

BENNINGTON COLLEGE

STUDY AWAY APPLICATION – INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Instructions: If you wish to participate in an international exchange program, complete this application and return it to the Director of Learning Beyond Bennington (Barn 120C) by **September 15** for spring programs, **April 15** for fall programs.

In addition to this application, you **must** complete your host school's application and their deadlines vary. Students nominated for an exchange will receive instructions on how to complete these applications.

Exchange Program: Check each program for which you wish to apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath Spa University | <input type="checkbox"/> Leuphana University |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecole National Supérieure d'Arts de Paris Cergy | <input type="checkbox"/> Quest University |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hampshire College Cuba Program (Spring only) | <input type="checkbox"/> University of East Anglia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kansai Gaidai University | <input type="checkbox"/> Toi Whakaari |

Application Checklist:

- Study Away and the Plan:** Speak with your faculty advisor as soon as possible to discuss your proposed study away and determine if a Plan meeting is necessary.
- Study Away Essay:** Submit a revision/addendum to your Plan essay. Explain your reasons for studying away, the program you have selected and courses you will pursue. Explain how this work will support, enhance, or inform your studies. **Attach a copy of this essay.**
- Proposed Course of Study Form:** Complete this form and bring it with you when you meet with your faculty advisor and Plan committee members.
- Financial Responsibility Agreement:** In general, exchange participants pay tuition to Bennington College and pay housing and fees to their host institution. For a list of anticipated expenses, [please visit here](#). Each student is responsible for their own meals, transportation, passport expenses, excess baggage shipment and storage, independent travel, personal expenses, and books, as well as living expenses during extended academic recess (i.e. holidays, winter and spring break, etc.).
- Declaration of Agreement:** Read carefully and sign. **Parent/guardian signature is required for all applicants regardless of age.**
- Assumption of Risk Form:** Read and complete the Study Abroad Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks and Release Agreement. **Parent/guardian signature is required for all applicants regardless of age.**
- Passport:** Do you have a passport? Check it. Is it expired or will it expire while you're away? Be sure to start the passport application process early! **Attach a copy of the photo page of your passport to your Bennington Study Away Application.**
- Student Information and Emergency Contact Forms:** Complete the attached forms and submit them with your application.
- Consortium Form:** If you receive federal financial aid or other transferable funds, fill out this form and schedule a meeting with Amy Starr in the Financial Aid Office.
- Medical Clearance:** Visit Student Health Services for a pre-departure health screening and to discuss your travel health planning and designation specific information.
- Pre-Departure Orientation:** Attend this session facilitated by the Director of Learning Beyond Bennington - held in late November and early May.

Student Information Form

Student's Full Name: _____

Current term at Bennington (3rd, 4th, etc.): _____

Email (non-Bennington): _____ Phone: _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen: Yes No

May we release your name and email to potential study abroad participants?

Yes No

Academic term away (term and year): _____

Do you plan to transfer **federal** financial aid to your host university?

Yes No

Permanent (Home) Address Information:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I understand that in order to be approved for an exchange, students must be in Good Academic and Disciplinary Standing and have approval from their Faculty Advisor, plan committee, and the Director of Learning Beyond Bennington.

Student (signature): _____ Date: _____

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

Exchange participants pay tuition and other mandatory fees to Bennington College. Each student is responsible paying the costs of housing and meals, international airfare, local transportation, passport and visa fees, international health and travel insurance, mandatory vaccinations and immunizations, excess baggage shipment and storage, books and supplies, personal expenses, as well as living expenses during extended academic recess (i.e. holidays, winter and spring break, etc.).

Outlined [here](#) are **approximate expenses** for one term of study at each exchange site that are **NOT** included.

Please note that this total is an average estimate of costs and is based on the exchange rate at the time of this application update.

Check each program for which you wish to apply and have reviewed the approximate expenses that you will be responsible for paying independently.

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By signing below, I acknowledge that I have reviewed the approximate expenses worksheet online via the link provided above. I understand that if I am selected to participate in the exchange program, I will be financially responsible for all additional expenses incurred during my time at the host university and I am prepared to cover these costs.

