



Application for the Non-Union 2012 Spring Term Pilot Program to Costa Rica

NAME _____ GENDER _____ YEAR OF GRADUATION _____

BOX NUMBER _____ TELEPHONE AT UNION _____ E-MAIL _____

I.D. NUMBER _____ HOME PHONE (INCLUDE AREA CODE) _____

BIRTHDATE _____ BIRTH PLACE (CITY/STATE/COUNTRY) _____

CITIZEN OF _____

PARENTS' OR GUARDIANS' NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER

SITE & DATE OF PROGRAM: **San Jose, Costa Rica/Spring 2012**

NAME OF FOREIGN INSTITUTION: **CIAPA**

NAME OF SPONSORING US INSTITUTION: **Tulane University**

ADVISOR'S APPROVAL _____

DEPARTMENT CHAIR'S APPROVAL _____

MAJOR _____

CUMULATIVE INDEX _____ (To be supplied by International Programs)

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON AN INTERNATIONAL UNION TERM ABROAD OR A NON-UNION PROGRAM, OR HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED TO A TERM ABROAD? PLEASE EXPLAIN



Release

International Program: **Non-Union 2012 Spring Term Pilot Program to Costa Rica**

Student: _____

I authorize the release of my official academic transcript and medical, disciplinary, and other records maintained by Union College to those program administrators responsible for determining the eligibility of my application, selecting program participants and safeguarding their health and well-being.

I understand that if I have accumulated five or more points at the time of application and/or if I accumulate five or more points in the time period between applying and departure, it may affect my eligibility to participate.

Student/Participant

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

In order for your application to be considered, please address each of the following as an addendum:

I. ESSAY-a typed, single-spaced essay of no more than two pages explaining your academic reasons for wanting to participate in this program. You should explain why this program offers opportunities that are important for your academic program of study that are not available at Union or on Union terms abroad.

II. CURRICULAR OUTLINE- A detailed curricular plan for each academic credit (including internships) that you hope to earn during your time abroad. Please provide a list of the courses you intend to take and explain why these particular courses make sense in terms of your overall academic program of study.

The Service-Learning Social Justice course will explore notions of citizenship and concepts of social justice in Latin America from a theoretical perspective. This in-class learning will be supplemented with actual practical application in the community through a 40-hour service-learning internship placement.

The Spanish language course will allow students study the Spanish language at the appropriate level. There will be a Spanish language placement test given upon arrival in San Jose. You do not need to know any Spanish in order to go on the Costa Rica program.

The Environmental Ecology course focuses on how Costa Rica has emerged as a leading example of environmental protection and sustainable development. In order to explore these policies in practice the course includes weekend trips to forest preserves, national parks, beaches and volcanoes.

III. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION-please enclose letters of recommendation from two faculty members. One letter should be from a faculty member with whom you have consulted about the suitability of courses on the study abroad program to your academic program at Union College. The other letter should address your independence and motivation to study abroad. Your letters should be in sealed envelopes with the faculty member's signature across the seal.