

Washington University - College of Arts and Sciences Overseas Programs

Application for WU Summer Programs in Ecuador and Mexico

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application Requirements:

- 1) Cover Sheet with Program Preference Ranking
- 2) Data Sheet
- 3) Answers to short essay questions
- 4) Study Plan
- 5) Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- 6) Transcript (student generated internal record is sufficient)
- 7) Signed Statement of Personal Responsibility
- 8) Parental Agreement

Application Deadline:

February 15, 2010.

Selection Process:

Applicants are applying for both the WU Ecuador and WU Mexico programs and can rank their program preference below. Applications will be reviewed by the Program Directors and interviews may be a required part of the selection process. The Program Directors will then offer applicants admission onto one of the programs, based on the applicant's prior coursework, application, program preference and interview.

Program Preference:

Please indicate your program preference, and if you would consider your second choice:

1. First choice Ecuador First choice Mexico No preference between Ecuador/Mexico
2. *If necessary:* I will consider second choice I will NOT consider second choice

Program costs:

The fee for both the WU Ecuador and WU Mexico programs is \$4250 which covers WU credits, housing, some student excursions and on-site coordinators. International airfare is additional.

Questions:

Please consult with Amy Suelzer (Email: acsuelze@wustl.edu, Phone: (314) 935-5958).

Submit all application materials to:

Office of International and Area Studies
Campus Box 1088
One Brookings Drive
Washington University
St. Louis, MO 63130

Tel.: 314-935-5958

Fax: 314-935-7642

Website: <http://www.artsci.wustl.edu/~overseas/>
McMillan Hall 138

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DATA SHEET

Please print in ink.

Period of intended study abroad: Year(s): _____ Fall Spring Academic Year Summer

_____ Country

_____ Foreign Institution or Program Name

_____ Primary Subject to be Studied Abroad

Personal Data:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Female Male WU Student No. (SSN for non-WU): _____ Birth date (mm/dd/yr): ___/___/___

US citizen? Yes No Passport number _____ and date of expiration ___/___/___

If not US citizen, nationality: _____ and residency/visa status: _____

Cell phone number: _____ and "edu" e-mail: _____@_____.wustl.edu
(**cannot** be aol, hotmail, yahoo, etc.)

WU Students Only: After confirming WebSTAC includes your current local address and telephone number, check here

Permanent (home) address: _____
_____ Street

_____ City

_____ State

_____ Zip

_____ Country

Parents:

Mother

Father

Name: _____

Complete Address: same as permanent address _____ same as permanent address _____

(List full address of both if different) _____

Telephone: home: _____ home: _____

work: _____ work: _____

E-mail: _____

Educational Information: WU College or School: A&S Arch. Art Bus. Engn.

If not a WU student, name of your college or university: _____

Major(s) for which you intend to receive credit for coursework abroad: _____

Minors(s) for which you intend to receive credit: _____

Class standing (at time of study abroad): Fr So Jr Sr Just Graduated Grad

Overall GPA: _____

On-campus activities: Please list the organizations, teams, or clubs in which you are actively involved:

References: Name

Department

E-mail Address

1. _____

2. _____

SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer on a separate sheet of paper. Your typed response should be 2 pages total, double-spaced with 1 inch margins using 12pt. font. Make sure to include your name, ID and the program you will participate in.

If your program-specific application requires an essay, you only need to write 1 essay. If your program-specific application does not require an essay, please address the points below.

I. Academic goals:

- Describe how the program to which you are applying fits with your academic background and future goals.
- Describe your academic goals for your time abroad and how you plan to achieve them.
- Describe how your proposed course of study abroad complements your WU academic endeavors and your plans for completing your degree (list courses, distribution you will still need, language, etc.)
- What is your academic preparation for this experience?
- What academic differences do you anticipate abroad?

