

**MIDDLE EAST MOSAICS: CARLETON SEMINAR IN EGYPT, TURKEY, AND MOROCCO
Winter 2008**

Faculty Leaders: Dana Strand, Steve Strand, and Rob Oden

Application Deadline: Monday, February 19, 2007

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

1. The **APPLICATION** should be completed by the applicant and returned to the French Department, LDC 340 by 4:30 PM on Monday, February 19, 2007. **Please use a word processor to complete this application.**
2. The **LETTERS OF REFERENCE**, academic and personal, should be given to (1) a faculty member who can assess your academic performance, motivation, and ability to work in a group and (2) another person (work supervisor, resident advisor, etc.) who knows your personal qualities. Leave the appropriate form with the faculty member willing to write for you and request that it be returned by the application deadline. It is the responsibility of each applicant to see that all materials are submitted by the application deadline, **Monday, February 19, 2007**. Professors Dana Strand and Steve Strand cannot act on any file that is incomplete.
3. A **TRANSCRIPT** of your Carleton work-to-date should be supplied with this application. Download your transcript from the Registrar's webpage at <http://www.carleton.edu/campus/registrar/transcripts.html>
4. Applicants for Carleton programs should know that the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act prevents release of information which is professionally confidential to the Health Service or Counseling Center at Carleton but allows disclosure to faculty of information held in student files elsewhere within the College if it is determined to be of legitimate educational interest. Certain information from files in the office of the Dean of Students, for example, might be available if sought by faculty directors. A student who may be concerned about any information that might affect consideration of his/her place in a Carleton program has the right to provide his/her own interpretation of that information and is urged to discuss these concerns directly with the faculty directors.
5. A personal **INTERVIEW** will be scheduled with Professors Dana Strand and Steve Strand. Eligibility criteria that will be considered during the selection process include faculty recommendations, satisfactory completion of academic prerequisites, GPA, academic and personal reasons for participation, interest and ability to engage in intercultural experiences, compliance with College policies, and personal qualities (maturity, responsibility for personal safety issues, adaptability and flexibility, ability to contribute to and engage with the group, ability to deal with stress, long hours of travel, and inconveniences, physical stamina, conscientiousness, and punctuality).
6. Students will be informed in writing of decisions on their application.
7. Students admitted to the seminar will be expected to confirm their intention to participate by signature on a letter of agreement, due no later than **Friday, September 14, 2007**. The health form will be due no later than **Tuesday, October 16, 2007**.

NOTES:

1. A **HEALTH FORM** is NOT required for the College before admission to a Carleton off-campus program. On acceptance to a program, students will be asked to complete a health history for the College to aid the faculty director in preparing an appropriate environment to deal with any current health problems and/or to help the director or others respond on your behalf should you become ill abroad.
2. Regarding **HEALTH INSURANCE**, Carleton makes the same requirement off-campus as on: that all students will carry insurance to cover them for the duration of their enrollment. If accepted into this program, you will be required to ascertain that your current insurance will cover you abroad and to take out additional coverage for the period of the seminar if it does not.
3. A student with a **DISABILITY** that may affect participation should discuss necessary accommodations as soon as possible with the Academic Accommodations Coordinator and the seminar faculty director.

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Please complete the following spaces by printing clearly:

Name _____ Year of Graduation _____ M/F _____

Permanent address (City, State, Zip & Country) _____

_____ Home phone _____

Email address _____ Student ID number _____

Major (or intended major) _____ Citizenship _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper, typed or word-processed. Be sure to number your answers to correspond with the numbers below:

1. Your name.
2. List the names of your parent(s)/guardian(s), address(es), & telephone number(s) at work and home.
3. List by name and term other off-campus study program(s) you have gone on or intend to go on.
4. List the courses in which you are *currently* enrolled (put an "*" by the courses that will apply to your major).
5. List the courses you plan to enroll in *before departure* on this program (put an "*" by the courses that will apply to your major).
6. List the name and department of the Carleton faculty member who will complete your academic reference (see enclosed), and the name, title, and phone number of the person who will complete your personal reference (see enclosed).

Essay questions:

7. Why do you want to participate in this program?
8. Why do you think you would make a good participant? What do you think you could contribute to the group experience?
9. We will be visiting three very different countries, with different languages, cultural traditions, and political and social histories. There will also be a number of excursions that will call for a certain amount of stamina. Please indicate whether you think you will have any difficulty adjusting to the physical and psychological demands of the program.
10. Because of the cultural norms and different regional cuisines, we may not be able to accommodate diverse dietary requirements, such as veganism. Please explain how you will deal with this situation.
11. Is there anything else you think the directors of the program should know about you?

Endorsement by your faculty adviser and signature:

"We have discussed this off-campus studies program in the context of this student's academic goals. This student can participate in this program and meet *all* graduation requirements within the usual 12 academic terms."

Adviser's signature _____

Please print: Name _____

Department _____ Phone _____

**⊗ Attach an unofficial transcript,
available on the Registrar's web page, to this application.
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**PERSONAL LETTER OF REFERENCE
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PERSONAL REFERENCE for _____
(student's name)

I hereby waive my right of access to the information contained in this recommendation, thereby ensuring the confidential nature of your comments.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Studying abroad requires emotional maturity, self-discipline, and a certain amount of physical stamina; participants must be able to adjust to different cultural influences, function as an active member of a group, keep up with a rigorous schedule, and at the same time, maintain academic work of high quality.

DIRECTIONS: Please place a mark at the point that best describes your impression of the student:

1. FLEXIBILITY: How does the student adjust to new situations?

/ _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ /
(no chance to observe) With a great deal of difficulty With little or no difficulty

2. COLLEGIALITY: How easily will the student get along with other Carleton students and staff people?

/ _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ /
(no chance to observe) With a great deal of difficulty With little or no difficulty

3. STAMINA: How will the student adjust to a physically demanding schedule?

/ _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ /
(no chance to observe) With a great deal of difficulty With little or no difficulty

4. CURIOSITY: How inquisitive will the student be in both academic and non-academic settings?

/ _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ /
(no chance to observe) Not very inquisitive Very inquisitive

5. OVERALL RECOMMENDATION: How would you summarize your overall recommendation?

- _____ I recommend this student with enthusiasm.
- _____ I recommend this student, although I have a few reservations.
- _____ I cannot recommend this student--I don't have enough information.
- _____ I cannot recommend this student--maybe another program, another time.

Please add any comments that might help the director (but don't feel obliged to fill this space if the questions above meet your needs).

Signature

Date

Please Print

Name

Phone

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8. COURTESY: How thoughtful, respectful, and tactful will the student be in dealing with people of markedly different religions and political views?

/ _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ /
(no chance to observe) not very courteous very courteous

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