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Internal Application for Approval to Study Off-Campus

Office of International & Off-Campus Programs

International and domestic off-campus study is a valuable part of the liberal arts curriculum at Colorado College. It is a serious academic experience that provides in-depth exposure to different languages and cultures, as well as the opportunity to take courses not available at CC. Each year, hundreds of Colorado College students study off-campus on a wide variety of programs located throughout the world.

Off-campus study requires careful planning. This application is designed to help you think about how this experience will fit into your overall academic plan, as well as what kind of program best complements your personal and educational goals. It is in your interest to discuss your off-campus study plans in detail with your academic advisor and to submit a carefully prepared application.

In addition, it is very important that you submit your application by the deadlines below. As a small college that sends a high percentage of students abroad and off-campus each year, Colorado College is particularly sensitive to fluctuations in off-campus study enrollment, which can disrupt the educational program on campus, leaving classes and residence halls overcrowded or unfilled. In order to plan for these enrollment variations, the College must have adequate notice of a student's intent to study off-campus. **Students who fail to submit an application on time do not have Colorado College approval to study off-campus.**

Permission to study off-campus may also be affected by the College's need to maintain a reasonable balance in the number of students on campus each semester. Students are encouraged to investigate off-campus study possibilities in both fall and spring terms. Although the College will attempt to meet all reasonable needs, you should be prepared for the possibility that you may not receive approval for your first choice of semester.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. All students studying off-campus during the regular academic year must submit this internal CC application in addition to completing all application requirements of the program sponsor. Students participating in summer programs do not need to complete this application.
2. The Colorado College internal application is due **February 10th** for programs that begin in the fall and **October 10th** for programs that begin in the spring. **Only in exceptional cases will late applications be considered.**
3. The Off-Campus Study Committee will review all applications. Students will receive written notification of the committee's decision no later than March 1 for programs that begin in the fall and November 1 for programs that begin in the spring.
4. Students who receive approval for their programs will need to submit **written confirmation** of their final plans no later than **May 1** for programs that begin in the fall and **December 1** for programs that begin in the spring. Confirmation slips are available at the Registrar's Office.
5. If you change your off-campus study program or track, you must submit a **Revision Form** to gain updated approval. These forms are available at the International Programs Office, Worner 233.
6. The Off-Campus Study Committee does not approve individual courses. You must obtain approval of the courses you intend to take off-campus by completing a **Preliminary Course Approval Form (PCAF)** which is attached to this packet. This is due prior to your departure.
7. Make sure you set up a time well in advance to review your off-campus study plans with your academic advisor and obtain their signature on the reverse of the application form. Do not wait until the last minute. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

NEXT STEPS:

We strongly recommend that you carefully read through this entire packet of important information on how off-campus study works at Colorado College. Many of your initial questions can be answered by reading this information. Also, if your parents have questions about how this experience will work, please share this information with them. It is the policy of the Office of International Programs to deal primarily with the *students* throughout the study abroad process. Please assist us by keeping your parents informed with the information you wish them to share with them.

You can also . . .

- Attend a group advising information session on the second Tuesday of each block at 12:15pm in Worner 211.
- After attending a group session, you may set up an advising appointment with the Coordinator of Off-Campus Study by calling x6802
- There is also a designated faculty advisor for most programs. View the list on the website: www.coloradocollege.edu/international and make an appointment directly with the faculty member



Important Information About International and Off-Campus Study at CC

Studying internationally or off-campus can be one of the most exciting, rewarding and challenging experiences of your college career. Choosing a program that will enrich your studies and fulfill both academic and personal goals requires advance thought and planning, and it is important you have a clear understanding of the steps involved. Below you will find more information on **selecting a program**, as well **important policies and procedures** pertaining to international and off-campus study at Colorado College. Please contact the Office of International Programs at x6802 with any questions about the information below.

I. Planning for Your Time Off-Campus

Beginning the Process

Generally it is recommended to start thinking about your off-campus study as early as possible in your academic career. All students are encouraged to attend a regularly-scheduled group advising meeting at the start of their consideration process. The dates of these can be obtained from the Office of International Programs, but are typically held on the 2nd Tuesday of each block at 12:15pm. After you attend a group advising session, you may schedule to meet with an advisor at the Office of International Programs. During your first meeting, you should be prepared to discuss the following:

- Where would you like to study? Do you have a specific region, country or city in mind?
- How long do you intend to study abroad (a block, summer, semester, or year?)
- Are you interested in learning a new language or improving your proficiency in an existing language? How would you assess your language skills?
- Are there any requirements you will need to fulfill abroad (major? minor? language?)
- Why do you want to go abroad? (For the challenge for living and studying overseas? To experience an exotic place? To take classes not available at CC? To look get a new perspective on your major? Some other reason?)
- What is your preferred learning style? (Do you learn best by seeing? hearing? experiencing?) Are you someone who does better with a lot of structure and guidance, or do you prefer a more independent learning environment?
- What aspects of a study abroad program are most important to you? (Location? Availability of certain classes? Program length?)

