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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.

- Maymester – Avian Biology (May 12 – June 1, 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 8, 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 19 – July 20, 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)
- Fall Semester – Land Language and Culture (September – November 2009)
- Spring Semester – Franklin College & COE (January 13 – March 25, 2010)
  - Guatemala Excursion (January 6 – 13, 2010)

#### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

##### ***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**

##### ***Spring Semester programs***

Early application deadline  
**Oct. 1, 2009**

Application deadline  
**Oct. 29, 2009**

Withdrawal deadline  
*(Deposit not refundable after this date)*  
**Nov. 12, 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/media/pdfs/transfer\\_student\\_application.pdf](http://www.admissions.uga.edu/media/pdfs/transfer_student_application.pdf), submit a check for \$50, and an immunization form found at [http://uga.edu/oie/docs/sa/students/Certificate\\_of\\_Immunization.pdf](http://uga.edu/oie/docs/sa/students/Certificate_of_Immunization.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.) For programs starting in Spring 2010 the deposit will increase to \$500 and be considered a first payment.
- Turn in the complete application to the UGA Costa Rica Office. (Only complete applications will be considered.)  
 UGA Costa Rica Office  
 Attention: Sarah McQuade  
 Bank of America Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 317  
 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: \_\_\_\_\_

UGA E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Social security number: \_\_\_\_\_

*(For non-UGA students please use your school email address)*

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



**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? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***T-shirt option:***

UGA Costa Rica t-shirts are available for purchase for \$12. If you would like to purchase a shirt please select the size below and include the additional \$12 in your deposit check.

    \_\_\_XS            \_\_\_S            \_\_\_M            \_\_\_L            \_\_\_XL

**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: Sarah McQuade), 110 E. Clayton St., Bank of America Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 317, 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>.

**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:  
**Maymester, Summer and Fall term programs – March 16, 2009**  
**Spring Semester programs – Nov. 12, 2009**
6. Once accepted, students must pay program fees by deadlines or they will be charged an additional \$150 late fee.

<b>Maymester</b>		<b>Summer</b>		<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester 2010</b>	
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	10/1/09 to 10/29/09	\$500 deposit & application due
3/16/09	WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE	3/16/09	WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE	3/16/09	WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE	11/12/09	WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE
3/31/09	Program payment due*	3/31/09	Program payment due*	3/31/09	Program payment due*	11/12/09	1 <sup>st</sup> payment due
*For balance information, refer to the program web site.		*For balance information, refer to the program web site.		*For balance information, refer to the program web site.		12/1/09	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**UGA Costa Rica 2008 - 2009  
Study Abroad Program Application  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(ex: Fall Tropical Ecology)

This reference is \_\_\_ confidential \_\_\_\_\_ not confidential Program Term: \_\_\_\_\_  
(ex: Fall 2009)

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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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