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?

/________________/_________________/_________________/_____________/_________________/With little or no difficulty
(no chance to observe) With a great deal of difficulty

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

/________________/_________________/_________________/_____________/_________________/With little or no difficulty
(no chance to observe) With a great deal of difficulty

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

/________________/_________________/_________________/_____________/_________________/With little or no difficulty
(no chance to observe) With a great deal of difficulty

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

/________________/_________________/_________________/_____________/Very inquisitive
(no chance to observe) Not 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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1. CRITICAL SKILLS: Assess the student’s abilities at critical reading and writing.
   /
   (no chance very weak excellent)
   to observe)

2. DISCUSSION SKILLS: Does the student participate adequately and appropriately?
   /
   (no chance very weak excellent)
   to observe)

3. RESPONSIBILITY & PUNCTUALITY: How would you gauge this student on these points?
   /
   (no chance very weak excellent)
   to observe)

4. FLEXIBILITY: How does the student adjust to new situations?
   /
   (no chance with a great deal with little or no
to observe) of difficulty difficulty

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(no chance to observe) with a great deal of difficulty with little or no difficulty

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

(no chance to observe) not very inquisitive very inquisitive

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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