Student Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

**INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE
DECLARATION OF AGREEMENT**

- Studying abroad is a privilege that is available to students who have demonstrated the ability to adjust academically and emotionally to college, and who are ready to benefit from the challenges of off-campus study. In order for students to receive and maintain approval for study away, they must be in Good Academic and Disciplinary Standing and have approval from their advisor, plan committee, and the Director of Learning Beyond Bennington.
- Students must enroll in the equivalent of 12 Bennington credits (minimum) to maintain full-time student status while abroad.
- If students do not enroll in and successfully complete a full-time load of classes while away, their academic standing may be in jeopardy when they return.
- Upon completion of your term(s) away, have an official transcript sent to the registrar here:

Bennington College - Office of the Registrar
1 College Drive, Bennington, VT 05201

- Transfer credit will be awarded for grades of full 'C' or above received on an official transcript.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to request an official transcript from my host institution and that an official transcript must be received in order for credits to be transferred. I understand that a provisional report can be used to verify credits earned until an official transcript is available.
- An official transcript for work completed abroad must be received by the Office of the Registrar no later than February 10 for students studying abroad in the fall term and no later than August 1 for students studying away for the spring term.
- Consortium Students (students who are applying federal financial aid to the cost of their program) understand that eligibility for financial aid cannot be determined until verification of credits completed is received. If a transcript does not arrive by the dates above, a student will not be eligible to receive financial aid for the coming term.
- Students studying away for a full year must arrange to have a transcript sent to Bennington after each term/semester. If a transcript is not received verifying completion of credits, financial aid cannot be released for the following term.
- Consortium Students must successfully complete a full-time course load with grades of C or above. Failure to do so will impact financial aid eligibility for the coming term.

I, _____, have read and understand the above statements.

Student's signature _____ Date: _____

I, _____, have read and understand the above statements.

Parent's signature _____ Date: _____

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

*This is a release of legal rights; please review carefully and understand before signing.
Please keep a copy for your records.*

Name of Student: _____

Program Abroad: _____

Country: _____ Term/Year Abroad: _____

In consideration and as a condition of Bennington College approving my participation in the above study abroad program (the "Program"), I hereby agree to the following:

1. Understanding the Terms of Bennington College's Approval:

I have read and understand the Study Abroad guidelines outlined in the *Bennington College Study Away Application*.

I also understand that Bennington College's prior approval of the transfer of credit does not imply Bennington College's responsibility for any aspects of the operation of the Program or university at which I will be studying.

I understand that should I change my Program of study from that listed above, the terms and conditions of this Agreement still apply.

Matters of academic credit will be evaluated on an individual basis. I understand that if I am unable to complete the Program due to program cancellation or for any other reason, I may not receive academic credit for my participation in the Program. I agree that in the event that I am unable to complete the Program, due to program cancellation or for any other reason, it is my responsibility to inquire about any possible refund with the Program manager or sponsor.

2. Medical Circumstances:

Are there any physical or mental health circumstances about which Bennington College should be aware that may affect your study abroad experience? **Yes** **No** (circle one)

If there are any physical or mental health circumstances that may affect my study abroad experience, I understand and agree that it is in my best interest to discuss the situation with my physician and with the Program.

In addition, if appropriate I should discuss the situation with the Bennington College Academic Services person in charge of off-campus study.

3. Risks of Travel and Studying Abroad:

I understand and acknowledge that participation in the Program may involve risks not found in study at Bennington College's campus. I understand and acknowledge that these may include, but are not limited to, risks involved in and from: traveling to and within, and returning from, one or more foreign countries; different political, legal, social, law enforcement, and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances; different standards as to the availability and provision of medical care; and different weather conditions.

I also understand and acknowledge that while participating in the Program and living abroad I may experience risks and/or differences relating to educational systems, academic

expectations, recognition of civil rights, lack of accessibility and accommodations for persons with disabilities, alcohol and drug use, relationships and gender issues.

I have made my own inquiry and investigation into such risks and/or differences, and am willing to accept them as a condition of my participation in the Program. I acknowledge that my participation in the Program is wholly voluntary.

I understand and acknowledge that Bennington College does not administer this Program, and Bennington College does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any host institution, host family, transportation carrier, place of lodging, tour organizer or other provider of goods and services in connection with the Program.