After one or more meetings together, the advisor will help you to focus on a few main objectives and narrow your search to several programs. Then you should begin to read program descriptions, look at course catalogs, and, most importantly, speak to your academic advisor.

Additional Resources

In addition to the Office of International Programs, many other resources exist to help students plan for study abroad. They include:

- Faculty advisors - Many faculty members have direct experience with certain international or off-campus study programs, or have conducted their own research abroad. In addition, all Colorado College and Colorado College-affiliated programs have a faculty advisor at CC who can provide more information about the program and assist students throughout the application process.
- Returned students/student evaluations – Visit the Office of International Programs for a list of students who have recently studied abroad or off-campus, or to read their program evaluations.

- International students – International students at Colorado College come from dozens of countries throughout the world and can often serve as valuable resources.
- Tutt Library – Check out the library’s collection of travel and culture guides, foreign newspapers, international films, and books on culture shock, financing study abroad and more.
- Web resources – Some of the best study abroad websites, where you will find general information about study abroad and well as links to specific programs, include: www.iepassport.org, www.goabroad.com, and www.transitionsabroad.com.

3 Types of Programs at CC:

Three different types of programs are available to students interested in studying abroad or off-campus. They are:

- **Colorado College programs** – These include programs organized by the College's academic departments, as well as exchange programs offered in partnership with overseas universities. All Colorado College programs have been carefully designed to allow immersion and in-depth study of the culture. Classes are taught at the local university by faculty from Colorado College and/or from the host institution.
- **Affiliated programs** – Affiliated programs are sponsored by organizations with which the college has a formal agreement. Affiliated programs include those sponsored by the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM), as well as several other organizations. All affiliated programs have a faculty advisor at CC who works closely with students throughout the application process.
- **Approved programs** – Some programs that are not directly affiliated with Colorado College are also available to students whose academic goals would not be met by existing study abroad options. These programs support the Colorado College curriculum and meet the standards of a high-quality liberal arts education. Approved non-affiliated programs are endorsed by the Office of International Programs and the International Studies Oversight Committee.

Program Models

International and off-campus study programs are structured in a variety of ways, and deciding which structure you prefer can help narrow your search. Most programs are based on one of the following models:

- Direct enrollment through an approved CC provider – Students are directly enrolled at an overseas university, they take classes with local students, and are taught by professors at the host university. These programs are most common in English speaking countries, although students who are proficient in a foreign language may participate in direct enrollment programs in non-English speaking countries as well. *Examples: CC exchange programs, IFSA-Butler programs.*
- “Island” programs – The programs are generally offered by a sponsoring organization that provides courses taught by the organization’s own faculty for U.S. students only. Courses are offered in English or the target language, or a combination of the two. *Examples: SIT programs, most ACM programs.*
- Hybrid programs. Some affiliated or approved programs will also offer a combination hybrid of these two learning models, where students are part of an island-type of program for some of their courses, but can also choose to take one or more classes at a local institution. *Examples: CIEE, IES.*
- Traveling programs – These programs aren’t based in any one location, but travel to a number of sites in one or more countries. Students on these programs usually travel together in a group and take the same course or courses. Traveling programs tend to be interdisciplinary and comparative, focusing on certain themes, movements, ethnic groups, etc., and how they differ across a variety of geographic areas. *Examples: some CC block abroad programs.*

Recommended Time to Study Abroad or Off-Campus

The majority of Colorado College students who study abroad or off-campus for a semester or longer go in their junior year, although it is also possible to do as a sophomore. The decision about when to go should be made in careful consultation with a student’s family, off-campus study advisor and academic advisor.

Study Abroad or Off-Campus in Your Senior Year

All Colorado College students are required to complete their last eight units at Colorado College, except for students participating in Colorado College and Colorado College-affiliated programs. Students who have completed 16 units at Colorado College may petition the Dean's Advisory Committee to waive up to four units of the eight-unit rule. It is *not* recommended that students study away during the spring semester of their senior year.

