

# Chesapeake

# Semester

August – December



## Application for Admission – 2019

### The Chesapeake Semester at Washington College

The competitive program will accept 8-10 Washington College students for the fall semester of 2019. The program runs from mid August to December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **Submission Deadline:** Applications must be submitted to Chesapeake Semester Program Specialist, Benjamin Ford, by **March 18th, 2019**. If selected, interviews will be conducted Mar 19<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>, and students will be notified of their acceptance April 1st. A program fee of \$ 5,500 is required on top of standard Washington College enrollment fees. There are scholarships available. This fee covers all field trip expenses, including airfare and travel abroad. The fee does not include textbooks or personal equipment. 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. Please scan your application as a PDF and submit via email to [bford2@washcoll.edu](mailto:bford2@washcoll.edu) with an appropriate subject line for reference.

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, 2019, that is valid through June 2020.  
(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. This will be used to evaluate your potential for financial awards. (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 consideration 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 last 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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