II. Personal goals:

- Describe your personal goals for your time abroad and how you plan to achieve them.
- Have you lived or traveled outside the U.S. before? If so, where and for how long?
- Study abroad requires you to tolerate ambiguity, show respect for differing opinions and values, and demonstrate independence. Please describe specific experiences that show your skills in each of these areas.
- Describe an important cross-cultural experience you have had and its impact on your preparation to study abroad.

ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM

Note: Please use this form as a cover sheet.

Student (please print):

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____

E-mail address: _____@_____.wustl.edu Phone: _____

Period of intended study abroad: Year(s): _____ ___Fall ___Spring ___Academic Year ___Summer

Program student is applying to: Country _____ Program Name _____

Name of Reference: _____ **Title:** _____

Date this form was given to Reference: _____

Due date: ___Feb 1 ___Feb 15 Other _____

Statement: I hereby ___waive ___do not waive my ability to view this letter.

Student's Signature

* This recommendation should come from a professor, instructor, or advisor who is familiar with your academic work. Preferably, this person should be familiar with the subject area(s) you intend to study while abroad. For a foreign language program, at least one of your references should be familiar with your language proficiency. Be sure to discuss your study abroad goals and expectations before requesting the letter of reference.

Faculty Member or Advisor:

- Please complete the following page and return with this form via Campus Mail to **Overseas Programs, Campus Box 1088**, or bring to **McMillan 138**.
- You may write a separate letter on letterhead stationary if desired, but it is not mandatory. If you do choose to write a letter, please address the following:
 - a. Academic ability and preparation for participation in the study abroad program listed above.
 - b. Personal suitability for study abroad, including adaptability, maturity, and motivation.

ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM (CONTINUED)

Note: Please return this form with the cover sheet.

Student (please print):			
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	M.I.: _____	
Program Name: _____	Term/Year: _____		

To be completed by a faculty member or advisor:

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant:

How well do you know the applicant: Very well Moderately well Other: _____

Assessment of academic and intellectual attributes in relation to others at comparable stages in their university careers:

	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Rate
Applicant's academics:				
Competence in major/specialization				
Academic interest and motivation				
Applicant's reliability:				
Class/meetings attendance				
Preparedness for class/meetings				
Participation in class/meetings				
Applicant's suitability for study abroad:				
Ability to adapt to new circumstances				
Self-reliance/independence				
Ability to relate well to others				
Emotional stability				
Open-mindedness				
Maturity				
Intellectual curiosity				
Language skills (if applicable):				
Speaking				
Reading				
Listening				
Writing				

Rate this applicant's general abilities and potential against others at comparable stages in their university careers: upper 5% upper 10% upper 25% upper 50% lower 50%

If you were the Faculty Director of this program, would you welcome this student with no reservations?:

Please make any additional comments below, or include a separate sheet on letterhead:

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STATEMENT OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Student: Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____
Period of intended study abroad: Year(s): _____ ___ Fall ___ Spring ___ Academic Year ___ Summer

Country Foreign Institution or Program Name Primary Subject to be Studied Abroad

Behavioral and academic standards: Admission to study abroad may be denied or rescinded due to behavioral or academic concerns. Your WU judicial and academic records will be subject to review. As a participant, you will be expected to behave in a manner that is consistent with the behavioral standards of the WU Judicial Code. Disruptive behavior, academic dishonesty and other improprieties will not be tolerated. Also, you must comply with the rules and regulations of any host institution and with the local laws and regulations in the foreign country or countries where you reside or travel during the program, including times when you are engaged in independent activities. Your participation in the program may be terminated by WU for violation of these standards, along with forfeiture of program fees and loss of academic credit for the program. You may have to return to WU at your own expense to appeal a disciplinary decision. These standards apply to students studying abroad on a leave of absence as well as those on WU-approved programs.

Drug use and other illegal activities: The possession or use of any quantity of marijuana, cocaine, or other illegal substance is strictly prohibited. This prohibition applies not only while you are in the company of fellow participants, but also while you are alone or with people not associated with the program. The consequences of substance abuse or other illegal activity at any time during the program include immediate expulsion from the program, forfeiture of all program fees, and loss of academic credit for the program. Furthermore, U.S. citizens in a foreign country are subject to the laws of that country. Neither the U.S. Embassy nor Washington University can obtain your release from jail; they can only aid in obtaining legal assistance for you.

