

# Diaspora Studies Consortium Program Overview & Application

## What are Diaspora Studies?

- A “Diaspora” is the movement, migration, or scattering of a people away from an established or ancestral homeland.
- Diaspora Studies examines the experience of those people in their new home and how they have in turn influenced host cultures through their connections to their ancestral home.

## Where Can I go?

Students will be selected to study at The University of Northampton in Northampton, England for January 2012 or at Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität in Münster, Germany for March 2012

## What courses will I study abroad?

The Diaspora Studies Consortium program consists of the following courses:

### (1) ANTH/ENG 367 -- **Culture & Theory of Diaspora (4 credits)**

This seminar course investigates the phenomenon of diaspora in modern, postcolonial, and global contexts. Examining an interdisciplinary literature from the social sciences and humanities, students will become familiar with the social features of diaspora and the cultural expression of the diasporic condition through a consideration of theoretical, literary, and ethnographic texts. Particular attention will be given to the local nuances of diaspora in Canada and Europe.

### (2) ARTS 280 -- **Arts Internship in a Specific Discipline (3 credits)**

This course gives students an opportunity to apply classroom learning in an internship. Working under the supervision of both a UFV faculty member from a particular Arts discipline and an internship supervisor, students will work in a host organization to carry out projects/assignments or hands-on tasks. The work done by the student will be connected directly to his or her academic studies in a particular discipline in the Arts. Students will be evaluated by means of structured reflective assignments, journals, discussions, and other mechanisms set out by the supervising Arts faculty member. Students will be encouraged to develop their own community placements with support from the course instructor and UFV’s Career Centre Internship Coordinator who will implement and provide support to structure the service learning placement.

### (3) Online Directed Studies Course (3 credits)

### (4) Two Electives from your host institution (Require course review for credit)

Note: This program is also part of the Diaspora Studies Certificate. For more information on how to apply your studies at Münster or Northampton to the DSC certificate please contact Nicola Mooney at [Nicola.Mooney@ufv.ca](mailto:Nicola.Mooney@ufv.ca)

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**Will I receive credit for the courses I study abroad?**

Yes, the core program (the common comparative, service learning, and elective course) will be articulated among the partner universities so that UFV students will receive full credit towards their degrees. Three UFV credits will also be assigned through “Directed Studies”. The elective courses must undergo review for UFV credit before your semester abroad!

**What UFV Programs does Diaspora Studies apply to?**

A Diaspora Studies Program will examine all aspects of the diaspora experience: cultural, social, economic, language etc.

Students from the following fields may find this project of interest:

Anthropology, Cultural Studies, English Literature, History, Linguistics, Media Studies, Theology, Criminology, Sociology and Social Work. We hope to extend the program to other universities and disciplines in future.

**What are the Main Requirements to apply?**

- You must be a full-time UFV student
- You must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- You must have a minimum of 30 UFV credits complete (45 is recommended)

**What can I apply my scholarship towards?**

Each student selected will be awarded \$5,000 which they can apply to the following expenses:

- Airfare
- Accommodation
- Living Expenses
- UFV tuition
- Textbooks
- Medical Coverage
- Visa Application Fees

Note: You will not pay application fees or tuition fees to your host institution. You will pay UFV tuition for your exchange program.

**Where can I get an application? Where do I submit my application?**

Please find your application attached to this booklet and submit it to UFV International (B223).

**For more updates and more information please contact:**

Study Abroad Coordinator, Jag Deol at [StudyAbroad@ufv.ca](mailto:StudyAbroad@ufv.ca) or check the DSC webpage at [www.ufv.ca/diasporastudies](http://www.ufv.ca/diasporastudies)

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## Diaspora Studies Consortium Program Application Form

*The personal information provided in this form will be used for administration of the study abroad program only and will not be released except with your consent.*

All sections must be completed

### **Please select a host institution and semester of study:**

The University of Northampton; Northampton, England  
January 2012

Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität; Münster, Germany  
March 2012

### **Personal Details:**

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Male

Female

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

UFV Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship:  Canadian Citizen  Permanent Resident  Other (on student permit)

### **Contact Information:**

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Address: Street Number & Name, apartment number)

\_\_\_\_\_

City/Town

Province

Postal Code

**Home Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cellphone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

(If different from above) Address (Street number & name, apartment number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town                      Province                      Postal Code

**Academic Information**

Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e Arts, Commerce, Graduate Studies)

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor/Concentration/Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of study: \_\_\_\_\_ # of credit hours completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ CGPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Language Proficiency**

Please list your first and other languages spoken an/or written, and indicate the level of proficiency (i.e beginner, intermediate, etc.)

First Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Other language 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Spoken \_\_\_\_\_ Written \_\_\_\_\_

Other language 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Spoken \_\_\_\_\_ Written \_\_\_\_\_

Language courses completed at UFV: \_\_\_\_\_

(Shown on the myUFV academic record printout)

**Other Information**

Do you have any special needs i.e. disability or medical condition of which we should be aware?

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## **Application Checklist:**

Please check the following to ensure you included all required documents:

\_\_\_ Completed Diaspora Studies Consortium Study Abroad Application Form

\_\_\_ Letter of Intent (1 page typed), outlining:

- how participation in DSC might add value to his/her plans for career preparation and/or postgraduate studies?

- how the study abroad opportunity will impact your plans for a career and future goals

- your commitment to contributing to international activities on and off campus after you return from the study abroad experience

\_\_\_ Unofficial transcript printed off of your myUFV account. And any transcripts from other post-secondary institutions where you have taken courses

\_\_\_ Résumé (Be sure to include information on awards, past international experience, and relevant extra curricular activities on/off campus. Attach a separate page if necessary.)

\_\_\_ List two UFV faculty members willing to act as references  
(Please include their full name and contact details)

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## **Declaration**

- I declare that the foregoing information is to my knowledge true, complete and accurate.
  
- I understand that the submission of false information may be subject to proceedings under the Discipline System for students and may result in the disqualification of my application.
  
- I authorize the release by UFV's University of information to the host institution for purposes of program administration.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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