GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE PROGRAM
APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR
EXCHANGE PROGRAMS 2010-2011
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Admission

The admission process considers the balance of talents and skills, grades, conduct record, evidence of motivation and clear objectives, ability to work with others, evidence of maturity and independence, and language skills to provide accepted students a high quality experience at every exchange site. Placement is not guaranteed. Every effort will be made to honor your first choice, but you should understand that if accepted for participation in the Global Perspective Program, you might be offered a slot in one of your other choices. All applications received before the submission deadline are reviewed on an equal basis. Late applications may not be reviewed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Eligibility

All applicants must be in good academic standing at the time of application. Sophomores are eligible to apply for exchange programs. First-year students are not eligible to apply for exchange programs.

Checklist for Application

The following checklist can be used as a guide for submitting a complete application. All applicants must provide the following items:

- Completed application
- Signed transcript and judicial record release form
- Signed Conditions of Application Statement
- Essay
- Schedule for interview

Application Instructions

A) Before applying, please discuss the program with your parents, academic advisor and the Financial Aid Office and any other party responsible for your funding.

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C) Read and sign the enclosed Conditions of Application Statement. Signing the statement indicates an agreement to adhere to the stated policies. You may discuss these obligations by contacting the Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division (IGSD).

D) Sign the enclosed transcript and judicial record release form. If you have extensive academic experience at any other institution, it is your responsibility to obtain a transcript and include it with your application. Otherwise your application will not be considered complete.

E) Complete the essay portion of the application. All essays should be typewritten and approximately 700 words in length. The quality of this essay is a factor in determining your acceptance to the program. Be sure to include your name and student ID number (not your Social Security Number) in the upper-right corner of each page. Applicants to programs in Germany: Please write your autobiographical essay in German if you are in your second year of German study and in English if you are in your first year.

F) Upon submission of all application materials to the IGSD, you will be required to schedule an interview with the faculty member responsible for the Exchange Site.

G) Your application will be considered only after your interview is completed and all other application materials are submitted. Failure to follow through with your interview will result in your application being rejected. The IGSD will provide each applicant with instructions for how to schedule individual interviews at the time of application.
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The following table lists available Exchange Programs for the 2010/2011 academic year. Exchange programs that have a language requirement will request additional proof of language abilities. In Exchange Programs, the emphasis is on course work, and project availability is dependent upon the accessibility of faculty advisors at WPI and at the host institution.

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<th>Exchange Program Site</th>
<th>WPI Faculty Advisor</th>
<th>Host Language</th>
<th>Courses in English Available</th>
<th>Minimum Length of Stay</th>
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<td>École Polytechnique, Montréal, Québec, Canada</td>
<td>Prof. Addison</td>
<td>French</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Semester</td>
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<td>Humanities</td>
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<td>Hochschule Konstanz – University of Applied Science</td>
<td>Prof. Dollenmayer</td>
<td>German</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Prof. Ulrike Brisson</td>
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<td>Technical College, Munich, Germany</td>
<td>Prof. Dollenmayer</td>
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<td>10/27/10</td>
<td>Exchange application for Konstanz University (Germany) applicants due.</td>
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<td>9/24/10</td>
<td>Exchange application for Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden), Technical College Munich (Germany) &amp; École Polytechnique, Montréal applicants due.</td>
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<td>9/25 – 11/23/10</td>
<td>Exchange info sessions and interviews completed (Please contact the WPI faculty advisor directly to schedule these.)</td>
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<td>Various</td>
<td>Decision letters mailed to WPI box.</td>
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<td>12/10/10</td>
<td>Participant Statement of Agreement due in IGSD.</td>
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The Selection Committee will consider late applications only on a space-available basis after all other decisions have been made.

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CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

NOTE: Your application is incomplete unless this form is filled out in its entirety and returned to the IGSD by 1:00 pm on October 27, 2010.

By signing this statement, the student applicant accepts the following conditions of application:

- The application process is not complete without a personal interview; students are responsible for contacting the WPI faculty advisor and scheduling an interview. Students with incomplete applications will not be interviewed.

- Selection of participants will be made by the WPI Faculty Exchange Advisors or their designate(s) and the IGSD staff. Off-campus experiences are very demanding and the selection is very competitive. The admission process considers the balance of talents and skills, grades, conduct record, evidence of motivation and clear objectives, ability to work with others, evidence of maturity and independence, and language skills to provide accepted students a high quality experience at each site. Placement is not guaranteed.

