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UGA Costa Rica 2008-2009

Study Abroad Application Form

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

SECTION I

Program Selection

To apply, please check the box. **Tentative dates*

- Spring Semester – Franklin Program (January 13 – March 25, 2009)
 - Guatemala Excursion (January 6 – 13, 2009)
- Spring Semester – COE Teacher Education (January 13 – March 25, 2009)
- Maymester – Art & Culture in Latin America (May 12 – June 2, 2009)*
- Maymester – GORP Outdoor Adventure (May 12 – 26, 2009)
- Maymester – Latin American Literature & Creative Writing (May 12 – June 2, 2009)
- Maymester – Tropical Ecology (May 12 – June 7, 2009)*
- Summer – International Perspectives on Interracial Communication (June 5 – July 1, 2009)
- Summer – Insect & Bird Natural History (June 11 – 27, 2009)*
- Summer – Conservation Medicine & Conservation Biology (June – July 2009)*
- Summer – International Studies (June 9 – July 21, 2009)*
- Summer – Language & Culture Service-Learning (July 3 – 31, 2009)
- Summer – Nature & Environmental Design (July 2009)*
- Fall Semester – Tropical Ecology (August – November 2009)*

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Spring Semester programs

Early application deadline
Oct. 1, 2008

Application deadline
Oct. 29, 2008

Withdrawal deadline
(Deposit not refundable after this date)
Nov. 12, 2008

Maymester, Summer & Fall Semester programs

Early application deadline
Feb. 9, 2009

Application deadline
March 2, 2009

Withdrawal deadline
(Deposit not refundable after this date)
March 16, 2009

Application Process Checklist

- Complete application forms & statement of purpose. **IMPORTANT:** Non-UGA students MUST complete the Transient Application found at <http://www.admissions.uga.edu/pdf/transfer08.pdf>, submit a check for \$50, and an immunization form found at http://www.uhs.uga.edu/documents/immun_history_08.pdf.
- Submit official transcript. Freshmen must submit high school transcript.
- Request and collect 2 recommendations or references. (Use attached forms.)
- Include a check or money order for the \$300 deposit made payable to UGA Costa Rica. (On your check write for which specific study abroad program you are applying.)
- Turn in the complete application to the UGA Costa Rica Office. (Only complete applications will be considered.)
 UGA Costa Rica Office
 Attention: Page McCormick
 Bank of America Building, 3rd Floor, Suite 316
 110 E. Clayton St.
 Athens, Georgia 30602

SECTION II

Personal Information

Applicant's full name (as it appears on passport): _____

Preferred name: _____ Student identification number: _____

E-mail address: _____ Social security number: _____

Birth date: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

How would you describe yourself (this information is used only for statistical purposes):

- Asian, Asian American or Pacific Islander African American / Black White / Caucasian
 Biracial / Multiracial: _____ Hispanic / Latino Prefer not to respond
 Native American / American Indian / Native Alaskan / Native Hawaiian – Tribal affiliation: _____
 Other: _____

Campus address: _____

Campus phone: () _____ Cell phone: () _____

Home address: _____

Home phone: () _____

Father's (or guardian's) name: _____

Father's (or guardian's) address: _____

Home phone: () _____ Day phone: () _____

Mother's (or guardian's) name: _____

Mother's (or guardian's) address: _____

Home phone: () _____ Day phone: () _____

Emergency contact name: _____ Phone: _____

Citizenship: _____ Passport number: _____

Date of issuance: _____ Passport agency: _____ Expiration: _____

If you don't have a passport yet, please give the date on which you applied for it: _____

Your food preference: Non-vegetarian (meat ok) Vegetarian Vegan

If you are vegetarian or vegan, will you eat rice and beans? Yes No

SECTION III

Academic Information

Admission status: UGA student
 Non-UGA student/transient student

University or college attending: _____

First major: _____ Second major: _____

Minor: _____ GPA: _____ Expected graduation date: _____

Academic level: Freshman
 Sophomore
 Junior
 Senior
 Graduate

If you are a graduate student, are you on an assistantship? Yes No

Are you an in-state or out-of-state student? In-state Out-of-state

Financial Aid Information

Do you receive any financial aid? Yes No

If yes, please list. _____

Spanish Language Proficiency

List any Spanish courses you have taken: _____

How do you rate your proficiency? High Medium Low

Additional Academic Information

List all universities/colleges you have previously attended:

Name _____ Dates: From _____ To _____

Degree(s) awarded _____ Major _____

Name _____ Dates: From _____ To _____

Degree(s) awarded _____ Major _____

If you have lived, studied, or traveled in a foreign country, state where and when. _____

Upon acceptance, we will send acceptance materials to you. Please indicate to which address you would like the following be sent.