Language Requirements

Many programs do not require previous language study and allow students to learn the language of their host country while taking other course work in English. However, the more language students know prior to studying abroad, the easier it will be to meet host nationals and become integrated in the culture, and the more options will be available to you in selecting a program. If students wish to enroll directly in a foreign institution, they will need to be proficient in the language of that country.

Living Arrangements

Housing arrangements vary by program. Students may be housed with a family, live in a residence hall with students from the host country, stay in student residences off-campus, or share apartments with other students.

Program Length

Colorado College students are able to participate in programs that range in length from a single block (through CC only) to a full academic year. Major and minor requirements, financial constraints, extracurricular activities and other factors play into a student's decision about how long to spend abroad or off-campus. As with deciding when to go, students should discuss these factors with the Office of International Programs, their academic advisor and family.

Residency Requirement

Students who enter Colorado College as first-semester, first-year students must complete 24 units at Colorado College or through Colorado College and Colorado College-affiliated programs. Transfer students are required to complete a minimum of 16 units at Colorado College or through Colorado College and Colorado College-affiliated programs.

Disabilities and Study Abroad

Students with disabilities who plan to study abroad are encouraged to consult with staff in the Study Abroad and Disability Services (Learning Commons at Tutt Library, Room 152; 719-227-8285) offices to plan for a successful international experience. We work together to help you find the program that is right for you and to assist you in obtaining reasonable accommodations to the extent possible. It is important to be aware of cultural differences concerning access for students with disabilities and to keep in mind that it can take considerable time to make provisions for accommodations. Therefore, it is important to inform staff of your needs early in the study abroad planning process so arrangements for accommodations can be made in advance of your departure.

II. APPLYING TO INTERNATIONAL/OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

Eligibility to Study Off-Campus

Any student in good standing (both academically and conduct-wise) who receives Colorado College approval to study internationally or off-campus and meets program requirements is eligible. **Please note that you are not eligible to study abroad if you are currently on disciplinary or academic probation.** Academic requirements vary from program to program, but generally include a 3.0 grade point average, basic knowledge of the subject matter to be studied, and the maturity and flexibility to adapt to a new culture. Many programs in non-English speaking countries also require previous language study. Students should consult the Office of International Programs for individual program requirements.

Colorado College Approval to Study Off-Campus

All students studying internationally or off-campus during the regular academic year on Colorado College, affiliated, or approved programs must complete the *Colorado College Internal Application to Study Off-Campus*, in addition to completing all application requirements of the program sponsor. The Colorado College application is due February 10 for programs that begin in the fall, and October 10 for programs that begin in the spring. Students participating in summer programs do not need to submit an application, but it is recommended that they submit a Preliminary Course Approval Form if they expect to transfer credit.

The Study Abroad Committee, comprised of representatives from the Office of International Programs, Registrar's Office, and International Studies Oversight Committee, will review all applications. Students will receive written notification of the

committee's decision by email no later than November 1 for programs that begin in the spring and March 1 for programs that begin in the fall. *In the unusual instance that a student must be informed of the committee's decision before these dates, earlier notification may be possible. Students should contact the Office of International Programs to request early approval.*

Only in exceptional circumstances will late applications be considered. Students should contact the Office of International Programs for further guidance. Students should also contact the Off-Campus Study Advisor if they wish to study on a program other than the one for which they received approval.

Applying to Your Chosen Program(s)

Applications for all approved international and off-campus study programs are available online or at the Office of International Programs. Students applying to Colorado College and Colorado College-affiliated programs should submit their applications to the Office of International Programs no later than 5 p.m. on the day they are due. (Students applying to CC programs in France, Germany, Mexico and Russia should submit their applications to the appropriate academic department.) Students applying to non-affiliated programs are responsible for submitting their program application to the sponsoring organization directly. Students are reminded not to wait until the last minute to request transcripts and letters of recommendation. The Registrar's Office requires 7-10 days to process transcripts (you can download and print the request form on their website: <http://www.coloradocollege.edu/registrar>), and professors should be given at least **two weeks** to write letters of recommendation.

Petitioning for Non-Approved Programs

Students are strongly encouraged to select a study abroad program from the existing approved list of options. Approval to study on an alternate program is granted only in exceptional cases after the student has presented a solid academic rationale for attending the program. Students must meet with the Coordinator of Off-Campus Study to learn more about the petition process before proceeding.

