



## Application for Study Abroad Programs

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellphone #: \_\_\_\_\_

MyMail Email: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

- Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Current cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_
- US Citizen?  Yes  No Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have your passport?  Yes  No  Applied, but passport hasn't arrived yet
- Program(s) of study: \_\_\_\_\_
- What program semester are you currently in?  1st  2nd  3rd  4th +
- When do you plan to graduate? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you a full-time (12+credits) or part-time student?  Full-time  Part-time

Ethnicity:  African American  Asian American  Hispanic Latino/a American  White  
 Pacific Islander  Native American, please list tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your primary campus/RLC?:  Green Bay  Marinette  Sturgeon Bay  Crivitz  
 Luxemburg  Niagara  Oconto Falls  Shawano

What study abroad program are you applying for? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this study abroad opportunity? \_\_\_\_\_



### **Additional Requirements, Forms and Attachments:**

The following materials and actions are required to complete your application:

1. **Schedule an in-person or virtual meeting** with an International Programs team member to further discuss your study abroad interest. You can schedule the 30-minute meeting by emailing [internationaladmissions@nwtc.edu](mailto:internationaladmissions@nwtc.edu), calling 920-498-5702, or stopping in Student Involvement, SC118.
2. **Color copy of your passport:** Please submit a color copy of your driver's license if you don't have a passport yet.
3. **Personal Statement:** Please type the answers to the three questions on a separate document. It should be between 1-2 pages (400 to 600 words).
  - a. Why do you wish to study abroad and what factors led you to this decision?
  - b. What do you hope to gain and what do you anticipate will be the impact of your experience abroad?
  - c. How will this study abroad program impact your academic and future professional goals?
4. **Recommendation Forms:** One recommendation form from a current or recent instructor or College staff (faculty and staff may send forms directly to the International Programs Department to preserve confidentiality).
5. **Required Medical Insurance:** All participants will be enrolled in a group medical insurance policy that will provide coverage during their travel abroad. Additional information will be provided after acceptance into the program.
6. **Emergency information:** After acceptance, additional emergency contact information, medical conditions disclosure, and passport scans will also be collected.

### **Program Agreements (Retain a copy of these pages for your records):**

#### **Program Price**

The cost of programs are estimated on the basis of airfares and the rates of exchange between U.S. dollars and foreign currencies at the time the price was established. As a result, the **program cost is subject to change**. Every effort is made to establish a realistic price for the program. However, in the unlikely event that it becomes necessary to increase the program cost after it has been advertised, participants will not be asked to pay more than 10% of the original program costs.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the information listed above.

Please initial

#### **Mandatory Orientations**

Participants will be required to attend all scheduled orientations. Participants are asked to make arrangements with work, instructors, childcare, etc. to ensure they can attend the orientations. Students who fail to attend the mandatory orientations risk being dropped from the program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the information listed above.

Please initial



### **Personal Data**

International Programs will use information students provide and information collected to administer the application and support the study abroad program. In addition, the College may process your information in furtherance of other legitimate interests, such as to analyze and improve future programs, to fulfill other College responsibilities or purposes, or to provide services for the program. The College may disclose student's information to third parties including:

- *Parents and Guardians.* In some cases, we may share your information with a parent or guardian if necessary in the event of an emergency.
- *Service Providers.* We may use third parties to support our operations at the College and the study abroad sites. In such cases, we may share your biographical and contact information with such third parties.
- *Emergency Circumstances.* We may share your information with third parties if, in our sole judgment, such disclosure is necessary to protect the health, safety, or property of any person.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the information listed above.

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### **Conduct Review**

Students past or pending disciplinary issues will be taken into consideration and may prevent participation in a study abroad program. Disciplinary problems that arise any time prior to departure to the study abroad program may constitute grounds for exclusion from the program. Any financial loss incurred due to such a cancellation would be the responsibility of the student.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the information listed above.

Please initial

### **Criminal Background**

Students who have been convicted of a felony hinder their ability to obtain a passport and/or required visa. Please inform the Study Abroad Coordinator if you have concerns about your ability to receive a passport or visa.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the information listed above.

Please initial

### **Passport**

Students are encouraged to apply for a passport as soon as they decide to study abroad. The NWTC study abroad web pages include directions on applying. The passport typically takes 8-11 weeks to process, if no issues arise. In some cases, the passport is needed weeks in advance of travel to apply for a visa. Therefore, it is important that students apply early to prevent issues. If a student is not able to travel because their passport didn't arrive in advance of travel, or to process a visa, a payment refund is very unlikely.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the information listed above.



