

## **STUDY PROGRAM**

### Year of entry

This is the calendar year you will actually arrive and begin your study abroad program.

### Period of Study

Indicate the length of study period and the semester you will begin your program.

### Applying as

Indicate whether you are an exchange or visiting student to help FSU with billing arrangements. If unsure, please check with your Study Abroad adviser.

## **PERSONAL DETAILS**

### Date of Birth

Please be conscious of the US method of writing dates as: **MONTH / DAY / Year**.

### Permanent Home Address

All future correspondence will be sent to this address including any documents mailed after your return home; this address should be valid during your time at FSU, vacations, and for a short period after completion of your study period. If this address changes at any point during the application process or during your study period at FSU, please inform us immediately.

### Telephone number

This should be the telephone number of a parent or guardian so that we can contact them in the case of any emergency.

### Email Address

We will contact you primarily by e-mail, including confirming receipt of your application, so please give the address you check most regularly and contact us with a new one if it changes for any reason.

### Current GPA/Academic Average

Please give your current cumulative GPA (without calculating classes you are currently taking). If your institution does not use a GPA system, please leave it blank.

### Current Courses

As your transcript will not have your current courses you are taking, it will help us make decisions on your suitability for certain courses you may wish to take if you complete this section.

## **CONTACT DETAILS FOR STUDY ABROAD ADVISER**

Provide full contact details if you are applying through an adviser -- otherwise leave blank.

## **DISABILITY / LEARNING DIFFERENCE INFORMATION**

Through the Center for Academic Support and Advising, FSU provides support and advice to make the study abroad experience as enjoyable as possible. Our Director of Academic Support/Disability Services, based in the Center for Academic Support and Advising, assists students with special needs. Please provide as much information as possible and review their pages to see what is available:

<http://www.framingham.edu/center-for-academic-support-and-advising/disability-services/index.html>

It is extremely important that you disclose any disabilities you may have, as we can only help you if you inform us. If your disability is not listed, please write it and explain in the box provided. For any concerns or questions, please contact either the Study Abroad Team or the Director of Academic Support/Disability.

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

We would like to know a bit about you and the reasons you have chosen to study abroad, most particularly what influenced you to study at Framingham State University. Please limit this statement to 300 words.

## **DECLARATIONS**

### Contacting 3rd Parties

This is to give FSU permission to speak to other relevant individuals about your circumstances should you be unable to do so -- generally a parent or guardian or your home institution. This is to help us communicate effectively with these parties if needed in the case of an academic or personal emergency. Your information is confidential unless an emergency dictates.

### Medical Information

It is crucial that students fully understand the health/medical coverage while studying at FSU and in the US. Please consult with your Study Abroad adviser regarding your home institutions policies or any advice they might have. All study abroad students must obtain full health insurance, including repatriation of remains. You may wish to purchase a policy through HTH for a semester at FSU <http://www.hthstudents.com/insurance.cfm>. If you will be at FSU for an entire academic year, you will be billed for your insurance unless you complete a waiver at the health center website: <http://www.framingham.edu/health-services/health-insurance.html>

### Criminal Convictions

Declaration of any criminal convictions will not necessarily prohibit your application from being accepted. Your application will be scrutinized by senior staff who will determine if you can be considered for admission. Eligibility will depend on the nature of the intended course of study and the circumstances and background of the offences. Criminal convictions can also cause a longer process with obtaining a student visa. By letting us know we can better advise you for this.

## **Course Enrollment Form**

Please select courses totaling 4 credits per semester and then 2 alternative courses for each slot. Alternative courses will be used if there is any problem with First Choice selections.

Consult the Guidance Notes on the Course Offerings before selecting your preferred courses from the Course Offerings. The Course Catalogue for the new academic year is usually available in January of the preceding year, so consult the current Catalogue until it comes available.

FSU students take 4 courses per semester (4 semester hours of credit per course) and students are not normally permitted to take a greater workload. Course selections and schedules are not confirmed until arrival and registration. However, the Office of International Education will email a proposed schedule or inform you of any problems before you arrive.

## **Additional advice**

Once the application form has been submitted, supporting documents should be sent to the Director in the International Education Office. In order for us to process your application we must have:

- Application and Course Enrolment Forms
- Two academic references (one if applying through an Exchange partner)
- Your most recent transcript

Candidates for admission to the Study Abroad Program at FSU must be registered full time at an overseas University or College or equivalent level. The normal entry requirement for a Study Abroad student is a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher. We take full account of your references and personal statement. If your current GPA is slightly below 3.0, the application will be reviewed by appropriate faculty members.

At most universities and colleges students apply to study abroad by initially consulting their on-campus study abroad adviser. Check with your own institution to see if there are any particular requirements or procedures to follow.

Note: Inter-university exchange candidates must be enrolled at an institution with which the University has an established and current exchange.