

Study Abroad Peer Mentor Program

Purpose:

When it comes to learning more about study abroad, or international opportunities, many students usually start that conversation with their friends, or like-minded peers. In order to provide a wide range of program experiences and perspectives, we started the Study Abroad Peer Mentor program as a resource for students who want to learn more about the study abroad experience.

Qualifications:

- *Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at UW-L*
- *Be in good academic standing*
- *Participated in a UW-L Sponsored study abroad program (recently returned preferred)*
- *Interested in promoting study abroad and international education*
- ***MUST** be enthusiastic and have an open mind*
- *Have good verbal and written communication skills*
- *Be detail oriented and resourceful*

Responsibilities:

As a Peer mentor, you will serve as the first point of contact for students interested in studying abroad. As a program alumnus, you are also the resident expert for your study abroad program. Therefore, you are the best resource there is! You will be responsible for providing students with information about your program, as well as have a general knowledge La Crosse Study Abroad programs and of Office of International Education policies and procedures.

Peer Mentors generally serve their office hours in the Office of International Resource Area; however, may be asked on occasion to assist with activities outside of the office including, but not limited to:

- *Conducting information sessions for hall councils, student organizations, or classes*
- *Attend pre-departure Orientation program and facilitate program specific break-out session*
- *Represent your study abroad program at the Study Abroad Fair*
- *Keep up-to-date on program changes and other information*
- *Assist with campus visitors*
- *Research and learn about new study abroad opportunities*
- *Other duties that may be assigned, relating to study abroad or international education (we welcome your suggestions!)*

Requirements/Expectations:

All Study Abroad Peer Mentors who are selected are required to attend the Peer Mentor training prior to starting their hours in the office. Peer Mentors must also be able to serve a minimum of 2 hours per week in the office in order to boost their outreach to students and also to provide consistency with program representation.

How to Apply?

If you are interested in serving as a peer mentor, please complete the following application and submit it to the Study Abroad Office by the following date:

**Students applying to be a peer mentor for Fall Semester in, please submit your application by July 31st.*

**Students applying to be a peer mentor for Spring Semester, please submit your application by December 31st.*

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Office of International Education
Study Abroad Peer Mentor Program Application

Personal Information:

Name:		Phone:
Current/Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Email:		

Program Information:

Location of Program : (Country, City, and/or Provider Program)	
Term you studied abroad: Summer 20__ Fall 20__ Spring 20__ JTerm 20__ Academic Year 20__ - 20__ Spring Break 20__	Are you currently in Good Academic Standing: <div style="text-align: center;">__ Yes __ No</div>
Other countries you traveled to, besides your study abroad location:	Did you receive an AIS Stipend for your program? <div style="text-align: center;">__ Yes __ No</div> <i>If yes, are you using the Peer Mentor program to fulfill your event requirements?</i> __ Yes __ No

Personal Statement:

In the area below, please provide a brief statement about: a) why you would like to be a Study Abroad Peer Mentor, and b) why you should be selected as a peer mentor. (Attach additional sheet for longer responses)

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Please indicate which hours you will be available to serve as a Peer mentor throughout the semester:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9AM-10AM					
10AM-11AM					
11AM-12PM					
12PM-1PM					
1PM-2PM					
2PM-3PM					

If possible, we would like to hold a Peer Mentor Training Session before classes begin for the semester. Please indicate the earliest date in which you could be back on campus to attend a training session:

Earliest Date Available _____ Time which you would be available _____

***Unable to volunteer in the office, but would like to help answer questions
about your program/location?***

If you are not able to serve actual volunteer hours in the office, there is the option of serving as a mentor via email. Email mentors will be contacted by students who may be interested in a program similar to one that you participated on. More details on expectations and email protocol will be sent to you at a later date.

☐ ***I would like to serve as an email mentor.****

****Your name and email will be included on our email mentor list for a one semester.***

Statement of Understanding: By signing below, I agree to adhere to all the rules and regulations established by the Office of International Education as they pertain to the Peer Mentor Program as well as the following:

- I understand that by submitting an application for the Study Abroad Peer Mentor Program, it is not guaranteed that I will be selected to be a Peer Mentor.
- I understand that this program is strictly voluntary, and that I will not be compensated for the time spent assisting in this program. (Exception: AIS recipients; the peer mentor program can be used to fulfill AIS event requirement.)
 - ***For AIS recipients:*** I understand that the Peer Mentor Program may only fulfill **one** of my event requirements in order to receive the second half of my stipend.

Name (Printed)

Date

Signature

Questions and/or completed applications can be submitted to:

Study Abroad; Office of International Education; 1209 Centennial Hall, 1725 State Street; La Crosse, WI 54601
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