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Dear Colleagues:

University of Warwick, England

We are submitting for your approval a proposal to establish an undergraduate student exchange program with the University of Warwick, England. Further information about the University of Warwick can be reviewed at

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/>

This will be a two-way exchange, with semester and year-long options.

At the University of Warwick, this student exchange program has been initiated by the Department of Politics and International Studies and by the Department of History, and only majors from these two departments will participate. Both departments are seeking new and additional exchange opportunities to meet the increasing demand on the part of their undergraduate majors to spend a full academic year at a leading US research university. The establishment of this student exchange program is supported by the Department of History and the Department of Political Science here at UNC-Chapel Hill. Both Departments have significant faculty connections and collaborations with departments at the University of Warwick. The program will be open to all undergraduate majors in the College of Arts and Sciences, although preference will be given to History and Political Science majors. Exchange places at UK universities remain in very high demand on the part of undergraduate students at UNC-Chapel Hill, demand that usually exceeds supply.

A site visit to the University of Warwick was conducted by Dr Robert Miles in April 2010. And the Study Abroad Office hosted a visit to Chapel Hill by Professor Trevor McCrisken (Department of Politics and International Studies) in November 2010.

The University of Warwick is a campus university located on the outskirts of the city of Coventry. Coventry is one hour by train from London. It is within easy reach of London Heathrow and Birmingham International airports. The campus has its own shops, banks, restaurants and bars as well as a well-known Arts Center:

<http://www.warwickartscentre.co.uk/>

The Center offers a wide-ranging program that includes music, film, theater, dance, comedy and the visual arts.

The establishment of the University of Warwick was given approval by the UK government in 1961 and received its Royal Charter of Incorporation in 1965. It is situated on a large 700 acre campus which straddles the boundary between the City of Coventry and the County of Warwickshire. The University initially admitted a small intake of graduate students in 1964 and took its first 450 undergraduates in October 1965. In October 2007, the student population was over 16,646 of which 7009 are postgraduates. 20% of the student body comes from overseas and over 125 countries are represented on the campus. The University has 29 academic departments and over 50 research centers and institutes, in four Faculties: Arts, Medicine, Science and Social Sciences. The University hosts two HEFCE Centres for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CETLs): CAPITAL and Reinvention. The new Medical School took its first students on an innovative 4-year accelerated postgraduate program in September 2000. In summer 2004 the first 64 students graduated from the school. In October 2004 the combined intake of the Warwick Medical School was 403, making it one of the largest in the country. Since 2007 the University has been empowered to award its own medical degrees.

From its beginnings, the University of Warwick has sought to be excellent in both teaching and research. It has now secured its place as one of the UK's leading research universities, confirmed by the results of the UK government's Research Assessment Exercises of 1986, 1989, 1992, 1996 and 2001. In all of these, Warwick has been placed in the top half dozen or so of universities for the quality of its research. In the results of the 2001 exercise, the University of Warwick was placed fifth with over 90% of its staff working in departments rated 5 or 5*, the top two grades. The results of the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise reiterate Warwick's position as one of the UK's leading research universities, with Warwick ranked at 7th overall in the UK (based on multi-faculty institutions). 65% of Warwick's research is 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent' (Quality level of either 3* or 4*)

The University of Warwick is consistently ranked in the top ten of UK universities in the national UK league tables

3rd - The Guardian, June 2010

6th - The Independent, April 2010

8th - The Times Good University Guide, June 2010

8th - The Sunday Times, September 2009

The academic year at the University of Warwick is organized into three terms, the first commencing in early October and ending in mid December, the second commencing in early January and ending in late March, and the third commencing in late April and ending in early July. Most courses are year-long and so the University of Warwick prefers US exchange students to enroll either for a full academic year or for the autumn term but it will accept students for the second and third terms combined (equivalent to our spring semester).

The minimum GPA requirement for admission to this exchange program will be 3.3. Students will receive transfer credit for all courses taken at the University of Warwick. The equivalent of a "C" or above is required for academic credit to transfer.

UNC-Chapel Hill students will receive support from the International Office at the University of Warwick:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/international>

The International Office provides a comprehensive guide to studying and living at the University of Warwick:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/international/students/a-zguide>

The International Office provides, *inter alia*, information about immigration, police registration, and banking. It organizes an orientation for incoming exchange students, a program of trips and cultural events throughout the year, and a HOST homestay program (a national program enabling foreign students to stay with a British family over a weekend).

The University of Warwick offers both on-campus and off-campus accommodation. The on-campus halls of residence are all self-catering and each hall is managed by a warden who looks after the welfare of the residents. Off-campus accommodation is provided in houses and apartments in the nearby towns of Coventry, Leamington Spa and Kenilworth. These too are self-catered. All these properties are managed by Warwick Accommodation, a department of the University.

US exchange students are entitled to use the wide range student support services provided on campus:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/student-support-services/>

These include a Health Center, Mental Health Coordinators, a Counseling Service and Disability Services.

We are happy to provide any further information that you may need to evaluate this proposal.

Yours sincerely:



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