

STUDENT PROJECT FOR AMITY AMONG NATIONS -- SPAN



**2017 SPAN APPLICATION
Russia or Morocco**

Applications are accepted until the group is filled. Contact the SPAN office to inquire about the program's current enrollment status. Before being accepted into the SPAN program, you must schedule an in-person meeting with a SPAN staff member and country advisor.

Deadline: Friday, October 14, 2016

Please mail or email completed application to:

Minnesota SPAN Association
University of Minnesota -- West Bank
774 Social Sciences Building
267 19th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55455
612/626-1083
mnspan@umn.edu

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. Personal statement (approximately 250 words) explaining:
 - a) Your background
 - b) Why you want to be a SPANner
 - c) Your interest in the selected host country
 - d) Three possible research topics
 - e) Your language proficiency and other coursework or personal experience applicable to your chosen host country.
2. Transcript (An unofficial copy from the registrar is acceptable)
3. A graded writing sample that was submitted for another course
4. Two letters of recommendation (note attached forms). Persons submitting references need not be academic, although at least one should be familiar with your academic ability.

ESTIMATED FEES AND EXPENSES FOR SPAN:

- ◆ Spring Semester University of Minnesota Tuition, FSSP 5960: \$1,883 (2015-16) for 4 credits. These four credits are awarded for study and preparation during Spring Semester. **Note:** If you are a University of Minnesota student taking a courseload of at least 13 credits beyond the 4 credits for SPAN, your SPAN spring tuition is forgiven.

Summer Session University of Minnesota Tuition, FSSP 5970W: \$1,883 (2015-16) for 4 credits. These 4 credits are for the research paper. They qualify as a University of Minnesota Writing Intensive course. *

- ◆ Required international health insurance, \$62 for the summer.
- ◆ Transportation and in-country expenses. Your advisor will prepare a budget.
- ◆ Language preparation courses if necessary.
- ◆ SPAN scholarships, donated by program alumni, are available. SPAN will notify you of scholarship application deadline also will share information on other scholarship sources.

* All 8 SPAN credits are awarded and entered on your transcript the spring following your summer abroad, and are awarded only after completion of your research paper. All 8 credits qualify as Global Perspectives; the 4 credits for the paper qualify as Writing Intensive.

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Country destination: _____ **Year of summer abroad** _____

Full name (Last, first, middle)	Preferred first name
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Last 4 digits of Social Security number: Student ID:	College email: Permanent email:
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Current address (It is your responsibility to keep our office informed of any change of address.)

Street address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Valid Until _____ Cell phone: _____

Permanent Address (e.g., address of parent, guardian, or spouse)

Street address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact person (for emergencies and release of information during your absence)

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Institution now attending: Enrolled in which college: Major: Minor: Freshman ___ Junior ___ Grad student ___ Sophomore ___ Senior ___ Other _____ Cumulative GPA: Language proficiency:	Do you pay non-resident tuition? Yes ___ No ___ Did your father earn a 4-year college degree? Yes ___ No ___ Did your mother earn a 4-year college degree? Yes ___ No ___ How did you find out about SPAN?
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Country of citizenship: Country of birth:	Type of visa (non-U.S. citizens only)
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The information below is voluntary and will be used for summary reports required for federal and state laws and regulations and to support institutional affirmative action efforts. It will not be used as a basis for admission or in a discriminatory manner.

Gender ___ Male ___ Female ___ Date of birth _____ Age at beginning of program _____

Predominant ethnic background (Check one)

___ African-American ___ American Indian or Alaskan native ___ Asian or Pacific Islander

___ Chicano ___ Other Hispanic ___ White, non-Hispanic

___ Multi-ethnic background (please list):

I certify that all statements made on this application and all other study abroad application materials are complete, true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant signature _____ **Date** _____

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RECOMMENDATION FOR SPAN

Applicant's name and proposed destination

Reference's name

Reference's title

Reference's e-mail or phone number

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Please answer the following questions and where appropriate give examples to demonstrate the applicant's personal qualities.

1. How long have you known the applicant?
2. Please rate the applicant's maturity, interests, and sense of responsibility.
3. Does the applicant work well in groups? Collaborate in decision-making?
4. Is the applicant academically qualified to conduct/write a substantial research project under the guidance of the faculty advisor?
5. Would the applicant, in your mind, adapt to new situations easily and adjust to the demands of a different culture? Is the applicant flexible and open in his/her attitudes?
6. Do you have any reservations about whether the applicant should be accepted into a study abroad program such as SPAN?

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