

### Fulfilling the honors program's area studies requirements by studying abroad

Area studies courses may be fulfilled by completing a study abroad program. A one-semester study abroad program (12 credit hours minimum) will satisfy one area studies course; a full-year study abroad program (24 credit hours minimum) in two different countries will satisfy two area studies courses. Study abroad programs may not be used to satisfy the Core the curriculum requirements fulfilled by area studies courses (“societal and cultural knowledge”).

Students must apply to receive credit for area studies courses (see application, below; applications are also available in the honors office – (Sullivan Center #267C ).

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. (The Director of the Honors Program must receive a copy of the e-mail from OIP approving the study abroad program.)
- 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. Applications will be considered only from students with proposals having the endorsement of a full-time Loyola University Chicago faculty member in a letter of recommendation.
- The research project must be submitted to the Director of the Honors Program six weeks after the completion of the study abroad program.
- Application deadlines: December 1st for Spring semester study abroad; May 1<sup>st</sup> 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:


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

Course #	Title	Sem. Hrs.

## 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, SULLIVAN CENTER-#267C**