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### **Payments**

Payments must be submitted by the given deadlines. All payments must be made on schedule or the student risks being dropped from the program. Payments are made by stopping in or calling (920-498-5483) Student Involvement, SC118. **It is the student's responsibly to keep track of payments made and how much they owe.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the information listed above.

Please initial

### **Cancellation and Refunds**

Please understand that, if you change your plans **FOR ANY REASON**, your right to a refund is very limited. **ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING AND SENT TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW.**

The following cancellation schedule applies to all NWTC programs.

1. If cancellation is received prior to the first payment deadline, the College will refund the full amount deposited.
2. If cancellation is received on or after the first payment deadline and prior to 30 days from departure, NO REFUND is likely. At the time of cancellation, a review will be made to determine which funds have been spent including flights, accommodations, service providers, insurance, etc. If there are unspent funds, a refund of the unspent funds will be made to the student, except a \$100 processing fee.
3. If the cancellation is received 30 days or less prior to the departure, NO REFUND will be given.

Students may wish to consider purchasing private trip insurance that would reimburse them in the event of cancellation due to last minute medical problems or other emergencies.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the information listed above.

Please initial

### **GPA Eligibility Requirement**

Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above (although students may apply if their GPA is 2.0 or above) Applicants with GPAs between 2.0-2.74 are required to:

1. Submit an additional essay explaining why their GPA is below 2.75. The essay should demonstrate that:
  - a. Their GPA is stable or improving; they have a detailed plan for improving their academic performance; and, they have strong academic and/or personal interests in the study abroad program, which are apparent in their course choices at NWTC, extracurricular activities, etc.
2. Meet with a study abroad adviser to discuss academic and personal preparedness to study abroad.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the information listed above.

Please initial

### **Health and Wellness**

Students are encouraged to consider their health and wellness as study abroad programs are mentally and physically demanding. It is common for students to walk miles each day, travel on small boats, trains, buses and small planes, participate in activities such as snorkeling, rafting, and hiking, and carry



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their luggage up and down stairs. International Programs strives to provide equitable learning experiences for all study abroad participants. Please keep in mind that accessibility varies greatly from country to country, as the Americans with Disabilities Act does not apply outside the U.S. If you have questions, please reach out to Disability Services at [disability.services@nwtc.edu](mailto:disability.services@nwtc.edu) or stop in SC229.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the information listed above.

Please initial

I have read and understand the Participant Agreements including Program Price, Mandatory Orientations, Personal Data, Conduct Review, Criminal History, Passport, Payments, Cancellation and Refunds, GPA Eligibility Requirement, and Health and Wellness.

**Participant signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Applications and Direct Inquiries To:**

**International Programs via e-mail at [internationaladmissions@nwtc.edu](mailto:internationaladmissions@nwtc.edu) or stop in Student Involvement, SC118 to speak with an International Programs team member**



## **Study Abroad Code of Conduct and Rights and Privacy Act**

Students, staff, faculty and community members who participate in NWTC study abroad programs are representatives of NWTC and are expected to conduct themselves appropriately and respectfully while abroad. Study abroad students, just like on campus students, **are expected to abide by the NWTC Student Code of Conduct**. You can find the Code of Conduct, located in the NWTC Student Handbook, online at [nwtc.edu](http://nwtc.edu) and in the Student Planner. Study abroad students, staff, faculty and community members (referred to as participants) are expected to abide by the NWTC Study Abroad Code of Conduct, explained below. These policies exist to facilitate the educational process and to ensure a safe, fair, and successful experience for all participants.

1. Participants' behavior traveling and during the program, will be such that it reflects favorably on the group, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, and other participants at all times.
2. The participants are expected to act in the best interests of the study abroad group, as well as the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College District.
3. Participants are expected to refrain from taking positions that are:
  - a. Contrary to or in conflict with the interests and/or positions of Northeast Wisconsin Technical College or the represented group
  - b. Detrimental to the group's mission or purpose
4. Participants are expected to attend scheduled program events. Participants must be prompt and prepared for each event.
5. Participants are to immediately report any accidents, injuries or illness and/or violation of rules to the trip leader.
6. Any long distance telephone calls, charges to the room, or other personal expenses will be the responsibility of the individual participant.
7. Possession and/or use of drugs (controlled substances) as defined by the state of Wisconsin is prohibited regardless of the laws of the host country or countries where the program takes place.
8. Excessive alcohol use is prohibited. Participants who are of legal age of the host country and choose to drink are responsible for their actions at all times. Trip leaders have the authority to determine when consuming alcohol is not permitted during the program. Excessive alcohol use includes but is not limited to the following:
  - a. Consumption of alcohol to the extent that the participant requires medical intervention or transport.
  - b. Endangering self or others while under the influence of alcohol.



