INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SEMINAR
STUDENT REQUEST FOR A REFERENCE

Student Instructions: Please print/type your name, as well as the name of the person from whom you will be requesting a reference, in the space provided below. Read and then sign your preferred waiver statement. In the check box below, indicate to which program you are applying. Also print your name on the reverse, and then forward this form to your reference.

STUDENT WAIVER

Applicant’s Name___________________________________ Student ID# __________________________

Home College or University:_____________________________________________________________

Reference’s Name_______________________________ Position: Faculty CSD Other

I,_______________________, HEREBY WAIVE any claim to access to reference forms written on behalf of my application to the off-campus program indicated below.

I, _________________________, DO NOT WAIVE claim to access to reference forms written on behalf of my application to the off-campus program indicated below.

Applicant’s Signature__________________________________________ Date ____________

☐ The student is applying for the Assisi Journalism Seminar (COM291)
☐ The student is applying for the British Theater Studies (THT291)
☐ The student is applying for the China Seminar (ECB291)
☐ The student is applying for the Greece Seminar (HIS291)
☐ The student is applying Honduras Kinesiology Seminar (KIN291)
☐ The student is applying for the Israel Seminar (BCM291)
☐ The student is applying for the Salzburg Institute Summer School (SAL201/2)
☐ The student is applying for the Southwest Natural History Seminar (BIO291)
☐ The student is applying for the Sustainable Tropical Agriculture (BIO291)
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REFERENCE

_________________________________________, student, has requested your reference. The information you provide will be reviewed with other application materials to determine the student's eligibility for participation in an off-campus program. Since off-campus programs present both personal and academic challenges, we ask that you first review the program description and objectives as outlined on the program website. Please follow program link under: http://gordon.edu/geo/shortterm&summer Then, in order to assist us in determining the student’s readiness for this step in his/her academic program, please give honest, thoughtful and detailed responses to the questions below. If you prefer to respond on a separate piece of paper, please attach it to this reference form.

Please return references to: Global Education Office
Gordon College
255 Grapevine Road
Wenham, MA 01984
Deadline: variable, please see website above

1. Academic habits, strengths, weaknesses: Based on the structure of the program as outlined on the website, how well is this student likely to perform academically in this kind of environment?

2. Interpersonal Relationships: Students will live in a new environment, separated from friends and family, faced with the uncertainties of a foreign culture. Do you have confidence that this student’s interpersonal skills will allow him/her to successfully work and relate to others in this environment? Are there particular personality traits that might serve the student favorably or unfavorably?

3. Moral maturity: Each program requires a well-developed sense of independence and personal responsibility. Students live under conditions which force them to rely more on their individual moral and ethical value systems and less on institutional regulations and direct personal supervision. What are your thoughts on how this student is likely to respond to this freedom?

4. Features of religious and spiritual life and identity: Can you comment on the quality of this student’s core spiritual commitment and how it expresses itself in life and worship? Do you feel the program will offer an opportunity for growth, or will this present a difficulty for the student?

6. __Highly Recommend __Recommend __Recommend with reservation __Do not recommend

__________________________________________  ______________________________________
Signature                                                      Date

__________________________________________  ______________________________________
Name (please print)                                          Position/Institution

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Phone                                                      Email