and Destination

Name:

Student #:

Major:

Phone:

NSID (email):

Signature: _____

SECTION 2 – TO BE FILLED OUT BY REFEREE

A study abroad program is an academically and personally challenging program that expects students to learn from both the experiential and traditional academic methods and to synthesize these approaches. In making decisions about a student's participation in the study abroad program, we need to know about their motivation, adaptability, academic skills, and those personal qualities that will give students the ability to benefit fully from the experience.

We cannot overemphasize the value of your candid appraisal of the applicant's chances for academic and non academic success in a study abroad program, weighing both strong and weak points. We will be happy to accept a letter in lieu of this form.

Please note: We accept students into programs on an application basis. A study abroad placement cannot be given to a student until all of the student's application materials are received.

Name (print):

Title:

Department:

Institution:

Email:

Telephone:

Return to the applicant in a sealed envelope. (Sign over the seal) OR Referee can mail, scan or email, in confidence, to:

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SECTION 2 – TO BE FILLED OUT BY REFEREE – CONT'D

Applicant's name: _____

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this student?
2. How well do you know the applicant? (Check the most appropriate response)
 - Extensive contact in a variety of settings
 - Well acquainted in classroom or campus environment
 - Limited contact in classroom or campus environment
 - Other
3. In comparison with other students whom you have known at comparable stages of their education, please rate the applicant in the following areas.

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Unknown
Writing ability				
Ability to express themselves orally				
Ability in meeting assignment deadlines				
Ability to work with a group of peers				
Maturity				
Initiative and Motivation				
Common sense and good judgment				
Resourcefulness				
Self-Confidence				

4. What are this student's intellectual and/or other strengths/weaknesses relevant to studying abroad?

5. Please comment on the student's motivation for studying abroad. Do they have the ability and maturity to achieve their goals in studying abroad?

6. Additional comments – please feel free to make any additional comments you think might be helpful to us in evaluating this applicant. You may attach an additional sheet if needed.

I would/ I would not recommend this applicant's participation in a study abroad opportunity

Signature: _____ Date: _____