- c. Causing property damage while under the influence of alcohol.
  - d. Causing a disruption to the program's educational mission while under the influence of alcohol.
  - e. Causing a disruption to the community while under the influence of alcohol.
  - f. Any incident of alcohol consumption that demonstrates a pattern of alcohol abuse.
9. Participants are prohibited from damaging or destroying facilities or property. Participants accused of violating this policy will be required to cover the costs of repair or replacement.
10. Violence of all types is strictly prohibited.
11. Theft of property, services, or funds is strictly prohibited.
12. Participants who travel without faculty members are required to provide their destinations; probable time of return, and contact information to the trip leader. Failure to do so is a violation of policy.
13. No person shall subject another person to unwelcome sexual overtures or conduct, either verbal or physical.
14. No student shall act in a manner that can reasonably be expected to disturb the academic pursuits of others or infringe upon the privacy, rights, or privileges of others, or the health or safety of him/herself or other persons.

#### **Other Penalties for Violations**

When a participant violates any rule a discussion with the participant and trip leader will occur. If a second violation of any rule occurs then the participant will meet with the trip leader again to explain his/her actions. After this meeting, if the trip leader determines that a second violation of this policy has taken place, the participant will be terminated from the program and sent home at his/her own expense.

If a participant has violated a rule but been allowed to remain in the program, the trip leader will have the office of International Programs contact the participant's parent(s), or guardian (emergency contact) [provided participant signed the FERPA waiver] to obtain their assistance in correcting the participant's behavior and to inform the parent(s) that the participant will be terminated from the program on the next violation. In addition, if a student has been terminated from the program, the trip leader will contact the participant's parent(s) or guardian (emergency contact) who will be notified within 24 hours of the termination [provided that the student signed the FERPA waiver] that the participant been asked to return home at his/her own expense.



NWTC students who disregard/violate any of these rules/regulations will be subject to the same disciplinary action as if this took place on any NWTC campus or center. This may result in loss of future student travel privileges or college dismissal.

**Documentation**

Whenever a participant is accused of violating the International Programs' Study Abroad Code of Conduct he/she will have the opportunity to meet with the trip leader to explain his/her actions before a decision is made as to his/her responsibility for the violation(s). The trip leader should document in writing the policy the participant is alleged to have violated, a summary of the evidence that is available concerning the matter, the decision the trip leader makes concerning the allegation, and any sanction(s) applied to the student. This written documentation should be sent within 24 hours of the decision (e-mail or fax) to the office of International Programs.

**BY SIGNING BELOW I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE STUDY ABROAD CODE OF CONDUCT, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM. I UNDERSTAND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICIES MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM THE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM WITHOUT REFUND OR REIMBURSEMENT.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Rights and Privacy Act**

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (the Act) prohibits releasing participant data to anyone without express written permission from the participant. If a situation occurs where International Programs deems the participant's well-being is at risk, I authorize International Programs to contact my parent/guardian. By signing this section, I give International Programs permission to disclose information about me to my parent/guardian as International Programs determines to be necessary, and I waive all rights under the Act for such disclosure.

**THIS IS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS. READ AND UNDERSTAND BEFORE SIGNING.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





### **ACCEPTANCE OF RISKS AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

This Acceptance of Risks and Responsibility Agreement and Release of Liability (“Agreement and Release”) is executed by: \_\_\_\_\_ (**please print first and last name**) and is issued to NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Participant is participating in a COLLEGE affiliated Program/Course/Practicum/Training/Activity (“Activity”). This Activity will be more fully described in the mandatory pre-departure orientation meetings.

Participant understands that there are certain dangers, hazards, and risks inherent in the Activity, including possible exposure to the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) or COVID-19 positive persons. In certain circumstances, these dangers can include severe bodily harm, and even death.

Participant agrees to exercise reasonable care at all times with respect to Participant's own health and safety and with respect to the health and safety of others. Participant agrees to abide by all rules, policies and procedures of the COLLEGE specific to the Activity.

