



Summer 2009 SPAN APPLICATION

Please submit by Friday, Nov. 7, 2008!

Application consists of:

- ◆ Checklist
- ◆ Personal Statement (250 words): Why SPAN? What research topic do you want to pursue?
- ◆ University of Minnesota Study Abroad application form
- ◆ Recommendations (2)
- ◆ Unofficial transcript
- ◆ Writing sample
- ◆ Interview with SPAN staff and/or faculty advisor
- ◆ Application (non-refundable) fee: \$25.00

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Minnesota SPAN Association
University of Minnesota -- West Bank
658 Heller Hall
271 19th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55455
612/626-1083

E-mail: span@umn.edu
<http://www.spanalumni.org>

Please be aware that; before acceptance into the SPAN program, applicants must be interviewed by a SPAN staff member or country advisor.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please include the following:

1. Study Abroad Application Cover Sheet.
2. A non-refundable \$25.00 application fee.
3. Personal statement explaining your intent, background, and:
 - a) why you want to be a SPANner
 - b) your interest in the selected host country
 - c) three possible research topics
 - d) language proficiency and other preparation applicable to your chosen host country.
4. Transcript. An unofficial copy from the registrar is acceptable.
5. A graded writing sample submitted for another course.
6. Two letters of recommendation (note attached forms). References should be returned to the SPAN office. Referees need not be academic, although at least one should be familiar with your academic ability.

ESTIMATED FEES AND EXPENSES:

- ◆ \$25.00 non-refundable application fee
- ◆ \$150.00 SPAN program fee. Upon acceptance, the applicant has 30-days to pay a program fee that holds a place in the program for you. The program fee is non-refundable and covers SPAN-related costs throughout the two-year program
- ◆ \$10.00 course materials fee
- ◆ \$2,446.16 (estimated) tuition for Summer Session (8 credits) paid to the University of Minnesota, June 2008, prior to departure
- ◆ In-country expenses
- ◆ Language preparation courses if necessary.

STUDENT PROJECT FOR AMITY AMONG NATIONS -- SPAN STUDY ABROAD APPLICATION

Full name (Last, first, middle)		Preferred first name
Social Security Number	U of M I.D. Number	E-mail
Current address (It is your responsibility to keep our office informed of any change of address.)		
Street address _____		Phone _____
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
Valid Until _____		Cell phone: _____
Permanent Address (e.g., address of parent, guardian, or spouse)		
Street address _____		Phone _____
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
Contact person (for emergencies and release of information during your absence.)		
Name _____		Relationship _____
Street address _____		Phone _____
Institution presently attending:		How did you find out about SPAN?
U of M College of Enrollment		Cumulative GPA and language proficiency
Class standing at beginning of program: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Major(s) or Prospective Major(s):		Minor(s) or Prospective Minor(s):
Country of Citizenship: Country of Birth:		Type of visa (Non-U.S. citizens only)
<i>The information below is voluntary and will be used for summary reports required for federal and state laws and regulations and to support institutional affirmative action efforts. It will not be used as a basis for admission or in a discriminatory manner.</i>		
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Date of Birth _____
Age at beginning of program _____		
Predominant ethnic background (Check one)		
<input type="checkbox"/> African-American	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan native	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicano	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> White, non-Hispanic
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-ethnic background (please list):		
I certify that all statements made on this application and all other study abroad application materials are complete, true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.		
Applicant Signature _____		Date _____

Applicant's name and proposed summer 2009 destination

Referee's name

Referee's title

Referee's e-mail or phone number

RECOMMENDATION

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Please answer the following questions and where appropriate give examples to demonstrate the applicant's personal qualities.

1. How long have you known the applicant?
2. Please rate the applicant's maturity, interests and sense of responsibility.
3. Does the applicant work well in groups? Collaborate in decision-making?
4. Is the applicant academically qualified to conduct/write a substantial research project under the guidance of the faculty advisor?
5. Would the applicant, in your mind, adapt to new situations easily and adjust to the demands of a different culture? Is the applicant flexible and open in his/her attitudes?
6. Do you have any reservations about whether the applicant should be accepted into a study abroad program such as SPAN?

Thank you for your input and consideration.

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