

**APPROVAL SIGNATURES
INTERNATIONAL PLAN (IP) PARTICIPANTS**

For Study Abroad only or Study Abroad + Internship Applicants
This form is **ONLY** for use by GT students already accepted into the IP.

Student's Name: _____

GT ID: _____

Major: _____

Current GPA: _____
(GPA must be a 2.7, or higher, for program to count for IP)

Program Applied for: _____

Program Dates: _____
(please be specific if possible and include "bridge," if applicable)

The International Plan requires that you spend 26 weeks studying, working, and/or researching abroad. If the program to which you are now applying is not at least 26 weeks, explain below in which country and with which program you plan to complete the remaining required weeks. Bear in mind that IP participants must complete the 26 wk requirement within two terms abroad, that no more than one GT summer program may be applied toward this requirement, and that the programs must demonstrate cultural, linguistic, and/or intellectual coherence. See the IP website at www.internationalplan.gatech.edu for details on coherence.

* Note: Providing the information below regarding your second term abroad does not imply approval of the overall plan. Providing this information and obtaining the required signatures ensures that you are advised on the merits of the plan. A second "Approval Signatures" form must be completed at the time of application to the second program.

All IP participants must develop proficiency in a non-English language. The International Plan provides two tracks for meeting this requirement: 1] Foreign Language Track (FLT) and 2] English Language Track (ELT).

The FLT is intended for those students completing the 26 wk international experience in countries where the official language of discourse and study, nationally, is something other than English (i.e. France, China, Japan, Brazil, Argentina, etc.). FLT students fulfill the requirement by taking the ACTFL proficiency exam (usually after the international experience is complete) and scoring at the minimum level outlined on the IP website. No coursework is required when choosing this track but one should expect to possess a high level of proficiency. For advice about the exam, see Dr. Bettina Cothran in the School of Modern Languages.

The ELT is intended for those students completing the 26 wk international experience in countries where the official language of discourse and study is English, nationally. (i.e. Australia, England, New Zealand, etc. Also includes Hong Kong and Singapore). The language requirement is met upon completion of a 2002 course in the chosen foreign language with a grade of B, or better, or demonstrated equivalence of said completion. Please choose one track below.

I am pursuing the IP's Foreign Language Track Language _____

I am pursuing the IP's English Language Track Language _____

****Note: Track selected at time form is submitted constitutes an irrevocable commitment on part of student****

INTERNATIONAL PLAN APPROVAL SIGNATURES CONTINUED

In order for a study abroad or a study abroad + internship program to count toward the international experience requirement, IP participants must obtain approval signatures as explained below.

IP students have no assurance that the chosen program will count toward International Plan requirements until this form is completed. It is also in one's best interest to obtain these approval signatures in the order below before paying any deposits to study abroad.

1. For approval of this study abroad program to count toward the international experience requirement, all IP students must obtain the signature of the **major school IP faculty rep.** For a list of current major IP faculty reps, please see the IP website. Only double majors require two signatures.

Signature_____ Date_____

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2. If you are pursuing the **FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRACK**, request the approval signature of **Dr. Bettina Cothran, School of Modern Languages**, Swann Building, Room 218, Tel. 404-385-0192. **If you are pursuing the English Language Track, skip this signature and go to # 3.**

Signature_____ Date_____

3. For approval of any INTERNSHIP portion of this program to count towards the 26-week international experience, all IP students must obtain the signature of a Work Abroad Advisor, **Debbie Gulick or Jyoti Kaneria**, French Building, Room 112 C ; Tel. 404-385-7511 or workabroad@dopp.gatech.edu.

Signature_____ Date_____

4. For approval of this program to count toward the 26-week international experience, all IP students must obtain the signature of the **International Plan Coordinator, Karen Pierce**, French Building, Room 104 C; Tel. 404-385-3200. **(Note: This is the LAST signature you should obtain.)**

Signature_____ Date_____

Notes:

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Cc: OIE, Acad. Unit, Work Abroad, Student