



MEMORANDUM

To: Administrative Board of the College of Arts and Sciences
From: Brooks de Wetter-Smith, Chair, Study Abroad Advisory Board
RE: Review of Spring 2013 Proposals
Date: April 1, 2013

The Study Abroad Advisory Board reviewed six proposals this spring. Five of these are hereby recommended by the SAAB for your consideration and approval. The fifth proposal consists of two .PDF files, the first being the original proposal, and the second providing further information as requested by the SAAB.

1) **BFRS 367: Burch Field Seminar in Morocco**

This seminar, scheduled for summer 2014, is offered as an art history course that attempts to link the historical roots of Moroccan art and architecture to the character of modern-day Morocco. It is to be led by Professor Dorothy Verkerk, UNC Department of Art and Art History and offered in affiliation with the Center for Cross-Cultural Learning (CCCL) in Rabat. As outlined in the proposal, the seminar “will explore the many layers of Moroccan cultures with its roots in Roman, Arab, and Berber artistic and architectural traditions.” It is an ambitious, yet very doable, course stretching over a period of 7 weeks, for which students will receive 6 credit hours. Two courses will be offered: the study of Art and Architectural History of Morocco, and a course covering Moroccan culture and the Arabic language. In addition to course content explored within the classroom, there will be ample opportunity to visit major sites that demonstrate what is being studied. A week-long excursion will be taken to Volubilis and Fez. Eligibility is for students who have at least sophomore status and a minimum GPA of 3.0. It is designed for enrollment of 12-16 undergraduates from various disciplines.

2) **Duke in Crete: The Azoria Field School in Classical Archeology**

This proposal was submitted by the UNC Department of Classics in collaboration with Duke University. It was created through the Duke-UNC Consortium for Classical and Mediterranean Archaeology, and is a 6-week offering scheduled to commence in the summer of 2013. It could conceivably continue until 2017. The project director is Dr Donald Haggis. As outlined in the proposal, this collaboration will transfer as 6 UNC non-graded credits to students who achieve a grade of C or better. The primary focus of the program is excavation work in Azoria. Classes will be taught at the Institute for Aegean Prehistory Study Center for East Crete. Students who have completed a minimum of their first semester of freshman studies and who have achieved a minimum GPA of 2.7 are eligible to apply. The UNC Study Abroad Advisory Board is very

impressed by the design of this program as submitted. This proposal seems highly unusual in that it is taught by a UNC faculty member, but offered under the sponsorship of another institution. We would strongly support the possibility of UNC students receiving graded credit for the course, should that become available to them.

3) CIEE in St. Petersburg, Russia

The Russian language section in the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures has been offering language intensive programs through the American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR), but wishes to expand its offerings to include history and culture. CIEE has a successful history of offering courses in Russia, some of which originated in 1967. This proposal wishes to engage in the Russian Area Studies (RAS) program of CIEE, which has been offered since 2000. Courses are given in English and cover history, politics, sociology, art, literature, and cinema. The RAS program is offered every fall and spring semester. All students must take Russian at either the elementary or intermediate level. In addition to studying Russian grammar and conversation, students also enroll in a minimum of three area studies courses. This proposal requests approval for four specific area studies courses, each of which would receive 3 UNC non-grade credits. With the language course (4 credit hours), a typical course load would be 16 credit hours. Minimum GPA is 2.75. There is no prior language requirement, although it strongly recommended that students complete at least one semester of Russian before enrolling. The Study Abroad Advisory Board believes this proposal meets a critical need in this area of study.

4) UNC-CH Summer Science Program in Grenoble

UNC currently collaborates on a semester and year-long exchange in the sciences with Joseph Fourier University in Grenoble (UJF). UJF would like to add our CHEM 430 (*Introduction to Biological Chemistry*) to their present summer curriculum of courses taught in English. CHEM 430 is cross listed in both Chemistry and Biology, and is part of the required curriculum for Biology and Chemistry students. It would be taught by UNC system faculty and would be available to other NC system students and a small number of UJF students. Students would also take a French language course, at the appropriate level. Each course carries 3 credit hours. The UNC course will provide graded credit and the French language TREQ credit (if a student receives at least a C.) The tentative dates proposed commence June 2-July 15, 2014. Eligible students must have completed their first year, completed BIOL 101, CHEM 261, CHEM 262 and have a least a 2.7 GPA.

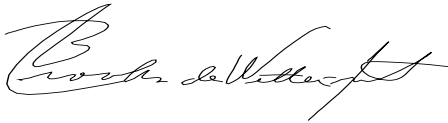
5) Energy Tomorrow: An Engineering and Management Perspective

UNC's Department of Physics and Astronomy has joined the Curriculum for Environment and Ecology in formulating this proposal for a summer study abroad course offered by the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in Sydney, Australia. UNC and UNSW have participated in a student exchange program since 1997. UNSW has offered summer courses for international students for 15 years. *Energy Tomorrow* is one of six summer programs currently offered by UNSW. It consists of a single 5-week course (ELEC0390)

that explores energy and sustainability, with an emphasis on “new developments in lower-emission fossil fuels, energy efficiency, renewable energy technologies, and nuclear power.” Contact hours total 110, which exceeds UNC’s requirement of 90 hours for 6 credit hours. Enrollment is limited to 32 students. The minimum GPA is 2.8. Students in the program will spend time in Darwin, Melbourne, Cairns, and Sydney. Students receive six hours of transfer credit at UNC if they receive a grade of C or better. The program is anticipated to commence the summer of 2014.

The SAAB sought further information on academic issues such as the required paper, textbook, means of assessment and required reading. These and other questions resulted in the second document submitted March 18, 2013 by Professor Gerald Cecil.

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



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