

**APPLICATION FOR
THE 7th ANNUAL U of L STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IN PANAMA
Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Latin American and Latino Studies Program
MAY 7, 2009 TO JUNE 5, 2009**

I. PERSONAL DATA

Name _____
(Last Name) (Middle Name) (First)

Current Address _____
(Street name & number) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Permanent Address _____
(Street name & number) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone Numbers _____
(Area code & cell number) (Area code & permanent number) U of L E-Mail Address _____

Birth date _____ Student I.D. # _____

Sex: () Male () Female () Smoker () Non-smoker

Passport # _____ or "I will apply for a passport by January 1, 2009." _____
***Provide copy of passport or passport application.** Signature of Applicant _____

II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Are you a degree seeking student of UofL? () yes () no What degree are you pursuing:

Major _____ Minor _____ Academic Area of Interest _____

Class Standing (Freshman, Sophomore, etc. or Graduate Student) _____

GPA _____

Previous Study Abroad Experience in Spanish- Speaking Country (Place and Length of Study):

***Students must have a 3.0 GPA, be pursuing a degree at UofL, and explain need for financial assistance in the Application Essay.**

III. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED:

1. Indicate if you are in need of financial assistance for this program. YES ____ NO ____

2. Have you applied for financial assistance for this program? YES ____ NO ____

3. If you have applied for financial assistance, please indicate the funding source(s) and the amount(s) requested

Funding source(s): _____ Amount(s) Requested: _____

4. Are you planning to apply for scholarships that will be announced later in Fall 2008 or Spring 2009? If so, indicate:

Funding Source(s) _____ Amount(s) Requested: _____

IV: APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

1. Fill out the application and attach a brief one to two-page typed (double-spaced) statement in which you explain why you would like to participate in the program and what you hope to gain from the experience. Explain how this study abroad program will benefit you personally and professionally. Please indicate if you have traveled abroad before, when you traveled, for how long, and to what countries. A well-written statement will provide the selection committee with additional valuable information about your motivation and interest in the program. As part of the application process, Berta Calvert, the Panama Program Director, will interview you.
2. **Payment of fees:**
 - **An initial application fee of \$200 must be submitted with the application** in order to reserve your place in the program. This fee is part of the down payment and is refundable until the point that funds have been expended on your behalf.
 - **Option 1** without airfare: \$ _____
 - **Option 2** with airfare: \$ _____
 - **A \$100 late fee will be assessed to applicants who apply after the January 12, 2009 application deadline.**
3. **Application deadline is January 12, 2009.**
4. **A second payment of \$_____ is due on January 26, 2009.**
5. **The balance of \$_____ (or less if you have received financial assistance) is due on February 26, 2009.** Once money has been expended on your behalf, it is not refundable. There will be no refunds after February 26, 2009.
6. Documents that **MUST** be submit with application:
 - Three (3) copies of the application and the essay.
 - Three (3) copies of your unofficial transcript
 - Two (2) recommendations in sealed envelopes using the attached forms.
7. As part of the application, participants must allow 30 minutes to fill out the required forms that will authorize students to leave the country. Documents required:
 - Student Release and Assumption of Risk Form (will be provided)
 - Overseas Emergency Information Sheet (will be provided)
 - The signed Official Code of Student Conduct Form (will be provided)
 - A copy of your passport (student should provide)
 - A copy of the International Student ID Card (student should provide)
8. Applications and checks (made payable to: **University of Louisville**) should be submitted in person to:

Ms. Laine Y López
Assistant Program Director
329 Humanities Building
LALS Program Office
lyorte01@louisville.edu or 502-693-6925

For further information, contact:

- Berta Calvert, Program Director; bacalv01@gwise.louisville.edu 502-852-0728 Cell: 270-872-5768
- Laine Y. López, Assistant Program Director; lyorte01@louisville.edu 502-693-6925
- Dr. Rhonda Buchanan, Director of Latin American and Latino Studies: rhondabuchanan@louisville.edu 852-0502 or 852-2034
- Consult the web page at: <http://louisville.edu/latinamericanstudies>

V. APPLICATION DECLARATION:

Having read the above, I hereby apply for admission to the UofL Study Abroad Program in Panama. I agree to make payments for the various fees associated with this program as specified in the Application Procedures. I understand that the \$200.00 application fee, which is part of my down payment, is not refundable once funds have been expended on my behalf. I further acknowledge that I am responsible for the entire fee for my airline ticket, which is booked in advance of my final payment, and agree to pay any cancellation penalties imposed by providers of services to the program in the event that I am unable to participate as planned.

Further, I have read and understand the procedures for admission, registration, and payment of fees, will familiarize myself with all regulations and the **CODE OF CONDUCT** established by the University of Louisville, and have provided information about medical or psychological conditions I have that could affect my full participation in activities of the UofL Study Abroad Program in Panama.

Signature of Applicant
(Must be 18 years of age or older)

Date

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

Please provide the names of the two (2) professors who will submit recommendations on your behalf:

1. _____ 2. _____