Canceling (or Revising) an Application to Study Abroad

Students who decide to cancel their off-campus study plans need to notify the Registrar's Office in writing. If a student changes the off-campus program/track that they are participating in, they need to complete a **Revision Form**, available at the Office of International Programs, to obtain approval for their new plan of study.

Independent Study Abroad

Students interested in pursuing independent study should follow the guidelines outlined in the Colorado College catalog and consult with the Office of International Programs before commencing independent study abroad.

Safety Concerns

Colorado College reserves the right to cancel a program, or to rescind approval to study abroad on a given program or in a given country, due to concerns for the safety and well-being of students abroad. Any decision to cancel a program will be informed by a variety of sources, including our own faculty and professional colleagues throughout the world, as well as the U.S. State Department.

III. ACADEMIC CREDIT AND GRADES

Academic Credit for Study Abroad

Credits earned while studying abroad on a CC, affiliated or approved program will count toward the 32 units required for graduation and may be used to satisfy all-College requirements with the approval of the Registrar's Office. Credits may be used to fulfill major or minor requirements with the approval of the department chair. Credits earned on Colorado College and Colorado College-affiliated programs will be considered "Colorado College" credit. Credits earned on non-affiliated programs will be considered "transfer" credit. Students are responsible for consulting the Registrar, their advisor and the chair of their major department to determine how credits will transfer. The **Preliminary Course Approval Form** will assist you in this process. Many departments will NOT grant more than one or two units of major credit for study abroad. Students are strongly encouraged to obtain approval for specific requirements PRIOR to leaving campus.

Grades

Grades earned on all Colorado College and Colorado College-affiliated programs will appear on a student's transcript and be factored into the student's cumulative grade point average. CC Exchange Programs will be evaluated on a school-by-

school basis and grades may or may not appear on your transcript (check with the Registrar's Office for more details on your specific program if you have concerns. Grades from non-affiliated approved programs will not appear on a student's transcript, nor be factored into the student's cumulative grade point average. Students participating in these programs *must take all classes for a grade*, and earn the equivalent of a C- or better for in order for coursework to transfer. Students wishing to take courses on a pass/no credit basis should check with the CC Registrar's Office for more information on how to do this.

Credit Conversions and Limits to Credit Transfer

Students are allowed to transfer back from study abroad a maximum of 5.25 units per semester.

One unit of credit on the block plan is normally the equivalent of 4 semester credits, 6 quarter credits, or 60 contact hours.

Preliminary Course Approval Form

All students should complete a Preliminary Course Approval Form, available at the Office of International Programs, prior to their departure. The form requires students to indicate which courses they plan to take abroad, and obtain signatures from the appropriate campus departments. Students who change classes, or who will not register for classes until arriving at the host site, are responsible for directing credit inquiries to the Registrar or department chair by email, telephone, or fax.

Credit for Internships

Internship credit will only be considered if there is a course component to the internship. Credit for internships will transfer back as "General Studies" credit. Departmental credit for an internship is only awarded with the pre-approval of the respective department at Colorado College.

Fulfilling the Language Requirement

Students looking to fulfill the CC Language Requirement abroad should be aware that in order to do so, their study abroad experience must contain substantial use of a non-English language either in course work or in the living situation.

Programs abroad will be assessed and certified by the Registrar's Office independently to determine which programs fulfill the language requirement.

Thematic Minors

Colorado College offers the following thematic minors focused on international studies: African Studies, Arts of London and Florence, Asian Studies, Central American Culture and Society, Contemporary French Studies, German Studies, India Studies, Italian Studies, Latin American Studies, Mexico Today, Modern Greece and Its Background, North American Studies, Russian Studies, and Russian-Eurasian Studies. Students may also propose their own thematic minor. If the minor you propose includes study abroad, it must be approved prior to your departure. See the Colorado College catalog for a list of thematic minor requirements.

International Affairs Option

The Departmental Major/International Affairs Option is designed to allow students the advantage of a traditional major along with the development of an understanding of international affairs. It assumes that such an understanding begins to develop through the study of foreign language, an extended study experience outside one's own country, and a familiarity with approaches which address the affairs of nations and people. The requirements of the Departmental Major/International Affairs Option are as follows:

- The requirements of the major.
- At least three units of credit for study outside the U.S.
- Proficiency in a foreign language.
- Three units of credit in courses that cover in a substantial way the foundations used by a discipline to understand and compare the social affairs of nations and peoples and interactions among nations and peoples.

Additional information about the International Affairs Option is available at the Office of International Programs.

