MICA

Semester Study Abroad and Exchange Application

Name: ________________________________ MICA ID #: _____________________

BILLING REMINDER

If you would like your MICA bill(s) to be directed to a different address than usual during the semester you are abroad, please update your billing address on the Enrollment Services office’s Change of Address Form or through the student portal.

SIGNATURES

Signatures from ALL of the following MICA offices are required. Your application will not be accepted without all of these signatures.

Major Department Chair: ________________________________ Date: ________________

Student Accounts: ________________________________ Date: ________________

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

By checking this line, I authorize International Affairs to obtain official transcripts from the Registrar for all programs to which I am applying. I understand that I do not need to obtain a transcript for my study abroad application.

NOTE FOR DIRECT EXCHANGE PROGRAM APPLICANTS

If you are applying to MICA@SACI, another U.S.-style “affiliated” program, or a domestic (North American) program you may skip this section.

If you are applying for a direct exchange program, keep in mind that it is an immersive cross-cultural experience: during the application process and if admitted, you will be subject to the host institution’s policies and procedures, which will be different from those of U.S. institutions. For example:

- Most foreign institutions have very different timelines for admitting students and mailing paperwork. Their deadlines are often later than those in the U.S; consequently, admissions decisions sometimes arrive between one and three months after application. After learning of admission, students should prepare all applications for campus housing (if available), a student visa (if required for the host country) as early as possible.

- Many foreign institutions, particularly in Europe, have a fixed curriculum; therefore, students generally take prescribed courses only in their major field of study. Classes or course of study will often change when students arrive abroad. Students need to be certain they understand credit conversions and course approval policies/procedures. Study is often highly independent, so students should be prepared to define their own projects, parameters, and timelines and seek feedback rather than wait for it. This requires a self-motivated, self-directed student who is seeking a paraprofessional experience. This type of academic environment has produced extremely talented and successful artists, so it is not an inferior system. Rather, it involves a very different skill-set and type of learning than the highly-structured, directed U.S. experience.
Many foreign arts institutions, particularly in Europe, are vocational in focus and do not offer academic or art history course work.

Many foreign institutions, particularly in Europe, exercise only limited involvement in their students' personal lives. For example, many do not offer campus housing or extensive off-campus housing support, student services offices are fewer and may have limited hours, and students are generally responsible for planning their own extracurricular activities.

At foreign institutions in countries where English is not the primary language, the local language will be the primary one used in and out of class. For this reason, many direct exchange programs have a foreign language proficiency requirement. If applying to such a program, it is your responsibility to ensure that you have sufficient skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing the local language to complete college-level work. Again, there will be little direct instruction. Some direct exchange programs do not have a language requirement; on these programs, U.S. students usually can speak in English when communicating directly with a faculty member or with a fellow student who knows English. However, even on such programs, not knowing the local language will inhibit your academic, cultural, and social experience abroad to some degree.

If I am applying for a direct exchange program, I understand that my experience will be very different from a U.S. experience, and will likely include differences such as those as described above. I have discussed the differences associated with exchange with International Affairs and I am prepared to anticipate and learn from these cultural differences in academics and daily life.

Student Signature: _______________________________ Date: ________________

SIGNATURE

By my signature below, I affirm that I am at least 18 years of age, that my signature is voluntary, have carefully read and understand the policies and procedures governing study abroad application and participation, and agree to abide by them. I certify that all statements and responses I have made in this application and accompanying materials are true and correct.

I understand that the confidential supporting documents relating to this application will not be disclosed to anyone other than authorized faculty/administrators of MICA and of the host institution, persons hired to make local arrangements and/or persons otherwise permitted or required by law. I also understand that information relating to this application may be shared with appropriate MICA representatives including, but not limited to Student Affairs, Financial Aid, Residence Life, Enrollment Services, Academic Advising, Communications, and Undergraduate Admissions. I understand that my name and e-mail address may be shared with fellow and future study abroad participants, unless I have opted not to have this information disclosed by informing MICA's International Affairs office in writing.

I further understand that approval for study abroad is contingent upon maintaining a 3.0 GPA and good disciplinary standing at MICA. Should my academic or disciplinary status change, I understand that I must contact the International Affairs office immediately.

I certify that I have reviewed and understand the information associated with the program(s) for which I am applying, including the costs, educational structure, and student services the host institution provides. I understand that I am responsible for sharing information regarding study abroad policies and my application with my parent(s) or guardian(s).

Student name (printed) ________________ Student signature ________________ Date ________________

Statement of Equal Opportunity and Reasonable Accommodation

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