

# The GPA Petition Process

The Study Abroad Office encourages every student to study abroad. We realize that if your GPA does not meet our minimum requirement, you may not be successful in a study abroad program. However, working with the deans across campus, we offer you a way to petition for acceptance into a study abroad program.

If your GPA does not meet the minimum requirement of 2.5, you must submit to the Study Abroad Office the following materials:

- A Letter of Petition, stating in detail why your GPA does not meet the minimum requirement.
- A Letter of Reference from a professor in your school. You must have taken a course with this professor, and the professor CANNOT be the instructor for the course you plan to take abroad.

Submit these materials, along with a complete application, to the Study Abroad Office by the application deadline. You are encouraged to turn in these items prior to the application deadline so there is not a delay in processing.

Your petition letter and letter of reference will then be submitted to the dean of your school or college. You will not be officially accepted by the Study Abroad Office until you are approved for study abroad by the dean. The dean will make the final decision, and if your petition is denied, you will not be able to study abroad for that term.

Being approved through the GPA petition process once does not mean that you will be approved for every program you apply for in the future. If your GPA remains below a 2.5, you must submit the required materials every time you apply for a study abroad program.

If your petition is denied, study hard to bring up your GPA and do not be discouraged. Please apply again for a future program.

Any questions? Contact your study abroad advisor.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

WINTERSESSION AND SPRING SEMESTER 2009 SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: OCTOBER 22, 2008

SPRING SEMESTER 2009 APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 22, 2008

WINTERSESSION 2009 APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 5, 2008

SUMMER AND FALL SEMESTER 2009 SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: MARCH 12, 2008

FALL SEMESTER 2009 APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 12, 2008

SUMMER 2009 APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2008

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