Ross Undergraduate Global Semester Exchange Program

Program Commitment

Once a student has accepted the offer to study abroad through the Ross Global Semester Exchange Program, the spot will be considered filled and it will not be offered to another student. Given the competitive nature of the program, it is important that you consider your study abroad offer carefully prior to accepting.

If you take a spot in the exchange program and then withdraw, you are ultimately penalizing your fellow peers. That is because by committing to the program, we are assuming that you plan to study abroad and we will send your information to the partner school accordingly. The exchange program is based on spots available at partner schools each year and once we have sent your information to the partner school, that spot is considered filled. The partner school will then start working with you to get you registered for classes, housing, student visa, etc. So if you accept a spot but then withdraw later, you are preventing one of your classmates from having that spot and studying abroad.

So if you are planning to withdraw late from the program, you should inform Global Initiatives as soon as possible. If a student withdraws by October 1st, we will work hard to fill the spot with another student from the waitlist. Students from the waitlist will be contacted on an individual basis and, therefore, we ask that students hold off contacting Global Initiatives if they hear of a possible late withdrawal. Additionally, if a spot becomes available based on a late withdrawal, we will give an offer to a student from the waitlist based on the quality of their application and their ranking on the waitlist.

While we will work hard to fill any late withdrawal spots, many of the partner schools are not able to accept a new student after mid-August. This is because they have strict deadlines for student visas, housing, course registration, etc. Given this, there is the chance that the spot would remain unfilled for that year and this will result in an empty spot that could have been filled by one of your classmates.

Also, we want you to be aware that there is a penalty fee associated with late withdrawals. If you withdraw from the program after fully committing you must email Global Initiatives, stating in full the reason for the late withdrawal. Students who withdraw late will be charged a fee in order to recoup costs associated with late withdrawals. Fees are determined by the withdrawal date:

- $500 – withdrawals in June & July
- $1,000 – withdrawals in August & September
- $1,500 – withdrawals in October - January

With all of this in mind, we ask that you seriously consider your semester abroad offer prior to confirming. Please don’t confirm with the idea of having an option to go abroad – we want you to be fully committed to the program if you accept.