



MEMORANDUM

To: Administrative Boards of the College of Arts and Sciences
From: Brooks de Wetter-Smith, Chair, Study Abroad Advisory Board
RE: Review of Fall 2012 Proposals
Date: November 18, 2012

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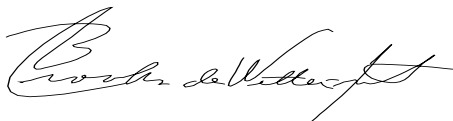
The Study Abroad Advisory Board reviewed five proposals this fall. Three of these are recommended by the SAAB to you for your consideration and approval.

- 1) **Spanish for the Professions Minor.** This proposal is submitted by the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, together with the University of Costa Rica (UCR) located in San Pedro. Scheduled to begin the summer of 2013 and continue annually each summer, UCR's Office of International Affairs and External Cooperation (OAICE) will serve as the link between UNC and UCR, coordinating logistics for this program. This 7 ½ week highly-immersive program providing 9 graded credit hours toward the Spanish for Professions Minor will be taught by UNC faculty. UNC's College of Arts & Sciences restricts study abroad to a maximum of one course as part of a four-course minor. Current offerings provided through existing study abroad programs do not include courses that belong to UNC's core curriculum for a minor in Spanish. This proposal offers to have two UNC faculty who are engaged in the core curriculum for the minor travel to Costa Rica to teach three courses: **SPAN 265** (Spanish Language and Culture for the Professions), **SPAN 321** (Spanish for the Medical Professions), and **SPAN 329** (Spanish for Professional and Community Engagement). The proposal also indicates students' interest in adding **SPAN 320** (Spanish for Business). This program has the distinct advantage of providing UNC coursework within the cultural framework of a Spanish speaking environment. Students must have at least sophomore academic status and must have attained a minimum GPA of 2.75. Each student must have completed SPAN 204 or its equivalent, but cannot participate if they have taken Spanish beyond the 265 level. The program is designed to serve up to 20 students

each summer. All UNC system students may apply, but priority will be given to UNC-CH students.

- 2) **Political Science Exchange Program at the University of Grenoble, France.** This proposal for a yearlong or semester (Fall or Spring) student exchange is submitted by the Department of Political Science, and is a consequence of a recent Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between UNC and the University of Grenoble. As presented in the proposal, this would be very different from the current program UNC has with *Sciences Po, Paris*. Unlike Paris, Grenoble accepts students with 2nd semester sophomore status and above, and has an interdisciplinary focus that will likely attract students in Global and European Studies as well as Political Science. Degree-seeking students in *Sciences Po, Grenoble* are required to spend one semester studying abroad, so this exchange is especially attractive for French students. UNC students with less than advanced knowledge of French will be required to enroll in a French language course the during their entire period of study in Grenoble. Courses at the university are also taught in English, Spanish and German. UNC students with sufficient French fluency can take all the courses offered in French. Minimum GPA is 2.9. Students must transfer a minimum of 12 TREQ credit hours per semester back to UNC. Minimum grade for such transfer is C. All students participating must have received a minimum of 2 semesters of College level French or its equivalent.
- 3) **Ghana Society and Culture.** This proposal is submitted by the Department of African and Afro-American Studies. It is a six-week summer program in Accra, Ghana, and is scheduled to begin in the summer 2013 and continue every two years. Five weeks will be devoted to academic studies plus one additional week of travel in Cape Coast and Elmina. This program is offered in cooperation with the University of Ghana, a large institution serving over 1,000 international students per year. The over-arching aim of this summer program is to provide a broader understanding of Ghana's role in movements, events, and processes having global resonance. UNC students will receive 6 graded credits via two courses of 3 credit hours each: **AAAD 401** (Ghanian Society and Culture) and **AAAD 412** (West Africa: Society and Economy in the 20th Century). Students must be at least rising sophomores and have a minimum GPA of 2.75. All students will be interviewed as part of the application process, and may be either undergraduate and graduate students from UNC-Chapel Hill, NC State University, and NC Central University. There is no language requirement to enroll. For the program to be offered there must be a minimum of 10 enrolled students. A maximum of 20 students can be accepted.

The Study Abroad Advisory Board strongly supports and recommends these three proposals for approval.



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