- Whenever possible, the Program will try to accommodate special needs. In some cases, however, this is not possible. The safety of our students will take priority over all other considerations in the selection of students, site selection, and housing arrangements.

- WPI reserves the right to cancel any program at any time in the event of circumstances beyond our control. Cancellation by WPI would result in refund of recoverable tuition, fees, and housing costs paid by participants before the beginning of a program.

- WPI reserves the right to withdraw an offer of acceptance to any student who voluntarily or involuntarily leaves WPI, violates the WPI Code of Conduct or is found to have falsified the application.

- Applicants submitting applications by the deadline and participating in an interview will be mailed notification of their acceptance status to the address specified on the application by December 1, 2010. Your confirmation of acceptance into the Exchange program will be due by December 10, 2010 by 1:00 p.m. Late applicants are notified of acceptance or status on a rolling basis.

- Applicants participating in the Program agree to attend all pre-departure and re-entry meetings and/or courses as established by WPI. These preparations may include, but are not limited to, the following: Pre-Qualifying Project (PQP) work; courses; orientation meetings; information sessions and re-entry meetings.

- Applicants must be in good academic standing at the time of application. WPI reserves the right to withdraw acceptance to students who are subsequently placed on academic warning. Students placed on academic probation are not eligible to apply or participate.

- Host sponsors may impose additional requirements including but not limited to drug screening and by signing, the student agrees to abide by these requirements.

I have read and accept the above conditions of application.

Applicant signature  Date

Printed name  Date of birth*

If participant is under 18 years of age, both parents and/or legal guardians must also read and sign this form.

We the parents or legal guardians of the above Applicant, have read the foregoing Conditions of Application Form (including such parts as may subject me to personal financial responsibility), and will be legally responsible for the obligations and acts of the Applicant as described in this Conditions of Application Form, and agree, for myself and for the Applicant, to be bound by its terms.

Signature of parent/guardian  Date

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Mandatory Essay:

Please insert a computer generated copy of your mandatory essay (instructions to follow). The essay should be approximately 700 words and must contain your name and student ID number (not your Social Security Number) in the upper-right corner of each page.

Essay Instructions:

Please submit an autobiographical essay that describes you and your interests, talents, and skills as well as all extracurricular activities, work and volunteer experiences. This is your chance to let the selection committee know what you could contribute to the Global Perspective Program, and to the host institution, should you be selected to participate. The quality of your writing in response to this question is a factor in determining your acceptance to the program.

You are encouraged to write this essay in the language of the host institution, if appropriate (French, German or Spanish). Applicants to programs in Germany: Please write your autobiographical essay in German if you are in your second year of German study and in English if you are in your first year.

References:

Please provide the names, phone numbers and email addresses of two WPI references (faculty member or administrator). These people should know you well and may be contacted by the IGSD for a recommendation.

Name of WPI Reference:  
Phone:  
Email address:  
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Phone:  
Email address:  

Language:

First language:  

Do you have 2nd language experience or education?  
Yes  
No  
If yes, please specify what language(s) and level of study you’ve completed (high school, university, etc.)

Please specify your Humanities and Arts topic and language

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**Transcript and Judicial Release Form**

**NOTE:** Your application is incomplete unless this section is filled out in its entirety and returned to the IGSD.

By signing this release form, you authorize the WPI Registrar’s Office to provide a summary of your WPI academic record to the IGSD. This information will be used expressly for the determination of admission and continued eligibility to the Global Perspective Program. You also authorize the Office of Student Life to release any records of judicial proceedings resulting from violation of the WPI campus code of conduct. **Review of these records will be part of determining your eligibility for the program.**

I authorize the WPI Registrar’s Office and Student Life Office to release my records to the IGSD and to provide information to monitor my satisfactory academic progress.

To review the Global Perspective Program’s policy on student judicial record review please click [here](#).

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**Signature**

**Date**

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**Waiver of Access to Recommendation/Evaluation**

The undersigned understands that as part of his/her application for participation in the Global Perspective Program, he/she will be evaluated by one or more faculty members who may provide a written evaluation/recommendation.

I waive do not waive my right to see the written recommendation.

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**Signature**

**Date**

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**Transfer Transcript Request Form**

To be completed by TRANSFER STUDENTS only

By signing this release form, you authorize the WPI Registrar’s Office to provide a transcript from your previous institution to the IGSD. This information will be used expressly for the determination of admission and continued eligibility to the Global Perspective Program. **I authorize the WPI Registrar’s Office to release my transcript to the IGSD.**

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**Student’s full name**

**Student number**

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**Signature**

**Date**