

**GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE PROGRAM
APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR
E08-D09 IQP PROGRAMS**

Date	Event
September 27 th – <i>before 1:00 pm</i>	General Applications due in the IGSD
October 8 th – 11 th	Site Information Sessions* schedule available: www.wpi.edu/+global Information sessions will be held for each individual site at different times and on different days (make sure you attend the one that best fits your schedule).
October 23 rd – October 31 st	
November 1 st <i>before 1:00pm</i>	Site Applications due site specific applications will be available at the site sessions
November 2 nd – 5 th <i>until 6:00pm</i>	Sign up for interviews via web (<i>only for 1st choice site!</i>)
November 8 th – November 29 th	Individual interviews completed
January 4, 2008	Decision letters mailed to home address

The Selection Committee will consider late applications only on a space-available basis after all other decisions have been made.

*You **must** attend at least a session for your first choice. However, in order to make an informed decision, we encourage you to attend as many different site sessions as possible.

Admission

The admission process considers the balance of talents and skills, grades, conduct record, evidence of motivation and clear objectives, ability to work with others, evidence of maturity and independence, and language skills to provide accepted students a high quality experience at each site. Placement is not guaranteed. Every effort will be made to honor your first choice, but you should understand that if accepted for participation in the Global Perspective Program, you may be offered a slot in one of your other choices. All applications received before the submission deadline will be reviewed on an equal basis. Late applications may not be reviewed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Eligibility

All applicants must be in good academic standing at the time of application. Sophomores and Juniors are eligible to apply for project programs (IQP). First-year students can apply *only* for Humanities and Arts programs.

Application Instructions

- A) Before applying, please discuss the program with your parents, academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office and any other party responsible for your funding.
- B) Using a typewriter or black pen, complete all parts of the enclosed form.

- C) Read and sign the enclosed Conditions of Application Statement. Signing the statement indicates an agreement to adhere to the stated policies. You may discuss these obligations by contacting the Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division.
- D) Sign the enclosed transcript and judicial record release form. If you have extensive academic experience at any other institution, it is **your** responsibility to obtain a transcript and include it with your application. Otherwise your application will not be considered complete.
- E) Complete the mandatory written portion of the application (resume **and** reference letter). All responses should be computer generated, and your reference letter should be approximately 700 words in length. The quality of this response is a factor in determining your acceptance to the program. Be sure to include your name and student ID number (**not your Social Security Number**) in the upper-right corner of each page.
- F) Upon submission of all application materials to the Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division (IGSD), you will be required to attend a Site Session and an Interview. If you fail to attend EITHER of these events your application will not be considered.
- G) Your application will be considered only after your interview has been completed and all other application materials are submitted. Failure to follow through with an interview will result in your application being rejected. The IGSD will provide each applicant with instructions for how to schedule individual interviews at the time of application.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE PROGRAM
SITES, TERMS, AND RESTRICTIONS
E08-D09 IQP PROGRAMS

The table below lists all currently available project programs for the terms E08-D09. As each location offers programs only during specific terms, it is crucial to carefully consider your academic schedule at an early date to avoid conflicts.

PROJECT SITE	Project	E08	B08	C09	D09
San José, Costa Rica	IQP		✓		
Cape Town, South Africa	IQP		✓		
Nantucket, MA	IQP		✓		
Venice, Italy	IQP		✓		
Washington, DC	IQP		✓		
Worcester, MA*	IQP		✓	✓	
Bangkok, Thailand	IQP			✓	
Hong Kong, SAR, PRC	IQP			✓	
London, England	IQP	✓			✓
Boston, MA	IQP				✓
Copenhagen, Denmark	IQP				✓
Melbourne, Australia	IQP				✓
San Juan, Puerto Rico	IQP				✓
Windhoek, Namibia	IQP				✓

* The Worcester Community Project Center will also offer three term IQPs over terms ABC or BCD.

✓

 Indicates the term that the program is offered†

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† WPI reserves the right to cancel any program at any time in the event of circumstances beyond our control or to modify sites and/or terms offered.

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2008 – 2009

IQP Application

This box is for office use only.			
Date received: _____			
Site _____			
Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wait Listed	<input type="checkbox"/>
		not accepted	<input type="checkbox"/>
Withdraw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Declined	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name _____ Student ID # (not SS #) _____

Major _____ Class of _____ WPI e-mail address _____ @wpi.edu

Date of Birth ___ / ___ / ___ Female Male Citizenship _____ WPI Box # _____

Transfer Student If you have extensive academic experience at any other institution, be sure to check the box on page 2 so your other transcript can be released to the IGSD. Otherwise your application will not be considered complete.

Home Address:

_____ street apt. or box no. city state zip code

Local Telephone (____) ____ - ____ Permanent Telephone (____) ____ - ____

First language: _____

Do you have second language experience or education? Yes No

If yes, specify what language(s) and level of study completed (high school or university):

You must submit a *ONE PAGE RÉSUMÉ* highlighting your skills relative to your application to participate in the Global Perspective Program along with a REFERENCE LETTER.

(see page 3 for specific instructions)

Insert both your resume and reference letter in this application form.

DO NOT STAPLE

Mandatory Resume and Reference Letter:

Please insert a computer generated copy of both your mandatory resume and reference letter with this form. Your mandatory reference letter (specific instructions to follow) should be approximately 700 words and must contain your name and student ID number in the upper-right corner of each page.