In consideration for being allowed to participate in the Activity, Participant waives and fully releases, for themselves and for their executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs, next of kin, agents, dependents and beneficiaries, any and all rights, claims for damages, losses, demands, and any other actions or claims of whatever nature, whether based in law or equity, including but not limited to, the death of Participant and/or any and all injuries, damages or illnesses suffered by Participant or Participant’s property which they have now, may have, or which may arise against or in any way related to, or caused by the Participant’s participation in, the Activity. COLLEGE, its employees, faculty, board of directors, agents and volunteers shall not be liable for the foregoing, and Participant, on behalf of themselves and for their executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs, next of kin, agents, dependents and beneficiaries, hereby expressly releases COLLEGE, its employees, faculty, board of directors, agents and volunteers from any and all such claims.

Moreover, Participant, for themselves and for their executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs, next of kin, agents, dependents and beneficiaries hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the COLLEGE, the COLLEGE'S employees, faculty, board of directors, agents and volunteers from and against any liabilities, claims, damages, losses, including incidental and consequential losses, and expenses, including defense expenses and costs, attributable to losses, including, but not limited to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury or destruction of any tangible property, arising out of, or resulting from or caused by the acts or omissions of the Participant.

This indemnification obligation exists regardless of whether such claims, damages, losses or expenses are caused solely by Participant or are contributed to in part by COLLEGE, its employees, faculty, board of directors, agents and volunteers. However, the law of the state of Wisconsin should injury or damage occur may provide for the apportionment of the loss.

This release of liability does not, however, apply to any intentional or reckless acts or conduct by the COLLEGE its employees, faculty, board of directors, agents or volunteers.



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By signing this document, Participant acknowledges that they are fully informed of the contents of this Agreement and Release and represents that they understand it. Participant is not relying on any oral or written representations, statements or inducements, apart from those made in this Agreement and Release.

Further, Participant understands that signing this form, together with the limitation and waiver of liability contained herein, or an alternative form that is acceptable to the College, is necessary for the Participant to participate in the Activity. Participant further agrees it has had the opportunity to negotiate possible alternate terms with the College and that the College has made representatives available to Participant for such negotiations.

**By signing this Agreement and Release, you give up substantial legal rights. Read and understand this entire document before you sign it.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Faculty/Staff Recommendation for Study Abroad Program

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Study Abroad Program \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Program \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below your evaluation of this student				
	Excellent	Good	Poor	Unable to Judge
Probable academic success	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0
Maturity/ Dependability	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0
Ability to get along with others	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0
Independence	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0
Trustworthiness	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0
Open-mindedness	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0
Sense of humor	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0
Good ambassador of NWTC/United States	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0

Please share any comments you feel would be helpful in determining the student's ability to travel abroad and to adjust to a new environment.

Print Name of Faculty/Staff \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the student? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Faculty/Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to: International Programs via e-mail at  
internationaladmissions@nwtc.edu or drop it off in Student Involvement, SC118**



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**Thank you for your interest in Study Abroad. You've reached the end of the application. Please consider submitting the Study Abroad Grant Application on the following page. Students are typically awarded \$300-800 to use toward their Study Abroad program!**



## Study Abroad Grant Application

- Please complete the following sections and type the answers to the four questions on a separate document. It should be between 1-2 pages, (double-spaced).
- The grant is competitive and financial need and merit are taken into consideration. The grant is intended to offset \$300-\$800. The grant will be deducted off one of the study abroad payments.
- You will be contacted via e-mail prior to the study abroad application deadline to inform you if you qualify for the grant. The grant is due on the same deadline as the study abroad application.
- You must be a current NWTC student in good standing to be eligible for the study abroad grant.

Participant name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Study Abroad Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic program(s) of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

\_\_\_\_ Ethnically Diverse, please state your ethnicity/race: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Veteran

\_\_\_\_ First Generation Student (First in your family to attend/graduate from a college/university)

\_\_\_\_ Single Parent

\_\_\_\_ Other Diversity Characteristic(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please type your responses on a separate page and submit it along with this document.**

1. Please share your academic achievements and professional goals and how this relates to your decision to study abroad?
2. What challenges, if any, did you face in your decision to study abroad? How did you meet these challenges and what impact do you foresee them having on your experience abroad? These could include, but are not limited to, being a parent, being a non-traditional student, having a learning or physical disability, being in a field of study for which it is difficult to incorporate study abroad, etc.
3. Where do the funds come from to pay your living and educational expenses? Please describe scholarships, financial aid, and any additional information regarding special circumstances as they relate to your ability to fund a study abroad opportunity with NWTC.
4. Please include any other information about yourself that you would like to the selection committee to consider when evaluating why you are a good candidate for this grant.

**Please submit application to: International Programs via e-mail at [internationaladmissions@nwtc.edu](mailto:internationaladmissions@nwtc.edu)  
or drop it off in Student Involvement, SC118**