Pre-Registering While Abroad

Students who will be studying abroad or off-campus during the spring semester are required to submit their selections by the deadline for the following year's courses, or risk forfeiting their bidding points. The Registrar's Office will mail pre-registration materials to a student's permanent home address in March. Registrations may be called in to the Registrar's Office, completed online, mailed, or sent by fax. Students are reminded to include their Personal Identification Number (PIN) and the PIN of their advisor with all correspondence.

IV. PAYING FOR OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

It is the goal of Colorado College to make off-campus study available and feasible to students of all financial backgrounds and levels of need. Students are encouraged to fully explore the various options for off-campus study that will meet their financial needs, and to speak with the Coordinator of Off-Campus Study about possibilities. Grants, scholarships and additional aid may also be available to make international or off-campus study possible.

Cost of Colorado College and Colorado College-Affiliated Programs

With a few exceptions, students participating in semester or year-long programs sponsored by CC or CC-affiliated organizations will pay regular CC tuition plus a program fee that normally covers the overseas room and board, and may also cover field trips, airfare, and other expenses. In most cases, you will be invoiced by Colorado College for the tuition and the program fee, and you will pay a deposit directly to the program sponsor. For a few programs, students will pay the program fee and deposit directly to the program sponsor. Budget sheets containing program fees and estimated additional expenses are available on the website for the Office of International Programs or in the Financial Aid Office.

Financial Aid for Colorado College and Colorado College-Affiliated Programs

In nearly all cases, students may use their financial aid awards for study on Colorado College and Colorado College-affiliated programs. Students with high financial need, usually Pell Grant recipients, may be able to obtain funding for additional costs incurred while attending Colorado College and Colorado College-affiliated programs. In addition, scholarship funds may be available from the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation Grant, The Selig Fund, and the Coit Family Scholarship Fund. Applications are available in the financial aid office, and more information can be obtained at the Office of International Programs. All students who plan to transfer their financial aid to these programs should meet with the financial aid office well in advance to discuss their plans.

Cost of Non-Affiliated Programs & Administrative Fee

If you are participating in a non-affiliated program, you will not pay Colorado College tuition or room and board, but will instead pay the program sponsor directly. Tuition and fees may be more or less than what Colorado College charges. Colorado College assesses an administrative fee to students studying abroad or off-campus on non-affiliated study programs. For the 2007-2008 school year this fee was \$300. The revenue generated from this fee is used to support the services of the Office of International Programs and other offices on campus involved in responding to the increasing number of students studying abroad through non-affiliated programs. The administrative fee will be charged to a student's account on December 1 for spring semester programs, or on May 1 for programs that begin in the fall. If the fee presents a financial burden, a student may contact the Office of International Programs to request a special waiver of the fee. Request for a fee waiver must occur before November 1 for spring semester programs or before March 1 for programs that begin in the fall.

Financial Aid for Non-Affiliated Programs

Students may not use their CC scholarship awards for study on non-affiliated programs. It is possible, however, to receive Federal Pell Grants, SEOG, Stafford, Perkins, other alternative loans, and PLUS Loans for such programs if students pursue an educational consortium agreement between Colorado College and the other institution. Students should consult the Office of International Programs for assistance with this paperwork.

Additional Scholarships for Study Abroad

Information on outside scholarships for off-campus study is available at the Office of International Programs.

For More Information/Additional Questions:

Office of International Programs website: <http://www.coloradocollege.edu/international>
Worner Campus Center #233, (719) 389-6802.

PRELIMINARY COURSE APPROVAL FORM

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY PROGRAMS

This form should be completed and returned to the Office of International Programs no later than May 1 for programs that begin in the fall or December 1 for spring semester programs.

Your Name: _____ Academic Advisor: _____
 Gender: _____ Student ID #: _____ Academic Status at Start of Program: FY SO JR SR
 Worn Box #: _____ Phone: _____ Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____
 Do you receive financial aid? YES NO (circle one) Major: _____ Minor: _____
PROGRAM: _____ **City:** _____ **Country:** _____

Duration of Program (check one): Fall 20__ Spring 20__ ALL Year _____

◆ **Step #1 (required): Obtain approval of courses to be taken while off-campus.**

Please list the courses you intend to take while off-campus. Indicate the number of semester or quarter credit hours your program sponsor will award for each course. **Do not complete the shaded areas.** Bring this form to the Registrar's Office for review. Based upon the information you have provided, the Registrar will make a preliminary determination regarding the transfer of credit. **If you feel the Registrar will be unable to determine the content of a course by its title, attach a brief course description.**

