

North American Peace Ambassadors:

North American Peace Ambassadors is an exciting College of Arts and Sciences program that provides the opportunity for UofL undergraduates to study conflict resolution through a semester exchange at U of L's partner universities in Canada and Mexico. This innovative program includes courses, an international internship and an extended period to learn about and analyze an array of conflicts found on the North American continent.

Why Study Conflict in “North America”?

Communities in Canada, Mexico, and the United States face many contentious social, political, and economic problems. Some of these occur within all three countries; others reach across our borders affecting our relations with one another. These problems are further complicated by cross-cultural misunderstanding and the lack of a single, shared North American language.

Through coursework at home and abroad and a guided internship in a foreign community the *North American Peace Ambassadors Program* equips students to assess and handle conflict more skillfully, effectively, and peacefully.



Program Outline:

Students selected as *North American Peace Ambassadors* will spend a semester at one of our partner universities in Mexico (the Universidad de Colima or the Universidad de San Luis Potosí), or in Canada (l'Université de Montréal or the University of Manitoba). At their host universities abroad, they will gain a deeper understanding of the theory and practice of peace-building and conflict resolution, while becoming intimately familiar with a different culture and with different approaches to analyzing and resolving differences.

This competitive program is open to students in good academic standing from any academic background.* Students accepted into the program are awarded \$3,000 grants to cover their transportation and room and board abroad. Tuition for the program (12 credit hours) is paid at the U of L. Checks are paid to the International Center, payable to the “U of L.” Students are responsible to cover their fees, insurance, and personal expenses while they are on the program. Program participants are able to earn 12 hours of transferable credit. Specific courses are determined in consultation with a Study Abroad advisor and academic advisors in the appropriate departments at UofL.

*Those traveling to Mexico must demonstrate proficiency in Spanish and those headed to Montreal must be prepared for classes in French. Courses given at Manitoba are in English.

Eligibility:

1. Full-time registered student; junior standing at the time of travel; transfer students must have completed at least one year at U of L and be in good disciplinary standing.
2. A minimum GPA of 3.0 and good academic standing.
3. Prior to travel, demonstrated advanced proficiency in the language of their prospective host institution abroad.*

4. Commitment to take the required conflict resolution course at some point prior to going abroad, if the applicant has not yet taken this course.

*Note that additional grant money may be available to student participants for advanced language study in their host country prior to their semester abroad.

Application materials can be obtained at the International Center (101 Brodschi Hall), the Department of Political Science, and at the Department of Classical and Modern Languages. Preliminary inquiries can be directed to Dr. Joy Carew, Associate Director of the International Center, via telephone at (502) 852-6602 or via email at jgcare01@louisville.edu.

North American Peace Ambassadors: 2006-2007

Application Deadlines and Schedule Overview

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 1 • October 1 | <p>Applications available
Deadline for submission of applications</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 5-10 • October 15 • Fall 2006 | <p>Interviews conducted
Awardees notified
Awardees register for spring U of L courses, as advised</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2007 | <p>Awardees register for fall Core course as directed**</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall semester, 2007 | <p>Conflict Resolution Core course</p> |

**For those students who completed the Core course in the fall before, this will be the time to identify and register for the courses to be taken abroad. Fall 2007 semester will be spent at the partner institution in Mexico or Canada.

To learn more about our partner host institutions in Mexico or Canada, please see:

- Universidad de Colima (www.ucol.mx)
- Universidad de San Luis Potosí (www.uaslp.mx)
- University of Manitoba (www.umanitoba.ca)
- Université de Montréal (www.umontreal.ca)

In addition to the application form, a completed application will also include:

- Statement of purpose
- Two letters of recommendation
- Unofficial transcript



Submit applications to Dr. Joy Carew, Assoc. Director, International Center.

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Further info?

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