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Study Abroad Proposal Transmittal Sheet

Submit proposals to: Office of Academic Programs

Title of Proposal:

Effective Date:

NCSA program in Dublin, Ireland Summer 2005

Proposing Unit:

International Education and Outreach

I certify that the above proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate Department committees:

Amy S. Nelson Green

4-15-05

Sign (Program Head)

Date

[Signature]

4/18/05

Sign (Vice Provost)

Date

Addendum to New Study Abroad Program Proposal
Dublin, Ireland
4/8/05

This addendum is in response to a request by the Curriculum Council for additional information on this new study abroad program proposal in Dublin, Ireland, through the Northwest Council on Study Abroad (NCSA). The Council asked for follow up in two areas:

- (a) a liaison letter from Foreign Languages and Literature needs to be obtained assuring us that there is no conflict between the proposed new sites and programs offered by this department. *(not applicable to Dublin)*
- (b) a discussion of the complaint by Paul Farber regarding library access for students in these programs. You might wish to paraphrase the comments made by Bonnie Allen regarding how the library access will be handled.
- (c) a general discussion of how the issue of course quality is addressed in the program, the role of OSU departments in assuring this quality and how credits are given for the work when there is or is not an OSU equivalent course.

A) Foreign Languages and Literature

This issue is not applicable to the program in Dublin, Ireland.

B) Library access

Students will remain enrolled at OSU during the study abroad program. They will have access to online library resources through computer facilities at the program site and at internet cafes in the cities where they are studying. This includes online journals and other web-based resources currently available to them through the OSU library. Most coursework is designed to utilize significant resources available to students on-site that they wouldn't have access to here on campus (historical sites, museums, etc) and interaction with the local culture, rather than library research. OSU currently participates in nine other sites as a member of the NCSA council, all of which are structured similarly to Dublin.

C) Course quality and evaluation

OSU has been a member of the NCSA council for nearly 30 years. Representatives from International Education and Outreach serve on the Council that is responsible for the academic and administrative oversight for each program. Faculty from the participating institutions are selected to teach at most sites each session. OSU faculty have taught at every site in the NCSA programs in which OSU is a participating member.

In addition, courses offered at NCSA sites are pre-approved at OSU by the chairs of the appropriate departments. International Education staff send course descriptions and faculty CVs to department chairs as new courses are added. Students are informed prior to departure of the OSU course equivalencies for the courses they take on the program. In the event a department declines to approve a course, another department will be approached, if appropriate, or students will be informed that OSU does not offer credit for a particular course. Rarely has there been a course rejected for credit at OSU by all departments approached by IEO.

**PROPOSAL FOR OSU STUDY ABROAD
IN COOPERATION WITH
NCSA AND AHA INTERNATIONAL**

DUBLIN, IRELAND

General Background Information

The Dublin program was recently adopted by the Northwest Council on Study Abroad (NCSA), of which OSU is a long-time member. The is sponsored by the Midwest Consortium for Study Abroad (MCSA) which is made up of colleges and universities in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia. NCSA and MCSA already cooperate on study programs in Vienna, Austria, and Macerata, Italy. A membership list for both consortia is attached in Addendum A.

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Support of OSU Mission and Goals

International opportunities for students directly support OSU's mission to provide educational experiences that foster a sense of inquiry, openness and social responsibility. A broad menu of study abroad and other international programs contribute to OSU's goals for providing a compelling learning experience for students as well as achieving the status of a top-tier university for the institution.

Objectives of the exchange

The Dublin program is a one-way study abroad program. There is no exchange component to this program. The program is designed for students interested in a short-term study option in Ireland. Two courses are offered, one in Irish history and the other in Irish literature.

Anticipated number of participants

As an outbound program only, OSU is not limited to a specific number of participants. It is estimated that five to 10 OSU students would participate in each session.

Academic program

The program is offered each summer for five weeks. No sessions are available during the academic year. Two courses are offered, one in Irish history and the other in Irish literature. The program provides a total of 80 contact hours between the two courses. Excursions to cultural and historic sites in and nearby Dublin are included in the cost of the program.

II. PROGRAM EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Enhances general education and/or academic major.

The Dublin program provides students the opportunity to study in Ireland during the summer. The academic offerings in history and literature may be substituted into the baccalaureate core to satisfy general education requirements. An attractive feature of this program is the short duration in the summer, which allows students to go abroad without taking time away from their academic program at OSU.

2. Enhances awareness of cultural diversity for OSU students abroad and on the home campus.

This program provides OSU students an additional opportunity to study abroad. As OSU students study abroad and expand their own perspectives, they bring new attitudes and ideas back to campus upon their return. They are able to further enrich the academic experience of all students as they contribute their new skills and values through class discussions and interactions around campus.

