Satisfying the honors program’s area studies requirements by studying abroad

An honors area studies requirement may be waived by completing a one-semester study abroad program (minimum of 12 credit hours) and, in addition, a research project. Please request requirement information from the Honors Office and formally apply for a waiver prior to going abroad. After successfully completing a study abroad program and research project, the Honors Office will update your Academic Requirements Report [Requirement Change from 2 courses to 1 required].

Students must apply to receive credit for area studies courses (see application, below; applications are also available in the honors office – Campion Hall-Rm. 149).

Students who demonstrate that they have completed all the requirements for the Ricci Scholars Program are automatically awarded credit for two area studies courses.

Students must fulfill the following requirements to be awarded credit for area studies courses:

- The study abroad program must be approved by Loyola University’s Office for International Programs.

- Students must provide a copy of the transcript from the host institution demonstrating completion of the study abroad program.

- Students must maintain a 3.5 GPA while studying abroad.

- Students must complete a research project in conjunction with their study abroad program. Each student must have a Loyola faculty mentor with whom the student will develop a research topic. The topic is open to any discipline and must involve some cross-cultural or intercultural dimension that makes use of travel to the host country. Students may propose a research paper or portfolio as is appropriate to the topic and disciplinary category.

- The research project must be submitted to the Director of the Honors Program eight weeks after the completion of the study abroad program.

- Application deadlines: December 15 for Spring semester study abroad; May 15 for Fall semester study abroad.
APPLICATION

PART I: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name __________________________________________________________

Last  First  Student ID#

Major ____________________________  Minor________________________________

Cumulative GPA____________________  Graduation date _________________________

Country(ies) and semester(s) studying abroad______________________________

List college courses you have taken or are presently taking in literature and foreign language:

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List the courses you would like to take while attending the host institution:

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PART II. REFERENCES:

Please list two persons who could serve as a reference for you:

1. ___________________________  Title: ___________________________  E-mail: ___________________________
2. ___________________________  Title: ___________________________  E-mail: ___________________________

PART III: RESEARCH PROPOSAL:

Please attach a description of your research proposal while studying abroad. Proposals will be judged on the basis of originality, clarity, and feasibility. Descriptions should be no longer than one page (type-written, single-space).

PART IV: FACULTY RECOMMENDATION:
Please make your research proposal available to your faculty mentor before submitting this recommendation form to him/her.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. Offer a candid evaluation of the candidate’s research proposal.

*STUDENTS: PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE HONORS OFFICE, CAMPION HALL #149.