COURSE NUMBER, DEPARTMENT, TITLE	Host Credit	CC Credit	Meets All College Requirement	Notes

Signature of Registrar

Date

◆ **Step #2 (required): Meet with your Academic Advisor.**

Make an appointment to meet with your academic advisor to discuss your academic plans for the time you are off-campus as well as for the semester you will return to Colorado College. Be sure to write down the courses that remain to be taken on your return to CC. This way you'll have a list ready when you go to register while off-campus. Please read and sign the following statement:

I have discussed with my advisee his/her plans to study abroad and the impact it will have on progress towards graduation. My advisee knows to meet with me upon returning to Colorado College after completing the study abroad program to review his/her academic progress.

Signature of Academic Advisor

Date

Signature of Student

Date

◆ **Step #3 (optional): Meet with the Chair of your Major Department.**

If you would like to apply credit earned on your study abroad program towards the requirements for your major, you will need to secure the approval of the Chair of your academic department. Please be aware that your department may be unable to make a decision about course equivalencies until you have returned from the program and they have had a chance to review your course work. If your department has its own paperwork for pre-approving course equivalencies, you may attach a copy of their form in lieu of completing step #3.

Course Title	Major Requirement	Comments:

Signature of Department Chair

Date

◆ **Step #4 (optional): Meet with the Advisor for your Thematic Minor.**

If you wish to apply credit earned on your study abroad program towards the requirements for a thematic minor, please meet with the advisor for the thematic minor to complete the following information.

Course Title	Thematic Minor Requirement Fulfilled	Comments:

Signature of Advisor for Thematic Minor

Date

◆ **Step #5 (required): Obtain signature from the Office of International Programs**

To be completed by Office of International Programs:

Program approved? YES NO Signature: _____ Date: _____
Comments:

V. REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Please read the information in this section carefully. Your signature below indicates your understanding of, and willingness to comply with, the following statements:

I understand that I will receive credit at Colorado College for a study abroad/off-campus program **only if** this application is approved by the CC Study Abroad Committee. I understand that approval of this application by the CC Study Abroad Committee does not constitute acceptance into a study abroad/off-campus program, and that I must also complete application materials required by my program sponsor or school.

If my application is approved, I understand that it is my responsibility to reconfirm my intention of studying abroad or off-campus for the semester specified in this application by **notifying the Registrar's Office in writing by May 1** for programs that begin in the fall and by **December 1** for programs that begin in the spring. I understand that failure to reconfirm by these deadlines will result in my formal withdrawal from the College and a cancellation of any courses for which I might have pre-registered. In addition, I recognize that any housing arrangements I have made will be void and that I'll be assigned to an available space if I return without reconfirming. I will notify Colorado College at once if my plans change.

For students who will be off-campus in the spring only: I am aware that I may pre-register by mail in the spring. I understand that the Registrar's Office will automatically send a pre-registration packet to my permanent home addresses in March. I am aware that failure to return pre-registration materials on time will result in forfeit of points in bidding for courses.

I understand that studying abroad/off-campus is a privilege available to students who have demonstrated the ability to adjust academically and emotionally to college. I am aware that only students in good academic standing are eligible to study abroad and that my behavioral/disciplinary record will be considered in approving or denying this application. I understand that physical or psychological disorders can become serious under the stresses of a new environment and that it is important to meet with the staff at Boettcher Health Center prior to my departure to discuss how studying abroad could affect existing medical conditions. I am aware that all students participating in an abroad/off-campus program are responsible for carrying comprehensive health insurance.

STUDENT: *"I have read and understand the above statements."*

Student's signature _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

ACADEMIC ADVISOR: *"I have discussed with my advisee his/her plans to study abroad and support his/her application."*

Applicant's Academic Advisor _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

VI. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please attach a separate sheet of paper with clear, thoughtful and carefully prepared answers to the following questions. Your answers will assist the Committee in determining whether to approve your plans to study abroad/off-campus.. In total, your answers should be 1 ½ to 2 pages in length, typed, and attached to your application.

- a. Describe and reflect on how studying off-campus on your first choice program will complement and enrich your academic and personal education at Colorado College.
- b. What are your reasons for wishing to study abroad *in the requested time period* (fall, spring or year)?
- c. Do you foresee any specific challenges or difficulties you may face with your plans to study abroad?

NOTE: Students applying for a **non-approved program** must also complete a petition application, which is available after meeting with the Coordinator of Off-Campus Study in the International Programs Office