2a. Involves foreign language study, where applicable.

This program does not include any foreign language study.

3. Expands the geographic diversity of available study abroad opportunities.

Ireland is a popular destination among study abroad participants across the nation. At OSU, we have seen significant numbers of students inquire about study abroad in Ireland. This program gives OSU students the opportunity to study in Ireland during the summer term.

4. Expands the diversity of academic programs available through study abroad.

The Dublin program allows students to take courses in Irish history and literature while taking relevant excursions in and around the Dublin area to bring those topics to life.

5. Assures academic credibility and rigor.

Courses each session are taught by a combination of accredited Irish faculty and by U.S. faculty selected from one of the participating MCSA-member institutions. Academic standards in Dublin are set by and consistent with those of the sponsoring universities within the MCSA and NCSA consortia.

6. Provides ongoing program review and evaluation.

The presence of MCSA faculty during the program allows for ongoing review of the academic program on-site in Dublin. Confidential student evaluations are collected each session and results are distributed among all the MCSA and NCSA campuses. The U.S. faculty and the on-site director supply mid-term and final reports during the program. Bi-annual consortia meetings provide opportunities for participating institutions to address any questions or concerns that arise and to review policies and procedures as needed to maintain the quality of the program.

7. Satisfies institutional and legal requirements and addresses safety and security concerns.

OSU has a long history of participation in NCSA-sponsored programs administered by AHA International (AHA). AHA has recently affiliated with the University of Oregon. NCSA and AHA has always maintained the highest standards for safety and security of program participants. Dr. David Kilroy serves as the on-site director for the program. Dr. Kilroy and other faculty provide support to the students on-site. Additionally, the program's homestay coordinator in Dublin is available to meet with students should concerns or challenges arise.

8. Demonstrates faculty interest and involvement.

There is not, at present, the opportunity for OSU faculty to teach in Dublin on this program, as is the case with other NCSA sites. However, if this program shows to be popular with students at NCSA institutions, NCSA may develop its own program in Dublin that could offer opportunities for faculty to teach there.

9. Demonstrates student interest and provides plans for student recruitment.

As stated above, there is demand for study abroad programs in Ireland at OSU. Adding Ireland to OSU's offerings would allow more students to participate through OSU, rather than turning them away or forcing them to enroll through other Oregon universities to access the program. The program will be publicized along with the range of other options at OSU in class visits, presentation to groups, newspaper ads, flyers and word-of-mouth.

10. Provides for an adequate student predeparture orientation.

The Office of International Education currently conducts predeparture orientations each term for the NCSA programs. Students participating in the Dublin program would also participate in those orientation sessions.

III. STUDENT HOUSING OPTIONS

All students live with Irish host families throughout Dublin, usually with two students per household. Housing includes breakfast and dinner. Lunch is provided by the students

themselves. Home stays provide the most direct contact with Irish culture.

IV. PROJECTED COSTS

11. Student budget

2004-05 Costs	Summer session July-early Aug. (5 wks)
AHA program fee <i>-tuition and fees</i> <i>-housing and some meals</i> <i>-excursions</i> <i>-course materials</i> <i>-medical insurance</i> <i>-on-site orientation</i> <i>-int'l student ID card</i> <i>-local transportation pass</i>	\$3,030
OSU administrative fee	\$250
Additional meals (lunch) <i>(\$12 per day x 35 days)</i>	\$420
Personal expenses <i>(\$60 per week)</i>	\$300
Airfare (estimated)	\$1,200
TOTAL	\$5,200

12. Department administrative budget

This program would be administered by the Office of International Education, please see #13 below for budget information.

13. OIE administrative budget

The administrative functions on-campus would be carried out by existing staff in the Office of International Education. While the program will increase student traffic in the office, the bulk of administrative functions to maintain the program are performed by AHA International. Existing OIE staff will take responsibility for the program with no additional FTE required.

V. Approval Signature of College Dean

APPENDIX A: NCSA AND MCSA CONSORTIA MEMBERSHIP LISTS

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APPENDIX B: Informal Feedback from Faculty

-----Original Message-----

From: Farber, Paul
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2005 5:01 PM
To: Nelson, Amy
Subject: RE: Ireland summer study abroad

This looks like a great program, and I believe that students at OSU would find it attractive. Summer could attract a number of students from majors that would be more difficult to accommodate during the year. So, I am very supportive. My only question is, would students have full access to facilities? Especially the library. This is a real problem with the London program.
Paul