

# Chesapeake

# Semester

August – December 16, 2017



## Application for Admission – 2017 – EARLY CONSIDERATION

### The Chesapeake Semester at Washington College

The competitive program will accept 8-10 Washington College students for the fall semester of 2017. The program runs from late August to December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Submission Deadline: Applications must be submitted to Chesapeake Semester Program Specialist, Benjamin Ford, by **February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. If selected, interviews will be conducted Feb 27<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup>, and students will be notified of their acceptance March 13<sup>th</sup>. A program fee of \$ 5,500 is required on top of standard Washington College enrollment fees. This fee covers all field trip expenses, including airfare and travel abroad. Please contact Benjamin Ford at 410.778.7295 or [bford2@washcoll.edu](mailto:bford2@washcoll.edu) for more information on program fees or with any questions.

Your application must include the names of two faculty references and your academic advisor's signature.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide your name exactly as it is written on your passport. Please print name carefully and legibly.*

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_

Class Of: \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

*You must have a valid passport by July 15, 2017, that valid through June 2017.  
(six months validity after return date from Belize is required)*

Parent/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) : \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Personal Interests

How do you spend your time outside of class? This may include hobbies, work, outdoor activities, service projects, student clubs, athletics, sports, or other. Attach typed documents separately, if necessary.

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**Personal Statements** *Attach typed documents separately.*

- 1.) What meaningful connections do you have to your natural and cultural surroundings, and why are they significant to you?  
*Be sure to include both cultural and natural connections. (500 words)*
  
- 2.) What issues do you hope to explore, and what skills do you hope to develop by participating in the Chesapeake Semester? *(250 words)*
  
- 3.) In what ways might you contribute to this program as an individual and as a team member? *(250 words)*

**References**

Washington College faculty references:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Advisor Approval – Please note that you will need to make an additional appointment with your advisor for early admission to decide if Chesapeake Semester is right for you!**

*We have asked the student to obtain your signature simply to ensure that he/she has considered the impact of this program on individual graduation and major requirements. This signature does not imply endorsement of the application.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Authorization**

I hereby submit my application to the *Chesapeake Semester* at Washington College.

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Academic Advisor and Faculty Reference: The student listed above is applying for an immersion program in Chesapeake Regional Studies. This is a four-course program for 16 credits that is offered only in the fall. The program is open to rising sophomores, juniors and seniors. We encourage applications from students of all majors possessing the enthusiasm and energy required to excel in a rigorous academic environment. We are especially interested in the following: 1) academic ability, 2) creativity, 3) curiosity, 4) flexibility, 5) teamwork, 6) interest in environment and society.

If selected, the applicant will join a team of 8-10 students to study the complex history, environment, and culture of North America's largest estuary as a microcosm of the challenges and transitions confronting coastal communities around the world. The Chesapeake Semester combines intensive study, fieldwork, and outdoor adventure aimed at developing group and individual leadership skills. Campus based classwork will be supplemented with four, 9-10 day, themed overnight journeys. The third journey will take students on a comparative study abroad in Central America to explore similarities and differences in culture, economics, politics, laws, ethics, and resource management.

*The Chesapeake Semester requires a program fee on top of standard College enrollment fees.*

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