

Center of International Education

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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The Center of International Education considers the admissions process to be an important component of the study abroad experience. We hope that you will take your time in completing this application so that your study abroad experience will be meaningful.

The Spring Term 2008 study abroad program to:

•Brazil

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The completed application, including all evaluation letters, is due in the Center of International Education by **Wednesday, August 1, 2007**.

Please check with the Center of International Education to make sure that your application materials have all been received.

Please use the following checklist to make sure your application is complete.

- Application**
- Personal Statement** (attach sheets as needed)
- Parent Approval**
- Teacher's Evaluation**

Please make a copy of all application material for your own records.

Return all correspondence by **Wednesday, August 1, 2007** to:

Center of International Education
Northfield Mount Hermon
206 Main Street
Northfield, MA 01360 U.S.A.

Please discuss whether a study abroad experience is right for you with your parents or legal guardian *during* the application process. The completed application, including all evaluation letters, is due in the Center of International Education by Wednesday, August 1, 2007.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

Once we have received all of your application material, our admissions committee will review your application. Offers of admission will generally be made within three to four weeks after the deadline. If accepted, you will then need to reserve your space in the program by submitting the appropriate confirmation documentation and a \$925.00 non-refundable deposit that will be applied toward your total program cost.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT...

While we believe that a study abroad experience contributes immensely towards your education, we also realize that an overseas or a domestic travel program is not for everyone. We ask you to consider deeply whether a two week cultural and academic experience in Brazil is right for you. Please ask yourself if you are willing to experience new (and sometimes different and/or challenging) customs that may help you understand how people in different parts of the world live and learn.

Please also be aware of the physical and mental demands that a study abroad experience could have and to recognize your own limitations. If accepted into a study abroad program and you have submitted your initial deposit, you will not receive a refund if you decide to withdraw from the program. There will be no refunds given of the initial deposit.

It should also be known that the study abroad programs at NMH are very competitive. Though we would like to accept every individual who applies for a placement, this is just not possible. If you do not receive a study abroad placement next year, we understand that you may feel frustrated or disappointed. Though these feelings can be natural, we encourage you to not be disheartened and to reapply once again in the future.

In addition to the regular cost of tuition, room, and board, students will pay a **program fee** of \$3800.00. *Please see the individual program descriptions as to the requirements, cost, and items to be included for this particular program.*

Do to the competitiveness of study abroad programs, NMH cannot provide assurances that students will be able to participate in the study abroad program of their choice or at all.

If you have any questions, please send us an email at: cie@nmhschool.org, or call us at (413) 498-3251. We look forward to reviewing your application by Wednesday, August 1, 2007.

Les Freeman III
Director, Center of International Education
Northfield Mount Hermon

APPLICATION FOR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

• Brazil •

PLEASE PRINT IN INK

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____
first middle last

Gender ___ M / F ___ Date of Birth _____
(circle one) month/day/year

Country(ies) of citizenship _____

I do do not have a passport valid until November 2008. If you do not have a passport valid until November 2008, a new passport may be needed.

PERMANENT ADDRESS

_____ street

_____ city state postal code

Telephone _____
area code

PROGRAM CHOICE

I am applying for:

Brazil

The following will serve as a reference for me:

1) Faculty _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN #1

Mr. Ms. Mrs. Other _____

Name _____
first middle last

Address _____
street

_____ city state postal code

Home telephone _____
area code

Business telephone _____
area code

Email _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN #2

Mr. Ms. Mrs. Other _____

Name _____
first middle last

Address _____
street same as parent #1?

_____ city state postal code

Home telephone _____
area code

Business telephone _____
area code

Email _____

For office use only: Date Recvd _____

Completed App. yes no

PS FE PA SA

Total #: Alt Dep. Recvd

PERSONAL STATEMENT

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Name of Student (please print): _____

Program applying to: Brazil

PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-4 (BELOW) ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

Your answers, including your personal statement, must be typed. Answer #5 on this sheet.

1. Please attach a short (2-4 paragraph) statement explaining why you wish to participate in a Study Abroad Program. Please consider the following questions in your statement:

Why are you interested in this particular Study Abroad Program? What qualities do you bring to a Study Abroad Program? What do you feel will be the biggest challenge facing you on a Study Abroad Program?

2. Activities/leadership (Please answer on your attached personal statement sheet).

Below your personal statement, please list school activities in which you've participated during the past two years. Please mention positions of leadership.

3. Do you know of students who have taken part in overseas learning? What influence did these people have on you choosing to apply for the program? (Please answer on your attached personal statement sheet).

4. How did you hear about this Study Abroad Program? (Please answer on your attached personal statement sheet).

Going on a Study Abroad Program puts students in new and sometimes difficult or uncomfortable situations, and may challenge long-held beliefs and assumptions. On a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree) please rate how you feel the following words/phrases portray you.

5. Please circle the appropriate number: 1 (Strongly disagree/no) to 5 (Strongly agree/yes)

1 2 3 4 5 **Flexible:** able to adjust to new situations, easy-going, uncomplaining

1 2 3 4 5 **Team player:** consider needs of others, look out for and help others

1 2 3 4 5 **Good people skills:** friendly, get along well with peers, cheerful, positive

1 2 3 4 5 **Open-minded:** curious, non-judgmental, respectful of other cultures

1 2 3 4 5 **Mature:** responsible, able to handle freedom, respectful of rules and authority

1 2 3 4 5 **Hardworking:** volunteer readily, follow through, dependable

1 2 3 4 5 **Resourceful:** have problem solving ability, enterprising, takes initiative

1 2 3 4 5 **Self-disciplined:** punctual, manage time well, organized

1 2 3 4 5 **Understand and am knowledgeable of other cultures**

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PARENT APPROVAL

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My child, _____, is a candidate for admission to the NMH Study

Abroad Program in **Brazil** _____.

I understand that the study abroad programs that NMH offer are very competitive. I have seen the full application and program description and understand the financial, physical, emotional, and educational commitments that the study abroad programs have. I understand that if my child is accepted into a study abroad program and we have submitted the initial deposit, it will not be refunded should we decide to withdraw from the program or if my son or daughter is dismissed from school. There will be no refunds given of the initial deposit. I have discussed this with my son or daughter and by signing this document, I indicate my awareness of and support for my child's candidacy

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____
(please print)

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TEACHER'S EVALUATION

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Student Name: _____

Study Abroad Program: Brazil _____

The above student is a candidate for admission to the Northfield Mount Hermon study abroad program in Brazil. We will appreciate and accept as confidential your assessment of this applicant's readiness for a study abroad experience. If you have any questions please call the Northfield Mount Hermon Center of International Education at (413) 498-3251.

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1. How long have you known this student?

2. The student's academic record in my class is: [] superior [] good [] fair [] poor.
Do you feel that this record is a true measure of the applicant's ability? [] Yes [] No
If not, why?

Student Name: _____

3. How does this student contribute to your class?

4. Would you personally select this student to be part of a group you were leading abroad?
 Yes No Please explain why or why not.

5. Please add any other comments that you feel would be helpful to the Admissions Committee. Please use the back of this sheet if necessary.

6. How would you recommend this student? (check one of the following)
Enthusiastically Strongly Half-heartedly Not at all

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____ Course _____
(please print)

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