

DOUGLAS COLLEGE

2012 Belize Field School Student Application Form

Applicant Name: _____ Student #: _____

STUDY ABROAD IN BELIZE – 9 Douglas College Credits in 8 weeks

Regional Geography of Latin America (GEOG 1190) – 3 credits – Michael McPhee

Social Issues (SOCI 1155) – 3 credits – Siobhan Ashe

Anthropology 150 (Introduction to Mayan Pre-history) * – Sherry Gibbs, Galen University, Belize

* transfers to Douglas College as a 3-credit 1st-Year Anthropology course

Program Period: May 1 – June 25

Weeks #1-3: Classes at New Westminster Campus

Weeks #4-7: Classes at Galen University (San Ignacio, Belize) with course related field trips and excursions

Week #8: Caribbean beach excursion

Program Fee:** \$3000 to be confirmed

** **Includes** the following items and services for the Belize portion of the program: Tuition for Galen University course, Belize student visa, airport transfers, all accommodations, most meals, program field trips and excursions, and travel medical insurance. **Excludes** passport application, tuition for Douglas College courses, airfare, some meals, recommended vaccinations and/or medicines, airport transfers in Vancouver and personal expenses.

Early Bird Discount: \$100 off Program Fee if completed application is received by **4pm on Friday, February 10, 2012.**

Application Deadline: 4pm on Thursday, April 5, 2012

Program Fee Payment Deadline: Friday, April 13, 2012*

*Program Fee, airfare and Douglas College tuition & other student fees will be due on different dates.

Deposit: A \$500 deposit is required at the time of application payable by cash, cheque made payable to “Douglas College” or credit card. This amount is refundable only if Douglas College cancels this program.

Financial Aid:

Applicants on a BC Student Loan for the Winter 2012 semester can apply for an extension for this program. Please contact the Financial Aid Office www.douglascollege.ca/services/financial-aid for more information.

Only complete applications will be accepted. Completed applications consist of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Contact | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 clear photocopies of your passport*
(photo and signature pages) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> Release of Liability | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unofficial transcript(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Deposit | |

*** If you do not have a passport or have one that will expire within 6 months of your date of return to Canada, please submit all your other application materials now and apply for a passport at least two months before departure. Upon receiving your new passport, please submit two clear photocopies to the Douglas International office, Room 2800, New Westminster Campus.**

Submit completed application forms with \$500 deposit in person, or by mail to:

Karen Ng, Douglas International, Room 2800, Douglas College, Box 2503, New Westminster, BC V3L 5B2.

DO NOT send cash in the mail.

Questions? Please contact faculty **Michael McPhee** at mcpheem@douglascollege.ca / 604-527-5202 / 604-777-6008;
faculty **Siobhan Ashe** at ashes@douglascollege.ca / 604-527-5319 / 604-777-6159; or
Karen Ng, Douglas College International at ngk@douglascollege.ca / 604-527-5844.

SECTION I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Please inform the Registrar of any changes to the information you provide below as soon as possible.
Please print clearly in ink below.**

Name: _____ Student #: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Note: Some courses require students be a minimum of 18 years of age. Check with your Faculty Leader to confirm whether there is a minimum age requirement for this course.

Current Student? Yes / No Douglas College? Yes / No

If you are currently enrolled at another school please list: _____

Program of Study: _____ Level/Year _____

Current Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Canadian Citizen?: Yes / No If yes, Canadian passport # _____

Non-Canadian Citizen:

(Country of Citizenship) (Immigration status / category) (Passport number)

PLEASE NOTE: Attendance is central to the field school experience and students are expected to attend all classes regularly. Students who do not complete assigned work or who otherwise fail to demonstrate progress in their studies and/or who do not attend classes may be ineligible to continue their studies abroad.

SECTION II: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please provide a typewritten personal statement not exceeding 500 words that includes,

- your reasons for interest in the program
- how the program will benefit you academically and personally and help you meet you educational and/or career goals
- a description of your personal character and ability to adapt to and benefit from an international experience
- any special circumstances and/or achievements you would like considered

Cite supporting examples whenever possible.

Applicants may be interviewed as part of the adjudication process.

SECTION III: TRANSCRIPT

Please provide an unofficial transcript(s) of your post-secondary studies to date.

**SECTION V: RELEASE OF LIABILITY,
WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

If applicant is under 19 years of age at the time of signing, the initial boxes and signature space below must be completed by BOTH the applicant and his/her parent or legal guardian. The Signature Witness must be 19 years of age or older and must be a third person.

WARNING: BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Participant's Name
(herein after called "Participant")

(Telephone)

(Student Number)

(Street Address)

(City)

(Province)

(Postal Code)

(Program Name)

(Program dates)

PREAMBLE

The Douglas College _____ (the Program) is a valuable educational opportunity, but it is not without potential risks, dangers, hazards and liabilities to all Participants. These include, but are not limited to, personal injury, death, property damage, delay or inconvenience, expense and other loss, and cancellation or curtailment of the Program itself. All persons taking part in the Program are required to accept these and all other risks as a condition of their participation. Douglas College, its instructors, employees, servants, agents, successors, administrators, assigns, and contractors (hereinafter referred to as Douglas College) will not accept any liability for injury, loss, damage or expense suffered by any Participant as a result of participation in the Program.

The information set forth in this agreement is intended to enable the Participant to better understand and accept the various risks involved. All Participants will be required to sign this Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement, which will release Douglas College from any future claims which might arise as a result of participation in the Program. All applicants should be aware that they are not required to participate in the Program to complete their diplomas or degrees.

