

**University of Georgia Studies Abroad in the South Pacific and Caribbean
(Including the United Kingdom)
Program Application**

Your Name _____

Check all the programs for which you are applying:

- Spring Semester in New Zealand and Australia (Jan 21 – April 1, 2009)
- Maymester in New Zealand (May 11 – June 5, 2009)
- Maymester in Australia (May 11 – June 5, 2009)
- Summer in Fiji (June 5 – 29, 2009)
- Short Summer in Fiji #1 (June 5 – 12, 2009)
- Short Summer in Fiji #2 (June 12 – 19, 2009)
- Short Summer in Sydney, Australia (June 5 – 12, 2009)
- Summer in Cambridge & the UK (July 7 – 30, 2009)
- Wintermester in New Zealand & Sydney (December 17, 2008 – January 7, 2009)
- Fall in Antarctica (TBA, 2009)

Instructions:

- Return materials to: Studies Abroad in the South Pacific and Caribbean, Room 300 Building One, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia, Athens GA 30602-2152
- Only complete applications will be considered

Deadlines:

- Applications are due by November 17th at the latest, for the Spring Semester
- Applications are due by October 17th at the latest, for the Wintermester Program
- Applications are due by March 16th at the latest, for Maymester and Summer Programs
- Applications are due May 1st for Fall program

Ensure the following items are included in the materials you return:

- All pages of the completed and signed application (including this one).
- 1 official copy of your UGA (or home institution) transcript.
- 2 completed reference forms or letters (references may be sent under separate cover).
- 1 page essay.
- Required deposit as a check made payable to University of Georgia in the specific program name (e.g., UGA Maymester New Zealand).
- If you are applying for more than one program (e.g., Maymester Australia plus Summer Fiji), send separate checks for each program, with the respective program name noted on each.
- Make sure you have read and initialed the refund/cancellation policy on page three.

Please note that:

Submitting an application for a study abroad program does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Candidates must meet program requirements and be approved by the program's faculty (and selection committee) coordinator. Participation is also subject to availability; some programs fill up early.

Program Fees and Payment Schedule

SPRING SEMESTER IN NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA 2009: Program Fee: **\$7150**

- ⇒ Non-refundable deposit of \$750 due at the time of application (applications cannot be processed without payment of deposit).
- ⇒ Final installment of \$6400 due by November 17th

MAYMESTER IN NEW ZEALAND OR AUSTRALIA OR SUMMER IN FIJI 2009: Program Fee: **\$2750**

- ⇒ Non-refundable deposit of \$750 due at the time of application (applications cannot be processed without payment of deposit).
- ⇒ Final installment of \$2000 due by March 16th

SHORT SUMMER IN FIJI 2009: Program Fee: **\$1095**

- ⇒ Non-refundable deposit of \$495 due at the time of application (applications cannot be processed without payment of deposit).
- ⇒ Final installment of \$600 due by March 16th

SHORT SUMMER IN SYDNEY 2009: Program Fee: **\$1150**

- ⇒ Non-refundable deposit of \$550 due at the time of application (applications cannot be processed without payment of deposit).
- ⇒ Final installment of \$600 due by March 16th

SUMMER IN CAMBRIDGE & THE UK 2009: Program Fee: **\$2750**

- ⇒ Non-refundable deposit of \$750 due at the time of application (applications cannot be processed without payment of deposit).
- ⇒ Final installment of \$2000 due by April 1st

FALL IN ANTARCTICA 2009: Program fee: **\$7450**

- ⇒ Non-refundable deposit of \$1450 due at the time of application (applications cannot be processed without payment of deposit).
- ⇒ Second installment of \$3000 due by May 1st
- ⇒ Third and final installment of \$3000 due by August 15th

WINTERMESTER IN NEW ZEALAND & SYDNEY 2009: Program Fee: **\$2995**

- ⇒ Non-refundable deposit of \$795 due at the time of application (applications cannot be processed without payment of deposit).
- ⇒ Final installment of \$2200 due by October 17th

Airfare, tuition, and required UGA fees are additional. All students (including non-UGA or UGA out-of-state) pay in-state tuition (~\$186 per credit in 2008). Non-UGA students pay an additional ~\$250 to become transient students at UGA for the semester in which they are registered for the program. See <https://busfin1.busfin.uga.edu/bursar/schedule.cfm> for the current tuition and fee estimates for each session.

Exchange rate fluctuation and/or inflationary conditions may necessitate that the program raise fees above previously advertised rates between the time of admission and the beginning of the program.

Please initial here to verify that you understand the refund and cancellation policy as described below_____

Refund Policy and Schedule

- If a student is not accepted into the program, the deposit check will be returned or refunded.
- For all programs except Antarctica
 - If a student is accepted but withdraws on or before November 1st for Spring, October 1st for Wintermester or March 1st for Maymester/Summer programs, the student will receive a refund of all fees paid (excluding the deposit). If a student withdraws between November 1st and November 15th for Spring, October 1st and October 17th for Wintermester or March 1st and March 15th for Maymester/Summer programs, the student will receive a refund of 50% of fees paid (excluding the deposit and any and all expenses already incurred by the program on behalf of the student). If a student withdraws on or after November 15th for Spring, October 17th for Wintermester or March 15th for Maymester/Summer programs, no refund will be made to the student of any program fees paid.
- For the Antarctica program
 - If a student is accepted but withdraws on or before May 1st, the student will be refunded 50% of the fees s/he paid (excluding the deposit). If a student withdraws after May 1st, no refund will be made to the student of any program fees paid. No refunds will be made for any part of the program in which students choose not to participate, including any ship cruising and/or shore excursions.
- If a student is dismissed from the program while in-country (see conduct policies section) or voluntarily withdraws from a program, no refund will be made of any fees paid.
- Non-UGA students who fail to complete the process of registering as a UGA student in time to register for courses pre-departure, or students who fail to register for the required courses pre-departure will be considered as self-withdrawn from the program. In such cases the regular refund policy will apply with no refund given after November 15th for Spring, October 17th for Wintermester, March 15th for Maymester/Summer, or May 1st for Antarctica (see "Registration" section). This refund policy also applies to late applicants who are accepted into the program, whereby all payments made after November 15th for Spring, October 17th for Wintermester, March 15th for Maymester/Summer or May 1st for Antarctica will be non-refundable.
- All requests for refunds must be made in writing by letter (not email) to the program office, attention of the Program Director. Refunds may take several weeks to process and will be normally issued by check.

