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## MEMORANDUM

To: Administrative Boards of the College of Arts and Sciences  
From: Robert M. Jenkins, Chair, Study Abroad Advisory Board  
RE: Report on Review of Spring 2017 Proposals  
Date: April 17, 2017

The Study Abroad Advisory Board (hereafter, Advisory Board) met twice during the spring 2017 semester to review proposed study abroad programs and discuss strategic issues. Two proposed programs were reviewed. The Advisory Board gave attention to a variety of issues, including course structure, contact hours, methods of evaluation, and coverage of local culture. The Advisory Board ultimately approved both proposals. Each is discussed in further detail below. A summary of the proposals is included on the final page of this memorandum.

Participating in these discussions were the following members of the Advisory Board:

Anthony Hackney (Exercise and Sports Science)  
Richard Langston (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures)  
Susan Pennybacker (History)  
Marcey Waters (Chemistry)  
Elaine Yeh (Biology)  
Gang Yue (Asian Studies)  
Robert Jenkins, Chair (Political Science)  
Robert Miles, *ex officio* (Study Abroad)  
Jonathan Hartlyn, *ex officio* (College of Arts and Sciences and Political Science)

## Proposals

### 1. Major in Global Studies, Joint Bachelor of Arts Degree Program, UNC-Chapel Hill and National University of Singapore (NUS)

This proposed major follows in the model of the Joint Bachelor of Arts Degree Program with NUS established in 2007. At that time, the majors covered were Economics, English, Geography, History, and Political Science. A major in Biology was later added in 2014.

Students participating in the joint degree program spend a minimum of two and maximum of four regular semesters at the partner institution.

For UNC-Chapel Hill students to be eligible, they must meet a minimum 3.30 grade point average; NUS students will be on the four-year honours track and must have a 4.00 grade point average on the NUS system. Procedures for admission are discussed in the proposal. Total hours required for the degree are 120 UNC credit hours (160 Modular Credits equivalent at NUS), with 60 UNC credit hours in the major (80 Modular Credits at NUS). Details are provided in the proposal, with a summary of proposed joint major requirements in Appendix 2. It is expected that about 5-10 students per year will participate in the exchange, which is anticipated to begin in the 2018-19 academic year.

In its review of the proposal, the Advisory Board asked questions about meeting the language requirement for the major, since Global Studies has a unique requirement compared to the UNC general education requirement. In particular, the Advisory Board inquired about Chinese language instruction at NUS. The response was that such instruction is met through Centre for Language Studies at NUS, rather than by the Chinese Studies Department. This arrangement appears to work better for UNC students, who will still need to take placement tests in languages taught by Asian to continue studying the same language on return to UNC. There was also some discussion of the degree of openness at the NUS campus. Various sources were cited to assure the Advisory Board that restrictions on freedom of inquiry and freedom of expression on campus had not been observed.

The Advisory Board gave unanimous approval to the proposal for the Joint Degree Program in Global Studies.

## **2. UNC Faculty-led Summer Program: Art, Ritual and Landscape of the Camino de Santiago, Spain**

To be offered during five weeks in summer 2018, this innovative program led by Professors Mario Marzan and Roxana Pérez-Méndez of the UNC Department of Art will guide students on a rich experience of the Spanish pilgrimage route, the Camino de Santiago. Student will participate in two three-credit courses, ARTS 290 (Special Topic: Landscapes of the Camino de Santiago) and ARTS 390 (Special Topic: Art, Rites and Rituals), for a total of six credits. The courses are built around walking the pilgrimage trail, understanding the nature of ritual and pilgrimage, experiencing the Camino, and producing art and reflections during the course of the five weeks.

The Advisory Board had initial questions about the structure of time to carry out assignments during the walk and the time and space for reflection by students. The Advisory Board also suggested some paring back in the ambitiousness of assignments. As result of these comments, Professors Marzan and Pérez-Méndez revised the proposal to include more time for reflection and to offer students an opportunity to use alternative transportation during the

walk. They also incorporated a suggestion from the Advisory Board for a pop-up exhibition as a final project. With these revisions, the Advisory Board unanimously approved the proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert M. Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "Q" at the end.

### Summary of Spring 2017 Study Abroad Proposals

<b>Program</b>	<b>Begins</b>	<b>Expected Number</b>	<b>Credit Type</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
UNC-CH—National University of Singapore (NUS) Joint Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies	Fall 2018	5-10 exchange students	Two to Four semesters in residence at partner institution; Requirements for Major at both UNC-CH & NUS, see proposal for details	3.3 GPA at UNC; 4.0 GPA at NUS (on NUS scale) and on Honours track
Faculty-led Program: Art, Ritual and Landscape of the Camino de Santiago, Spain	Summer 2018	10-16 students	UNC: ARTS 290 & ARTS 390 (3 credits each = 6 credits)	2.75 GPA; sophomore status