

## MEMORANDUM

To: Administrative Boards of the College of Arts and Sciences  
From: Brooks de Wetter-Smith, Chair, Study Abroad Advisory Board  
RE: Review of Spring 2012 Proposals  
Date: April 1, 2012

The Study Abroad Advisory Board reviewed five proposals this spring, including one Burch Seminar. All five are enthusiastically supported by the Board.

- 1) **China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing, China.** Proposed and supported by the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense, the CFAU program is an exchange program to be offered with Fall, Spring, and Year-long options. This an important beginning for UNC Study Abroad, as it is the first student exchange program to be offered based on the Chinese mainland. Considering the continuing emergence of China on the world stage as a vital global presence politically, economically and in other arenas, the significance of this program is considerable. As emphasized in the proposal, “CFAU is the only institution of higher learning in China which operates under the guidance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs”. It is a relatively small institution offering degrees through the doctorate. The main focus of CFAU is training its students for careers in the Foreign Service, international business and law.

UNC students will be able to take courses in Diplomacy, International Law, and International Economics – among others included in the proposal. There is no language requirement for participation. Students will register for a course load of 12-18 hours per semester. Each course includes about 45 contact hours. Students will receive 3 transfer credits for each course, and must have at least junior status and a 3.0 GPA.

The Board recognizes the academic integrity of these course offerings and supports the importance of initiating this exchange program.

- 2) **Study of Art and Music in London, England.** This summer program is to commence in 2013 and is anticipated to be offered annually. It is jointly proposed by the Departments of Art and Music, and consists of two courses taught concurrently carrying 3 UNC credits each: Music History and Art History. Its design is broadly based, to include classroom study supplemented by required written assignments, numerous field trips, guest lectures and performances. Focus of both courses is the parallel developments of both art forms, examining stylistic movements, institutions and trends. Leaders for this program are Mark Katz, Professor of Music, and Cary Levine – Assistant Professor of Art History.

The central role London has played in the arts makes this program especially worthwhile. Added to this is the possibility of faculty participation from Kings College, London, as guest

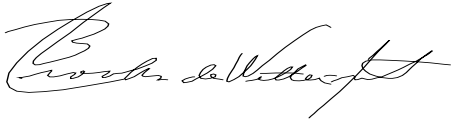
lecturers. UNC has a long partnership with Kings College. UNC and non-UNC students who have at least sophomore status would be welcomed to enroll with a minimum GPA of 2.8. Preference will be given to UNC students. The Department of Art and the Department of Music anticipate an enrollment goal of 25 students. The interdisciplinary nature of this program is especially attractive to the Board, and would be a valuable enrichment for UNC students.

- 3) **Science Exchange program at the University of Grenoble, France.** A high priority of the College of Arts and Sciences has been to explore ways in which more undergraduate science majors may study abroad. As a consequence of the signing of a *Memorandum of Understanding* between UNC and the University of Grenoble in 2011, this proposal outlines an outstanding program for a semester or full year student exchange between both institutions in the fields of chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics. It is submitted by UNC's Department of Chemistry. Of particular significance is the fact that sufficient offerings in Grenoble are available in English. All UNC students in the program must enroll in a French language course for the duration of their studies in Grenoble. Students already fluent in French will have access to all courses taught in French. UNC students must have a 2.9 GPA and be at least a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester sophomore in order to enroll. A minimum of 12 credit hours must be transferred back to UNC. All students must have also completed a minimum of 2 semesters of college-level French or the equivalent.
- 4) **German Summer Program in Bremen, Germany.** UNC and the University of Bremen have recently entered a new agreement through a *Memorandum of Understanding* that paves the way for academic collaboration between both institutions. This proposal for the first of such joint projects is submitted by the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures. It is meant as an alternative and possible replacement for a current program UNC has with the Free University of Berlin. Unlike the Berlin program, which is designed for American students, the Bremen initiative is designed for international students, thus providing a richer experience for UNC students. The "buddy system" that pairs visiting students with University of Bremen students, as well as the fact that all students will be housed with host families, both enhance this proposal. The summer program, to begin in 2013, is 9 weeks long, consisting of two 4-week courses taught consecutively, with a week between each session. The first course is "German Language and the History of Emigration to North America (3 credits.) Included in this course is an assigned paper, supervised and graded by University of Bremen faculty. Proficiency in German is not required. The second course (3 credits) is intensive German language instruction at whatever level is appropriate for each student.

UNC students must have a minimum 2.9 GPA. Students are not required to be majoring in German, but the completion of 1 or 2 semesters of German is recommended.

- 5) **Burch Seminar in Germany, Denmark, and Sweden.** This 6-week summer seminar, proposed to begin in 2013, concentrates its offerings on issues of natural, economic, and social equity sustainability, as exercised in Freiburg, Germany; Copenhagen, Denmark; Malmö and Lund, Sweden. Students will enroll in HNRS 352: Environmental Infrastructure

and Planning in Germany, Denmark, and Sweden (3 credits) and HNRS 352: Sustainability in Germany, Sweden and Denmark (3 credits). The seminar is designed to enroll 12-16 undergraduate students with at least sophomore status and a minimum GPA of 3.0. This proposal is a model of thoroughness and clarity, and was received by the Study Abroad Advisory Board with no further questions, a rarity indeed.



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