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Dear Colleagues:

University of Nottingham, England

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

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/>

This will be a two-way exchange, with semester and year-long options. Additionally, the agreement with the University of Nottingham includes a study abroad option that allows UNC-Chapel Hill students to enroll for a semester or full academic year paying University of Nottingham tuition. Such students would not be counted in the exchange balance, but would have the same academic program and access to services as exchange students. This arrangement allows the Study Abroad Office to make the exchange slots available to our 'in-state students while making direct enrollment at the University of Nottingham available to our 'out-of-state' students for whom University of Nottingham tuition is approximately the same as UNC-Chapel Hill tuition.

The establishment of this program is supported by the Department of American Studies. The program will be open to all students in the College of Arts and Sciences, irrespective of major.

A site visit to the University of Nottingham was conducted by Dr Robert Miles in April 2010. And the Study Abroad Office hosted a visit to Chapel Hill by Professor Peter Ling (School of American and Canadian Studies) later in April 2010.

The history of the University of Nottingham commences in 1881 with the foundation of a civic college in the center of Nottingham. The college moved to a new site on the edge of the city in 1928 after out-growing its city center location. The college was awarded a Royal Charter in 1948 and then became the University of Nottingham. It has continued to grow, adding for example a Medical School in 1970, a School of Nursing in 1995, a campus in Malaysia in 1999, and a campus in China in 2006. The University is a comprehensive research university offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in the following faculties: Arts, Engineering, Medicine and Health Sciences, Science and Social Sciences. Approximately 32,000 undergraduate and graduate students are currently enrolled on the campus in Nottingham, with an

additional 3,000 students on the Malaysia campus and 4,000 students on the campus in China. It should be noted that UNC-Chapel Hill students are not eligible to take courses at the Malaysia and China campuses.

The University of Nottingham was ranked 10th in the UK and 26th in Europe by the world rankings index compiled by Shanghai Jiao Tong University in 2008. The Times Higher World Rankings 2009 placed the University of Nottingham in the top 1% of all universities worldwide, with a specific rank of 91st. The Sunday Times Good University Guide ranked the University of Nottingham as the 13th best British university overall. Finally, with respect to rankings, the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise ranked 90% of all research at the University of Nottingham as being of 'international standard' and 60% as 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent'. Its overall research ranking in Britain was 7th, after Oxford, Cambridge, University College London, Manchester, Edinburgh and Imperial College London.

The Department of American Studies is the lead department for this initiative because of its strong desire to develop an academic collaboration with the School of American and Canadian Studies at the University of Nottingham. The latter, which includes the Institute for Film and TV Studies, is the largest academic department of American Studies in the UK, employing 34 faculty in total. The 2008 Research Assessment Exercise classified 25% of the School's research to be 'world leading' and a further 20% as internationally excellent. The School offers a 3-year and a 4-year undergraduate program. In the former instance, students are encouraged to spend a semester at a North American partner institution, while in the case of the latter, students are required to spend a full academic year at a North American Partner institution. If this proposal is approved, the Department of American Studies will become eligible to both receive such students and to send its majors to the University of Nottingham for a semester or full academic year. The American Studies Department at UNC-Chapel Hill encourages its students to study the United States from abroad: the International Concentration for the American Studies major and minor grants up to 12 hours credit for approved American culture courses taken at a partner institution. While UNC-Chapel Hill students may have the opportunity to take some courses outside the School of American and Canadian Studies if they wish, many will use their study abroad experience in Nottingham to gain an international perspective on American culture.

Participation in the student exchange and study abroad options is not limited to American Studies majors, however. The program, both the exchange and fee-paying options, will be open to all undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences. The only restriction is that UNC-Chapel Hill students will not be eligible to take courses in the Faculties of Medicine, Nursing, Law and Business. UNC-Chapel Hill students will be able to take courses in the Faculties of Arts, Social Sciences, Sciences and Engineering, collectively constituting an 'academic footprint' very similar to that of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The academic year at the University of Nottingham is organized into two semesters, the first commencing in mid-September and ending in mid January, the second commencing in late January and ending in mid-June. By negotiation exchange students admitted for the fall semester can complete examinations proctored in Chapel Hill by the Study Abroad Office in January or take examinations in late December, thereby allowing them to return for the spring semester at UNC-Chapel Hill. As a result, fall and spring semester, as well as full-year, options will be available.

The minimum GPA requirement for admission to this exchange program will be 3.0. Students will receive transfer credit for all courses taken at the University of Nottingham. The equivalent of a "C" or above is required for credits to transfer.

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

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/InternationalOffice/index.aspx>

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationaloffice/current-students/support.aspx>

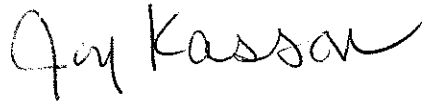
The International Office provides, *inter alia*, a pick-up service by arrangement for students flying into London Heathrow airport and a formal orientation program over the course of a week. Additional services include a confidential advisory service, excursions to other parts of the UK, and weekend stays with selected British families. Our students are guaranteed on-campus accommodation if they submit their application for housing by the published deadline:

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationaloffice/prospective-students/accommodation.aspx>

Accommodation options on campus include catered halls of residence (essentially a student dormitory with a meal plan) and self-catering student villages (essentially a student dormitory without a meal plan). Health care is available on campus at the University of Nottingham Health Service that offers a full range of medical services by appointment and an emergency service.

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

Yours sincerely:



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