- Acceptance packet: Campus Home Other
- Billing information (invoices or receipts) Campus Home Other

SECTION IV

Statement of Purpose

To complete your application, please include a “statement of purpose” with your application form and \$300 deposit. The statement should be no more than two typed pages, double-spaced.

Explain why you have chosen this program and describe your academic and personal goals. What might you contribute to the experience of the whole group? Describe challenges you expect to face and how you will deal with them. Include any other additional information.

SECTION V

Disciplinary Record

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic offense, or are any criminal charges now pending against you? Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

Have you ever been found guilty of violating any high school, college or university regulations or the student code of conduct for UGA or any other institution, or do you have any sanctions currently pending?

Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

SECTION VI

Questionnaire

How did you learn or find out about the program? _____

SECTION VII

References

Please obtain two references using the attached forms. Include them with the application OR have them directly sent to the UGA Costa Rica Office (Attention: Page C. McCormick), 110 E. Clayton St., Bank of America Building, 3rd Floor, Suite. 316, Athens, GA 30602. References from faculty or employers are preferred.

SECTION VIII

Scholarships and financial aid

Scholarships and financial aid opportunities can be found at: <http://www.uga.edu/oie/safinaid.htm>. UGA Costa Rica offers STARS work stipend as financial aid and has limited scholarships for semester-length programs. To apply, visit: http://www.uga.edu/costarica/program_scholarships.htm.

SECTION IX

Study Abroad Policies Agreement, Release and Application Signature (Read carefully!)

1. Students' applications WILL be accepted after application deadlines if the program is not yet full.
2. All students (UGA, non-UGA, in-state, and out-of-state) pay in-state tuition. The transient application, \$50 processing fee (checks only), and immunization form are required for non-UGA students to enroll per the Admissions Office. Also, the Bursar's Office charges \$250 for non-UGA students (except USG & SEC students).
3. Program fees may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Airfare is an additional expense and students will be responsible for making their own flight reservations.
4. Applications are NOT complete without a deposit and all other required documents.
5. Deposits will be refunded if the applicant is not accepted or withdraws prior to the Withdrawal Deadline.
Withdrawal Deadlines are as follows:
Spring Semester programs – Nov. 12, 2008
Maymester, Summer and Fall term programs – March 16, 2009
6. Once accepted, students must pay program fees by deadlines or they will be charged an additional \$150 late fee.

<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Maymester</i>		<i>Summer</i>		<i>Fall Semester</i>	
10/1/08 to 10/29/08	\$300 deposit & application due	2/9/09 to 3/2/09	\$300 deposit & application due	2/9/09 to 3/2/09	\$300 deposit & application due	2/9/09 to 3/2/09	\$300 deposit & application due
11/12/08	WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE	3/16/09	WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE	3/16/09	WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE	3/16/09	WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE
11/12/08	\$3300 1 st payment due	3/31/09	\$\$\$ program payment due*	3/31/09	\$\$\$ program payment due*	3/31/09	\$3300 1 st payment due
12/1/08	\$3300 final payment due	<i>*For balance information, refer to the program web site.</i>		<i>*For balance information, refer to the program web site.</i>		4/15/09	\$3300 final payment due

7. Early applicants who receive a special offer and withdraw from a program prior to the withdrawal deadline will receive a pro-rated refund.
8. Applications will be reviewed by program directors and faculty; decisions regarding acceptance will be announced no later than 2 weeks after the application deadline. Acceptance materials will be mailed no later than 2 weeks after the announcements of acceptances.
9. If a student is dismissed from the program while in-country, no refund will be made of any fees paid.
10. Programs are subject to cancellation due to insufficient student enrollment. In this case, a full refund of program fees will be returned to applicants.
11. In the event a program is cancelled due to terrorism, a State Department warning, or other circumstances that could make the program location unsafe, all monies not already spent on behalf of the student will be refunded.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand and will comply with the above policies. I hereby authorize officials at any university I have attended to release my disciplinary records to the study abroad program director of the program to which I am applying. I fully understand that my disciplinary records may be a factor in evaluating my application.

I further acknowledge that the information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that providing false information during the application process may be grounds for rejecting my application or grounds for dismissal from the study abroad program.

Signature _____ Date _____

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I. This section is to be completed by the student applicant (*please print or type*).

Applicant's name _____ Applicant's local telephone _____

E-mail _____

This reference is ___ confidential _____ not confidential

II. This section to be completed by the referee

Name and title of referee _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Is there any reason why you would not recommend that the applicant participate in a study abroad program?

Please indicate your perceptions of the applicant's competence in the following areas:

Area	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Inadequate Opportunity To Observe
Intellectual Curiosity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stress Tolerance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to interact with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adaptability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-motivation/ Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other remarks may be written or typed on the back of this form or on a separate sheet.

Signature of Referee _____ Date _____

Please notify the student when he/she may pick up reference or forward it to the address above.

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