

Study Abroad Petition Form

Valdosta State University
Center for International Programs
ADDRESS 1500 N Patterson St € Valdosta

Campus Address (Hall, House or Off-Campus): _____

Local Phone: _____ VSU email: _____@valdosta.edu

I am applying to study off campus

Fall Spring Summer Academic Yr Calendar Yr 201_____

I wish to apply to the following study abroad program:

Program Name	Location (country/city)	Host University
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I am petitioning to (check one):

Waive the VSU Study Abroad GPA requirement

My GPA is _____

Study abroad with a non-affiliated program

Program Name and Location _____

To apply my VSU financial aid to a second semester of study abroad

Petitions to waive the GPA requirement

Attach the following to this petition form:

1. A Personal Statement, This should outline your academic qualifications to study abroad and explain why your cumulative GPA is not an adequate or accurate reflection of your academic abilities.
2. A Statement of Support from an appropriate faculty member, In this statement, the faculty member should discuss your academic qualifications and outline why you are a good study abroad candidate. This statement may be submitted by the student in a sealed envelope or sent directly to the International Programs director by campus mail or email.

The completed appeal must be submitted to the Director of International Programs, who will forward it to the Dean of your College and the Associate Provost for consideration.

If the petition is granted, you may then proceed with the application process, but you are still bound by the program's own requirements. If the petition is not granted, you will not receive University approval to study abroad and may not participate in the program for VSU credit.

Petitions to study abroad with a non-affiliated program

Attach the following to this petition form:

1. A Personal Statement, This statement should offer a detailed discussion of each of the following items: (a) courses you plan to take at proposed study abroad program; (b) the coursework offered by relevant affiliated programs describing why those options do not meet your academic needs; and (c) how your proposed course of study with the non- affiliated program fits into your course of study at VSU.
2. A Statement of Support from the department/program chair, This letter should endorse the proposed study abroad program and compare its academic caliber to VSU and its affiliated study abroad programs. This statement may be submitted by the student in a sealed envelope or sent directly from the chair to the director of the International Office by campus mail or email.
3. Program Information, Provide a program brochure or materials from the program Website that offers an overview of the program's academics, housing, and most importantly how the program is accredited in the United States.

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