



# Study Abroad Application - Panama

## Valdosta State University

Center for International Programs

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**Program Dates:** June 7<sup>th</sup> - June 29<sup>th</sup> 2014

**COST:** \$2,930

**Directions:** Complete all blanks, sign the form, and return it to the Center for International Programs. Provide 1 passport-sized photo and make a \$200 deposit to VSU through the Study Abroad website at:

<http://www.valdosta.edu/cip/study-abroad/panama.php>

**NOTE: Application will not be complete until the student has paid the \$200 deposit online.**

### A. Personal Information

**Name**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Mailing Address**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Apartment and/or Street Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address**  
(Mail will be sent to this address after May 1, 2014)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Apartment and/or Street Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Numbers** \_\_\_\_\_ **VSU ID #** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Area Code + Current Number \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code + Permanent Number \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Day/Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Information**  
**List chronic conditions, allergies or other special health concerns and all prescription medications that you need**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Street Number/Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact's E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Passport Information

**Country of Citizenship** \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for a passport

I have a current passport \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issue \_\_\_\_\_

**Name EXACTLY as printed in the passport**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Academic Information

**College/University currently attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **Classification** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA** \_\_\_\_\_ (Fr. Soph, Jr, Sr, Graduate )

**Major** \_\_\_\_\_ **Minor** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a HOPE grant to attend college in Georgia?  Yes  No

Are you an Honors Student?  Yes  No

## D. Course Selection and Registration Information

You may earn up to 8 semester hours of academic credit. The credit you receive and the specific course for which you receive credit will depend on the institution where you register.

- GEOG 1101 - Intro to Human Geography (3 credits)\*
- PERS 2699 - Basic Spanish for Health Professionals (2 credits)
- POLS 2401 - Global Issues (3 credits)\*
- SPAN 1001 - Beginning Spanish Language and Introduction to Hispanic Cultures I (3 credits)
- SPAN 1002 - Beginning Spanish Language and Introduction to Hispanic Cultures II (3 credits)
- SPAN 1111 - Intensive Spanish Language (3 credits)
- SPAN 2001 - Intermediate Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultures I (3 credits)
- SPAN 2002 - Intermediate Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultures II (3 credits)
- SPAN 2010 - Intermediate Grammar (3 credits)
- SPAN 2011 - Intermediate Conversation (1 credit)
- SPAN 3010 - Conversation and Composition (3 credits)
- SPAN 3012 - Applied Spanish Conversation (3 credits)
- SPAN 3160 - Latin American Civilization and Culture (3 credits)
- SPAN 3200 - Intro to Hispanic Literature (3 credits)
- SPAN 3270 - Survey of Latin American Literature II (3 credits)
- SPAN 4010 - Advanced Grammar (3 credits)
- SPAN 4020 - Advanced Conversation (3 credits)
- SPAN 4020 - Special Topics (3 credits)
- SPAN 4950 - Directed Study (3 credits)
- SPAN 4980 - Community Practicum (1 credit)

**Note: VSU tuition is not covered in the cost of the program.**

**\* Will be taught by ABAC Faculty**

## E. Authorization and Waiver of Liability

**Read and sign the following statement:**

I acknowledge that participation in a study abroad program involves some risk of injury, illness, or loss of personal property. I agree to release and forever discharge the institution through which I am registering for the program Valdosta State University and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually, and its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all claims, demands, rights, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, arising from and by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injuries, including death, damages to property and the consequences thereof, resulting from my participation in the Summer 2014 program in Panama and related activities. I also agree to allow my Banner account to be charged program and tuition fees and agree to pay all tuition and fees associated with participation in the program.

**I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I am in good health and physically capable of undertaking an intensive program of foreign study; any medical or health-related problems have been explicitly described in this application.**

I further agree that I shall be subject to the supervision and authority of the faculty member in charge, and to standards of conduct stipulated by the Panama 2014 faculty, Valdosta State University, and my home institution. I further acknowledge that the supervising faculty or program director has sole authority to make decisions regarding the continued participation of any individual in the program whose conduct may necessitate disciplinary action. I understand that should I be dismissed from the program for not following the standards of conduct, I am responsible for arranging and paying for any additional costs to return home to the U.S.

I further authorize the supervising faculty or program director to obtain and provide medical treatment and/or services that I may require during the study abroad program.