Reference Letter Instructions:

Please write a reference letter for yourself in support of your application to the "Global Perspective Program". Important attributes to consider when writing this letter include work ethic, attitude, flexibility, motivation and creativity. You are expected to address your strengths and weaknesses with regard to these attributes. You should give specific examples from your life as evidence. The quality of your writing in response to this question is a factor in determining your acceptance to the program.

*Please provide the **names** and contact information for two people who would be willing to serve as a reference for you. These people should **NOT** be related to you but should know you well and may be contacted by the IGSD for a recommendation.*

Name of WPI Faculty* Reference:	
Phone:	Email address:
How does this person know you? (* this should be someone who can speak to your <i>academic qualifications</i>)	

Name of WPI Reference (faculty or staff):	
Phone:	Email address:
How does this person know you?	

Transfer Transcript Request Form	
To be completed by TRANSFER STUDENTS only	
By signing this release form, you authorize the WPI Registrar's Office to provide a transcript from your previous institution to the Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division. This information will be used expressly for the determination of admission and continued eligibility to the Global Perspective Program. I authorize the WPI Registrar's Office to release my transcript to the Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division.	
_____ STUDENT FULL NAME – PLEASE PRINT	_____ STUDENT NUMBER
_____ SIGNATURE	_____ DATE

Please complete the following table listing all non-academic activities you have been involved in for the past four years. Be sure to check the columns that apply to the activity.

Year	Extracurricular Activities <u>not included on your résumé</u> (you may include WPI and non-WPI activities)	Please check if any apply to the activity specified: LR = leadership role; TE = teamwork experience; NS = worked with little or no supervision		
		<i>LR</i>	<i>TE</i>	<i>NS</i>
2006	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
2005	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
2004	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
2003	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Transcript and Judicial Release Form

NOTE: Your application is incomplete unless this section is filled out in its entirety and returned to the Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division.

By signing this release form, you authorize the WPI Registrar's Office to provide a summary of your WPI academic record to the Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division. This information will be used expressly for the determination of admission and continued eligibility to the Global Perspective Program. You also authorize the Office of Student Life to release any records of judicial proceedings resulting from violation of the WPI campus code of conduct.

I authorize the WPI Registrar's Office and Student Life Office to release my records to the Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division and to provide information to monitor my satisfactory academic progress.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Waiver of Access to Recommendation/Evaluation

The undersigned understands that as part of his/her application for participation in the Global Perspective Program, he/she will be interviewed and evaluated by one or more faculty members who will provide a written evaluation/recommendation.

I () waive () do not waive [check one] my right to see the written recommendation/evaluation.

SIGNATURE

DATE

CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

NOTE: Your application is incomplete unless filled out in its entirety and returned to the IGSD by 1:00 pm on September 27, 2007.

By signing this statement, the student applicant accepts the following conditions of application:

- The application process is not complete without a personal interview; students are responsible for signing up for the individual interview time and date using the web scheduler. Students with incomplete applications will not be interviewed.
- Selection of participants will be made by the program directors. Off-campus experiences are very demanding and the selection is very competitive. The admission process considers the balance of talents and skills, grades, conduct record, evidence of motivation and clear objectives, ability to work with others, evidence of maturity and independence, and language skills to provide accepted students a high quality experience at each site. Placement is not guaranteed.
- Whenever possible, the Program will try to accommodate special needs. In some cases, however, this is not possible. The safety of our students will take priority over all other considerations in the selection of students, site selection, and housing arrangements.
- WPI reserves the right to cancel any program at any time in the event of circumstances beyond our control. Cancellation by WPI would result in a refund of recoverable tuition, fees, and housing costs paid by participants before the beginning of a program.
- WPI reserves the right to withdraw an offer of acceptance to any student who voluntarily or involuntarily leaves WPI, violates the WPI Code of Conduct, engages in conduct or activity at any time which WPI deems to be unacceptable or which causes concern for the safety and well-being of students or others, or is found to have falsified the application.
- Applicants submitting applications by the deadline and participating in an interview will be mailed notification of their acceptance status to address specified on the application by January 4, 2008. Upon acceptance the applicant must sign and return a confirmation of acceptance in order to secure his/her place in the program. This confirmation will be due by February 8, 2008 by 1:00 p.m.. Late applicants are notified of acceptance or status on a rolling basis.
- Applicants participating in the Program agree to attend all pre-departure and re-entry meetings and/or courses as established by WPI. These preparations may include, but are not limited to, the following: Pre-Qualifying Project (PQP) work; ID2050 courses; orientation meetings; information sessions and re-entry meetings.
- *Applicants must be in good academic standing at the time of application.* WPI reserves the right to withdraw acceptance to students who are subsequently placed on academic warning. Students placed on academic probation are not eligible to apply or participate.
- Host sponsors may impose additional requirements including but not limited to drug screening and by signing, the student agrees to abide by these requirements.
- Eligibility: First-year students can apply *only* for Humanities and Arts programs.

I have read and accept the above conditions of application.

Applicant Signature

date

Printed Name

date of birth*

**If participant is under 18 years of age, both parents and/or legal guardians must also read and sign this form.*

We the parents or legal guardians of the above Applicant, have read the foregoing Conditions of Application Form (including such parts as may subject me to personal financial responsibility), and will be legally responsible for the obligations and acts of the Applicant as described in this Conditions of Application Form, and agree, for myself and for the Applicant, to be bound by its terms.

X

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

X

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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