Inherent conditions, hazards and risks: Washington University acts only to provide the opportunity for foreign study and does not guarantee your satisfaction with the program or your well-being. You will not be closely supervised while you are abroad. You are responsible for using good judgment to ensure your own health, safety and welfare. There are certain inherent conditions, hazards and risks associated with international travel and living abroad for which the University cannot and will not assume responsibility. These include, but are not limited to, inclement weather, natural disasters, labor disputes, riots, terrorism, delays or disruption of travel or accommodations, accidents and disease. During the period of your participation in the program, and while you are en route to or returning from the program, WU will not be responsible for any injury or damage to you or your property or for any personal liability sustained or incurred by you.

Medical needs and health insurance: You are responsible for assessing your own medical needs. Physical or emotional problems may be exacerbated by stresses associated with study abroad. You must be medically able and prepared to participate in the program, including appropriate immunizations. Some foreign institutions and/or national health systems provide limited health care for visiting students, but access to free or low cost medical care is not assured and may not be readily available. You are responsible for verifying that you will have adequate health insurance coverage and that it will remain effective for the duration of the program. Also, you are responsible for complying with the appropriate claims procedures and deadlines. All WU fall and spring semester programs include mandatory WU student health insurance, which provides worldwide coverage for partial reimbursement of medical expenses plus the services of Assist America, including medical evacuation and repatriation of remains. Students who are enrolled at WU during a spring semester are covered during the summer too. Simultaneously, you may be covered by a family or private health insurance plan and/or by mandatory host country student health insurance.

Authorization for emergency medical treatment: Washington University representation is not available at all program sites. Nevertheless, by signing the following statement, you are granting permission to WU and any person acting on behalf of the University to authorize emergency medical treatment for you when deemed necessary, and you are agreeing that neither the University nor the person acting on behalf of the University can be held responsible for any injury or damage that may arise out of or in connection with such authorization.

Statement: I understand and accept the stated conditions of participation in a WU sponsored or approved study abroad program. I understand and accept my responsibilities, and I understand and assume the potential risks, as described above. I authorize WU to contact my parent or guardian about my physical or mental health while I am abroad if deemed advisable to do so. I am eighteen years of age and fully competent to sign this statement and I am signing it as my own free act.

Student's Signature

Date

Printed Name

WU Student No. (SSN for non-WU)

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PARENTAL AGREEMENT

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Billing: The program price is posted to the student's WU billing account, where financial aid and other credits can be applied. The price of fall and/or spring semester programs includes WU tuition and health insurance, and if applicable, charges for housing and/or meals. WU guarantees the timely payment of fees included in the program price directly to the program sponsor. You and your student are responsible for timely payment directly to the program sponsor or airline for any fees not included in the WU program price. Detailed contracts will be issued to students in Nov. for spring programs and April for fall programs; general cost estimates are available by program online at <http://www.artsci.wustl.edu/~overseas/programs/index.html>. Members of the College of Arts & Sciences can use financial aid, if any, to participate in a WU sponsored or approved study abroad program. For other students, the availability of financial aid depends upon the policies of their own WU school or home institution.

Parent/Guardian's Statement of Consent	
The above named student has my permission to participate in the above listed program(s). I agree to the terms and conditions listed above, and will meet the applicant's expenses, including all program costs and fees, on the same terms as if the student were taking courses on the Washington University home campus.	
Parent's Signature: _____	Date: _____
Printed Name: _____	
Printed Email Address: _____	Phone #: _____

Please sign this form and send it to: Office of Overseas Programs, Campus Box 1088, Washington University, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130. Alternatively, you may fax it to 314-935-7642 or scan it and e-mail it to overseas@wustl.edu.