Finally, I am aware that the deadline for submission of this application is April 2, 2014 and I agree to abide by the deadlines for fee payment as follows:

November 1, 2013	\$200 (deposit)
February 15, 2014	\$1,365 (first payment)
April 1, 2014	\$1,365 (final payment)





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#### Student Statement of Responsibility Regarding International Programs

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I hereby acknowledge that I am a student at Valdosta State University (the University) have read the above text carefully before signing and in consideration for being permitted to participate in the program, I agree to all of the statements below:

1. I have or will secure health insurance to provide adequate coverage for any injuries or illnesses that I may sustain or experience while participating in the Panama Study Abroad program ("program") from June 1 to June 23, 2014, including but not limited to coverage for medical evacuation and repatriation of remains. By my signature below, I certify that my health care coverage will adequately cover me while outside the United States, and hereby release the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia ("Board of Regents"), Valdosta State University (the University), and the employees and agents of either, from any responsibility or liability for expenses incurred by me for injuries or illnesses (including death) that I may incur because of those injuries or illnesses.
2. I understand that although the University will attempt to maintain the program as described in its publications and brochures, it reserves the right to change the program, including the itinerary, travel arrangements, or accommodations at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and that neither the Board of Regents, nor the University, or the employees and agents of either, shall be responsible or liable for any expenses or losses that I may sustain because of these changes.
4. All charges due must be paid according to the regularly scheduled billing as stipulated in the application, and participants are responsible for the timely payment of all other charges incurred by them or on their behalf while on the program. The undersigned agrees to allow his/her Banner account to be charged program and tuition fees and agrees to pay all tuition and fees associated with participation in the program and assumes responsibility for any damages, losses, or charges for extra services in his/her accommodations or the common areas and grounds of the host institution/provider which may result from his/her actions or omissions.
4. I authorize supervising personnel to obtain and provide medical treatment and/or services that I may require during the study abroad program. I authorize the host institution or the program director to communicate in emergency situations with the contact person(s) provided in my application materials.
5. I understand that during free time within the period of the program and after the period of the program I may elect to travel independently at my own expense. I agree to inform supervising personnel of my travel plans and understand that neither the host institution, VSU, nor program staff are responsible for me while I am traveling independently during such free time.
6. I understand that I shall be subject to, and agree to obey the laws, regulations, and policies of the HOST country (Panama) and institutions in which the program is hosted. I further acknowledge that the faculty will have the authority to make decisions regarding the continued participation of any individual in the program whose conduct may necessitate disciplinary action.
7. I also acknowledge that that the policies and procedures of VSU shall govern my participation in the program, and agree to obey such policies and procedures at all times. I understand that the University reserves the right to decline to retain me in the program at any time should my actions or general behavior, in the sole discretion of the University, be determined to impede or obstruct the progress of the program in any way.

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Full Name of Student

Student's Signature

Date



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### Acknowledgment of VSU Alcohol and Drugs Policies on Study Abroad

The following policies seek to apply USG and USG member institutions' policies in overseas settings where U.S. law cannot be enforced.

1. Valdosta State University (VSU) has a zero-tolerance policy regarding the purchase, sale, possession or consumption of drugs other than those permitted in the program's host country and prescribed by a physician. Students found to be in possession of or who have purchased, sold, or consumed any illegal drugs or have misused any prescribed drugs, will be removed from the program at the student's expense and without any refund.
2. Alcohol misuse or abuse will also not be tolerated and may lead to expulsion from the study abroad program at the student's expense and without any refund. In addition, the student may face removal from his/her home university and other disciplinary action.
3. Alcohol misuse is defined as alcohol consumption that is harmful or potentially harmful to the program participant or others. Alcohol abuse is misuse that is consistent and systematic. Alcohol misuse may include but is not limited to any of the following behaviors caused by alcohol consumption:
  - a. Absence from academic activities or events;
  - b. Illness or incapacitation;
  - c. Loud, abusive, inappropriate or disrespectful behavior;
  - d. Destruction of property;
  - e. Disobeying the host countries laws and regulations; and
  - f. Purchasing or transporting large amounts of alcohol for personal or shared consumption.
4. Students are expected to abide by the alcohol and drug laws of the country or countries where they are studying or traveling. It is the responsibility of the students to learn and understand the laws and regulations of their host country or countries. Regulatory information for various countries is available at the U.S. State Department's "Consular Information Sheets" ([http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis\\_1765.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis_1765.html))

By signing below, I agree that I understand the alcohol and drug policies of the VSU Study Abroad program and agree to abide by them.

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Full Name of Student

Student's Signature

Date