Program Cancellation Policy

- If the program is cancelled due to insufficient student enrollment, then a full refund of monies paid will be given to each student.
- If the program is cancelled due to an act of war or terrorism, a State Department warning or other circumstances that make the program location unsafe, all monies not already spent on behalf of the student will be refunded to each student.
- I further understand that the program or individual courses may be cancelled due to low enrollment or other factors and I understand that I will be informed of such a decision no later than 6 weeks before planned departure date or as soon as possible after any adverse circumstances that cause the program to be cancelled. I also understand that exchange rate fluctuation and/or inflationary conditions may necessitate that the program raise fees above previously advertised rates between the time of admission and the beginning of the program.

Student Full Name (as it appears on passport) _____

Social Security Number _____

UGA Student ID (see UGA Card) 627541 810 _ _ _ _ _

Preferred Name _____

Birth Date (month/day/year) _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Your food preference

- Non-vegetarian (meat ok)
- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Other (please explain) _____

If you would like to request to travel in the group with ONE other person (**same sex only**), please indicate their name here: _____

(Please note that we cannot guarantee travel partners under any circumstances. Your travel partner must list you as well!)

Are you on financial aid (including HOPE) ___ Yes ___ No

If Yes, list types _____

Your university (if not UGA) _____

Are you a Georgia Resident? ___ Yes ___ No

GPA _____

Major(s) _____

Current Academic Level _____

(Freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, masters, or doctoral)

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

Are you in-state or out-of-state student? _____ in-state _____ out-of-state

Campus Address _____

Cell (or local) Phone _____

E-mail (**print clearly**) _____

Permanent Address _____

Emergency Name _____

Emergency Phone _____

Citizenship _____

Passport Number _____

(A passport is required at the time of travel, and must be valid for 6 months after the date of departure, **but it is not necessary for the application.** If you are waiting on your passport, please leave this section blank.)

Personal Activities

Are you currently employed? yes no Occupation _____

If applicable, give name, address, and phone number of employer _____

List any *academic* co-curricular activities (e.g. academic clubs, volunteering) in which you are involved and in what ways:

List any *social* co-curricular activities (e.g. Greek life, sports, hobbies) in which you are involved and in what ways:

Do you have a website or personal webpage you would like us to view in considering your application? If so, please list the URL here:

Disciplinary and Criminal Record

Are you currently, or have you ever been, charged with, or subject to, disciplinary action for scholastic or any other type of misconduct at any educational institution?

yes no If yes, please explain _____

Have you 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 _____

Convictions shall include: A finding of guilty by a judge or jury, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere, irrespective of the pendency or availability of any appeal or application for collateral relief. If "Yes," explain fully, specifying the nature of the offense(s), the date(s) it/they occurred, the name and location of the court(s) and sentence(s) imposed. Please submit court documentation if appropriate.

ESSAY

On a separate page, please write an essay expressing why you want to study abroad, what about the host country and the program interests you most, and why the qualities of this particular program support your personal, academic, and career goals. Please discuss why the specific academic focus of this program appeals to you and your long-term educational objectives.

Your essay is an important part of your application. Please spend time thinking about the question and try to answer it as best you can.

Release and Application Signature

I hereby authorize officials at any educational institution that I have attended to release my disciplinary records (including but not limited to records maintained by the Judicial Programs and Services Office, the Registrar, the Department of Housing, and/or the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs) to the study abroad program director of the program to which I am applying. I fully understand that my citizenship record may be a factor in evaluating my application. I hereby approve photographs of me as a student on the study abroad program to be used in publicity material (websites, brochures, etc) for study abroad programs.

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.

Student Signature

Date

Applicants who are accepted to participate in a UGA study abroad program are required by The University of Georgia to complete and sign an agreement and waiver which stipulates the terms and conditions of the program and its fee payment structure and deadlines.

Questionnaire

How did you first hear about this program?

- letter of invitation
- flyer or brochure - obtained where? _____
- former participant/ word of mouth – who? _____
- Office of International Education
- other – where/ what? _____

References

According to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you may decide whether letters of reference written on your behalf are to be kept confidential or available for your inspection. Please choose below and indicate your choice on the reference forms.

- Confidential file Open file

Please obtain two references using the following forms and include them with your application, or have them sent directly to the Program Office (address on the first page of this application packet). References from faculty or employers are preferred. References from friends, family, or neighbors are not acceptable.

Please list the names and emails of your references here:

1. Referee Name: _____
Referee Email: _____
2. Referee Name: _____
Referee Email: _____

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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 you are applying for _____
 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?

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

Area	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Unable to Rate
Academic Performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intellectual curiosity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gets along well with others	<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"/>
Self-motivation	<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 _____

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