

## Intercultural/Diversity Experience Proposal Form

### Investigating a program

- I. Begin with an introductory sentence stating when you met with Sue Mennicke and what program was discussed.

For the proposal, write one paragraph addressing each of the following questions:

1. Describe the program, including the application date, the dates of the program, the location, the anticipated living situation, and any academic component. Why did you choose this program? How does the program fulfill your needs and/or goals: academic, Paideia, lifelong, financial?
  2. What do you think will be most interesting and/or challenging about being in the culture that you've chosen?
- II. Final proposal (This second part will be completed at a later date as directed by your Paideia Professor. This is the proposal format to use once you have decided upon the program.):

Write one paragraph describing the program. Include the application date, the dates of the program, the location, the anticipated living situation, and any academic component.

Using approximately one page each, addressing the following questions:

1. Why did you choose this program? How does the program fulfill your needs and/or goals (academic, Paideia, lifelong)?
  2. In what ways have you prepared and/or will you prepare for the intercultural/diversity experience you have chosen? (Particular Paideia experiences such as readings and/or intercultural/diversity experiences may be relevant).
  3. What do you think will be most interesting and/or challenging about being in the culture that you have chosen?
- III. Turn in copies of final proposal to Paideia Professor and Sue Mennicke, Director of Intercultural Learning.

### **Intercultural/Diversity Experience Petition for Exceptions**

As stated on the *Brief Guidelines for Students* (regarding the intercultural/diversity experience), the anchoring intercultural/diversity experience must be an immersive, residential experience away from Southwestern University and will normally:

- Earn academic credit.
- Be a “cultural stretch” for the student. (That is, the experience should occur outside of the United States and Canada and should, ideally, incorporate a foreign language)
- Be at least one semester in length.
- Occur during the junior year.
- Be from a selected list of programs.

If a Scholar decides on a program that does not meet these criteria\*, s/he needs to respond to the questions below, specifically addressing why the program is appropriate for both the Scholar’s needs and for fulfillment of the Paideia Intercultural/Diversity Experience. The Scholar should work with her/his Paideia Professor and with Sue Mennicke in preparing this response.

(Examples of exceptional circumstances include: study during a semester other than in the junior year, participation in a program without academic credit, deviation from the approved list of programs, etc.)

Please prepare a brief, written response to the following questions. The response must state specific reasons for the proposed deviation from the requirement(s). Always address how the exception, if granted, will affect (positively or negatively) the “normal” intercultural/diversity experience of a Paideia Scholar. Also indicate how the proposed change will influence the overall Paideia Plan (including the academic degree plan).

1. Briefly describe the proposed intercultural/diversity experience and explain how it differs from the guidelines listed above.
2. How and why will the challenged requirement (as stated in the guidelines) significantly impede the intercultural/diversity experience plan (or another aspect of the Paideia Plan)?
3. How and why will the change improve the intercultural/diversity experience OR the overall Paideia Plan?

The reviewing committee may consult with the student's professor and may, if the committee chooses, meet in person with the student and/or the professor.

Please return to: Dr. David Gaines, Associate Professor and Director of the Paideia Program, MBH 110. OR [gainesd@southwestern.edu](mailto:gainesd@southwestern.edu)

\*If you are proposing to study in an English-speaking country, or if you are proposing to attend a summer session of at least three weeks in duration, then you do NOT need to complete or submit this form to David Gaines. Instead, submit and discuss your proposal with your Paideia Professor.