I further understand that Bennington College has not made any investigation into the health, safety, and security conditions at either the Program site or the countries in which I will be traveling. Nor has Bennington College investigated the quality or suitability of any housing or transportation providers that I may use.

4. Release of Liability:

Having examined and understood the above, I, individually, and on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, and assigns, hereby release, acquit, waive, forever discharge, and covenant not to sue, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Bennington College, its trustees, directors, officers, faculty, employees, agents, volunteers, and representatives, from any and all actions, causes of action, suits, claims, damages, judgments, liabilities, demands, expenses and costs (including attorneys' fees), or other losses, of any kind whatsoever, without limitation, which arise out of, result from, occur during, or are in any way connected, in any manner, with my participation in the Program, the use of facilities, equipment, or services in association with my participation in the Program, and/or any related or independent travel or activities, including, but not limited to, claims for damage to or loss of property, consequential damages, violations of civil rights, personal illness, injury or death, that I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me.

5. Statement of Indemnification:

I, individually, and on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, and assigns, agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Bennington College, its trustees, directors, officers, faculty, employees, agents, volunteers, and representatives, from any and all liability, loss, damage, cost or expense (including attorneys' fees) that they or any of them incur or sustain as a result of any actions, causes of action, suits, claims, judgments or demands, which arise out of, result from, occur during, or are in any way connected to, in any manner, my acts or omissions during my participation in the Program, the use of facilities, equipment, or services in association with my participation in the Program, and/or any related or independent travel or activities.

6. Governing Law & Severability:

I agree that if any portion of this Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks and Release Agreement is deemed unenforceable, all other provisions will remain in full force and effect. I understand and agree that no oral representations or statements by Bennington College or its representatives will effectively alter the acknowledgements, agreements and representations stated above. This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Vermont, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this Agreement or the Program.

7. Agreement:

I HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED AND UNDERSTOOD THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND RELEASE AGREEMENT AND I HEREBY AFFIRM MY AGREEMENT TO ITS TERMS AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. I AFFIRM THAT I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

IMPORTANT – READ ENTIRE AGREEMENT BEFORE SIGNING

Student signature: _____

Date: _____ day/month/year

Name Printed: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Witness: _____

Witness Name Printed: _____

Address: _____

Both parents or guardians must sign when applicable.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____ day/month/year

Name Printed: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Witness: _____

Witness Name Printed: _____

Address: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____ day/month/year

Name Printed: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Witness: _____

Witness Name Printed: _____

Address: _____

Signatures need not be notarized but must be witnessed.

Emergency Contact Information

I understand that in the case of an emergency, Bennington College officials may notify my emergency contact(s).

Signature _____

Date _____

Please provide your information.

Name: _____ Term Away: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Non-Bennington Email Address: _____

Please provide complete & accurate information for all emergency contacts listed. If this information changes at any point before or during the program, please notify the Director of Learning Beyond Bennington immediately.

1st Emergency Contact:

Relationship: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address (please provide physical address, *not* PO Box):

Email Address: _____

2nd Emergency Contact:

Relationship: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address (please provide physical address, *not* PO Box):

Email Address: _____

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

In order to request a transcript, please complete the following steps:

Complete, sign, and mail this Transcript Request Form to:
Office of the Registrar
Bennington College
One College Drive
Bennington, Vermont 05201

or you may fax the form to 802-440-4876.

Please note:

- Transcripts will not be issued if a financial obligation to the College exists.
- Allow two weeks from date of receipt for the request to be processed.

First name: _____ Middle initial: _____ Last name: _____

Full name while at Bennington: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____
Weekdays, between 9:00am and 4:30pm

Date of attendance at Bennington: _____

Program of study: BA MAT MATSL MFA Postbacc

Transcript should be sent:

- Now
- To arrive by deadline: _____
- Hold for end of term grades/evaluations
- Other instructions: _____

Purpose of Transcript:

- Graduate or professional school application
- Employment
- Study Abroad
- Transfer
- Personal use

I hereby authorize the release of my transcript. Please mail # _____ transcript(s) to the address(es) listed below. Signature: _____ Date: _____

Request 1

Request 2

Request 3

Request 4