STATEMENT OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL FITNESS, INSURANCE

I am in good physical and mental health except as described below:

and I am able to fully participate in the Program and make informed, objective decisions. I am covered by appropriate personal accident and personal liability insurance coverage, or can and will personally pay for all costs and liabilities that I may incur by virtue of participation in the Program. I agree to purchase appropriate out-of-country travel insurance and obtain recommended vaccinations as required for the country(ies) I am traveling to. Please note that travel **medical** insurance for Douglas College Study Abroad Programs is included in the program fees.

UNDERSTANDING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS

I understand and acknowledge that participating in the Program will involve risks to me, both anticipated and unanticipated, that could result in injury, disease, illness and death to me and others involved in the Program, and as well as damage to or loss of property. Potential risks may include but are not limited to: cuts, bruises, sprains, strains, burns, fractures, disease, illness, heat injuries, paraplegia, quadriplegia, brain injury, assault, physical and mental injury, and death which may arise from accidents or incidents associated with the Program or travel. In addition to the usual risks associated with travel, travelers outside North America are exposed to additional risks, dangers and hazards. These may include, but are not limited to: traffic accidents due to poor road and vehicle conditions, lack of motor vehicle safety practices, and poor transportation systems; tropical and communicable diseases from poor sanitation systems, lack of available medical treatment and tropical climate; injuries from tropical weather conditions and heat; injuries from crime and violence; exposures to dangerous insects or animals, political instability, threats of terrorism and harm to self. Medical facilities and treatment available outside North America may well be of a lower standard than what might be expected in Canada. In addition, large cities around the world have a significant crime rate.

The Program will be using the services of independent travel agents, airlines and local travel companies. Douglas College will not accept responsibility for the acts or failures of these independent agencies. The Program might not be completed or individual activities may be curtailed or cancelled due to weather, illness, violent disturbances or acts of terrorism, motor vehicle accidents, transportation problems, failure to perform on the part of the travel agents or airlines, problems relating to customs, immigration or visa requirements, or other circumstances either within or beyond the control of Douglas College, including acts, errors, or omissions of Douglas College, including negligence of Douglas College; acts, errors, or omissions, including negligence of other participants; the Participant's own acts, errors, or omissions including negligence.

I understand and acknowledge the risks noted above - (initial box):

ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

All participants in the Program will be required to attend orientation and safety lectures on potential risks, dangers and hazards, including those described above. There will also be an orientation and discussion of expected participant behaviors aimed at minimizing individual and collective risk exposure. It is the responsibility of each Participant in the Program to learn as much as possible about the risks of the Program and travel, to weigh those risks against the advantages of their participation in the Program, and to decide whether or not to participate. Douglas College cannot and will not assume liability in respect of any of these risks, dangers, hazards, and liabilities. Douglas College accepts no responsibility and assumes no liability with respect to any academic, vocational, medical, financial or tax advice received by a Participant considering the Program. If, during the Program the Participant does not fully understand or does not have complete confidence in, the Participant's abilities in the completion of any procedure, activity or task that the Participant is about to engage in, it is solely the Participant's responsibility to ask the instructor any questions and require that the instructor further explain or clarify. I agree it is my sole responsibility to refuse to proceed with any activity, procedure or task that I am uncomfortable with or feel unsafe doing.

I will take ultimate responsibility for any personal items I take overseas even though there may be times I entrust the care of my valuables to someone else. I will not hold Douglas College, its employees or agents responsible for any of my lost/damaged/stolen items. Insurance coverage for personal items is optional and solely my responsibility.

If the Program involves a practicum placement, I understand that Worker's Compensation Board coverage does not extend to practicum placements done outside of British Columbia and therefore to the Program.

I understand and accept the personal responsibilities listed above - (initial box):

ACCEPTANCE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I am aware that the Program involves risks, dangers, hazards and potential liabilities including, but not limited to those referred to in this agreement as well as those not specifically described herein, whether anticipated or unanticipated. I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, or loss, resulting there from. I am covered by appropriate personal accident and personal liability insurance coverage, or can and will personally pay for all costs and liabilities that I may incur by virtue of participation in the Program. I agree to purchase appropriate out-of-country travel insurance prior to departure from Canada and obtain recommended vaccinations.

I accept and assume all risks both listed and not specifically described - (initial box):

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of Douglas College allowing my participation in the Program, I agree as follows:

- a. To waive, release, and forever discharge Douglas College from any and all manner of action, causes of action, suits, demands, debts, contracts, claims, damages, interest, costs, and expenses, that I have, or may in the future have against Douglas College as a result of any loss, injury, disease, illness, death, and damage that I may suffer, by reason of or arising out of or, in any way connected with or resulting from participation in the Program, due to ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, by Douglas College.
- b. To indemnify Douglas College and hold Douglas College harmless from all costs and expenses, including legal fees, incurred by Douglas College or on Douglas College’s behalf, in defending or in connection with any claim, action or proceeding which may be brought against Douglas College for any reason resulting from my participation in the Program.
- c. To agree, promise, and covenant not to sue, or assert any claim against Douglas College for any reason whatsoever arising from or in any way connected with my participation in the Program or from any claim brought against me by other participants or third parties.
- d. That this agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives.
- e. That this agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia; and
- f. Any litigation involving parties to this agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of British Columbia.

I understand and hereby release Douglas College from all liability, waive all claims against Douglas College and agree to indemnify Douglas College as listed above - (initial box):

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT: I have read and understand this agreement and agree that by signing this document I have given up certain legal rights which I or my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives may have against Douglas College. In entering into this agreement I am not relying upon any oral or written representations or statements made by Douglas College with respect to the safety or value of the Program. I understand that I have the right to seek legal advice before executing this agreement.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____. _____
SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT

WITNESS SIGNATURE

PRINT WITNESS NAME

WITNESS ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER

This agreement must be completed in full, signed, dated, witnessed and all boxes must be initialed by the Participant before the Participant may begin the Program.