

**Application for Alternative Spring Break and International Immersion**

**Questions about Alternative Spring Break or International Immersions?**

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Please print clearly, and return your application by Monday, Sept. 24, to the Mang House (next to Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel) by 5 p.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a (circle one):      Freshman      Sophomore      Junior      Senior

*Note that you must be a full-time undergraduate student at St. Edward's University to participate in these programs.*

Did you attend an info session?      Yes       No

**Please rank the following immersions in the order of your top three preferences, with one representing your first choice and three your third choice. While all efforts will be made to accommodate applicant preferences, we cannot guarantee everyone their first choice. You must have participated in Alternative Spring Break prior to applying for an International Immersion. Applicants cannot participate in both programs simultaneously.**

**Alternative Spring Break:**

\_\_\_ Br. David Darst Center for Peace and Justice: Chicago, Illinois

\_\_\_ Andre House: Phoenix, Arizona

\_\_\_ Center for Action and Contemplation/Border Experience: Albuquerque, New Mexico and Juarez, Mexico

\_\_\_ Glenmary Farm: Vanceburg, Kentucky (Appalachia)

\_\_\_ Manhattan Comprehensive Night and Day School: Manhattan and the Bronx, New York

**International Immersion:**

\_\_\_ Fe Y Alegria: Canto Grande, Peru

\_\_\_ Abhayadhama Human Development Center: Bangalore, India

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### I am willing to ... (circle your responses)

- Yes | No** Attend the mandatory retreats for those accepted on Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Jan. 27 from 2 to 6 p.m.
- Yes | No** Attend and participate fully in all pre-immersion meetings.
- Yes | No** Be responsible for payments and participate in the fundraiser(s).  
*Alternative Spring Break payment deadlines are Nov. 3 (\$150) and Jan. 27 (\$235).  
Payment deadlines for the international immersions are being determined.*
- Yes | No** Participate and share in prayer/reflection throughout the experience.
- Yes | No** Be open to the overall experiences of this immersion.
- Yes | No** Attend the reunion gathering upon return on Sunday, March 30, at 5 p.m. in Maloney Room.
- Yes | No** Have fun!

### On a separate page, respond briefly (three to five sentences) and honestly to each question below. Please type your responses.

1. Have you ever been to the site for which you are applying?
2. Describe yourself as a person. What are your strengths and weaknesses and how do you relate to other people?
3. While we do not require a specific faith, we do ask that participants be open to some type of faith, spirituality or prayer. Please describe the role faith or spirituality plays at this point in your life. How is this connected to your desire to perform service and work for justice?
4. How comfortable are you sharing in a group of seven to 10 people? Please explain.
5. Have you had any experience with people of cultures and ethnic backgrounds that differ from your own? Please describe these experiences. What have they taught you?
6. Please describe an experience in which you were forced out of your "comfort zone." How did you deal with this? How do you let people know if you are uncomfortable?
7. What single most important hope or expectation do you have for this immersion?
8. Are there any particular reasons that you have ranked your immersion preferences in this way?
9. What would you contribute to this experience?
10. If you are applying for an international immersion, which Alternative Spring Break did you participate in? What did you learn from that experience?

All applications will be reviewed following the deadline. A select number of applicants will be contacted to begin an interview process the week of Oct. 4.

Considerations that are taken in accepting applicants for Alternative Spring Break and international immersions include:

- Meeting the application deadline (5 p.m. on Sept. 24)
- Responsibility of payment by assigned deadlines
- Commitment to the process and experience

In addition, we seek participants with varied experiences — representing diversity in all its forms and levels is important to the success of the program.