



# THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA

## STUDY ABROAD APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### **Application Deadline: May 15, 2008**

This application is to be completed only by those individuals wishing to apply to the **2008 AGBU Summer Program in Armenia at the American University of Armenia (AUA)**. This unique four-week program (June 30-July 25) allows students to take up to two courses. Students will enroll at AUA and academic credit will be granted through AUA. The American University of Armenia, an affiliate of the University of California, is accredited in the U.S. by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, one of the seven accrediting bodies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Each course will carry 4 quarter units of credit, and all instruction will be in English. The reciprocity of credits is to be cleared by the participants with their home institutions.

*Students of Armenian descent wishing to participate in the AGBU supplemental cultural enrichment program should submit an additional application to AGBU (<http://www.agbu.org/downloadableforms/SAP2008.pdf>).*

### **Checklist of materials to file with the application**

- 1. Completed and signed copy of the Study Abroad Application
- 2. Official copies of transcripts as follows: College transcripts for each college attended. An official transcript is dated, signed, has the official seal of the university or college issuing the record, and arrives sealed in the institution's envelope.
- 3. TOEFL score less than two years old, required *unless* a) the applicant's first language is English *or* b) the applicant has attended two semesters or more at a university where the language of instruction is English.
- 4. One confidential reference from a teacher or employer on the attached AUA form, submitted in a sealed envelope. E-mailed references are not accepted.
- 5. Essay: Explain why you have chosen to study abroad in Armenia. Outline the steps you have taken to prepare yourself for this experience and how you anticipate this experience will relate to your future goals.
- 6. Photocopy of the information page of a valid passport.

### **Checklist of requirements after admission**

- Letter of award from sponsoring agency if this will fund your studies at AUA (Must include a name and contact information from sponsoring agency)
- Payment of all required tuition and fees
- Two passport-size photographs for ID card with full name printed on the back of each photograph (These should be hand carried to Armenia and submitted at AUA.)

### **Correspondence**

Incomplete applications will not be processed and considered. All documents supporting a student's application become the property of AUA.

We will make reasonable attempts to contact you via e-mail on missing credentials. Please make certain that the e-mail address you provide us will accept messages from AUA.

## Visa Requirements

A tourist visa is necessary for entry into Armenia. To apply for a tourist visa, you must hold a passport valid for up to three months beyond the end of your study abroad program. If you do not have a valid passport, you should apply for one immediately. If you wait until an admission decision is made, you may not be able to obtain your passport in time to travel to Armenia. AUA cannot be responsible for the denial of a tourist visa by the Armenian Government to a person admitted to the program. Check with the Armenian Consulate serving your area if you believe the Government of Armenia may refuse to issue you a tourist visa. Tourist visas may be purchased at the airport upon entry into Armenia by U.S. citizens. Citizens of other countries should consult with an Armenian Consulate to see if visa purchase at the airport is available. Participants in the AGBU supplemental program receive assistance in obtaining their visas.

**Send Study Abroad Program applications and credentials to:**

American University of Armenia  
ATTN: 2008 AGBU Summer Program  
300 Lakeside Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, California 94612, U.S.A.  
Telephone: (510) 987-9452, Fax: (510) 208-3576  
Website: [www.aua.am](http://www.aua.am)

No student should come to Armenia to attend the American University of Armenia without a formal letter of acceptance.



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## STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM APPLICATION

This application is only to be used to apply to the 2008 AGBU Summer Program in Armenia at the American University of Armenia. If you wish to obtain a graduate degree from AUA, do not use this application. Applications for degree programs may be down loaded at [www.aua.am](http://www.aua.am). Please print clearly. Do not use abbreviations except for states and provinces.

### I. Biographical Information (please write your name as it appears on your birth certificate or passport)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Given/First Middle Family/Last Previous Name(s)*

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Second Citizenship (if dual national) \_\_\_\_\_

National ID or SSN \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male  Female

Marital Status: Single  Married  Divorced/Separated  Have you applied to AUA before? Yes  No

### II. Applicant's Contact Information

<b>Present address:</b>	Valid to _____	<b>Permanent address:</b>
Street 1 _____		Street 1 _____
Street 2 _____		Street 2 _____
City/State _____		City/State _____
Postal Code/Country _____		Postal Country _____
( ) _____ / _____		( ) _____ / _____
<i>Telephone E-mail</i>		<i>Telephone E-mail</i>

### III. Emergency Contact Information

Primary Contact _____	Secondary Contact _____
Full name _____	Full name _____
Relationship: <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Legal guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Relationship: <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Legal guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Permanent Address _____	Permanent Address _____
Street 1 _____	Street 1 _____
Street 2 _____	Street 2 _____
City/State _____	City/State _____
Postal Code/Country _____	Postal Code/Country _____
Home Telephone/E-mail _____	Home Telephone/E-mail _____
Work Telephone/E-mail _____	Work Telephone/E-mail _____
Profession/Occupation _____	Profession/Occupation _____
Title/Company _____	Title/Company _____

### IV. Financial Information

Financial Assistance is available to participants of Armenian descent enrolled in the AGBU supplemental program.

1. Who is responsible for paying your educational expenses at AUA? \_\_\_\_\_ If not self, parent or guardian named above, provide his/her name or name of sponsoring organization, address, telephone number, and e-mail:

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\_\_\_\_\_

### V. Education Information

**Higher Education:** List in chronological order all colleges and universities attended (official transcripts are required from each institution)

Name	Location	Dates attended	Major field of study	Credits/degree completed
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Have you ever been on probation or suspended from any school? Yes  No  If yes, enclose an explanation on a separate sheet. If the reason was other than academic, the institution's chief student affairs officer must also submit a letter of explanation. Your application is incomplete without this information.

### Current Study Abroad Advisor

Name/Title/University \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone/E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## VI. Health Information

Have you had any serious physical or mental illness? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you take prescription medication on a regular basis? \_\_\_\_\_ Name medications \_\_\_\_\_

## VII. Recommendation

One recommendation is required using the AUA Study Abroad Reference Form (see attached). Name reference below:

Name and title \_\_\_\_\_ Postal address and e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## VIII. Essay

Explain why you have chosen to study abroad in Armenia. Outline the steps you have taken to prepare yourself for this experience, and how you anticipate this experience will relate to your future goals. The essay should be typed with your name on each page.

## IX. Course study plan

*The reciprocity of credits is to be cleared by the participants with their home institutions.*

Select up to two courses from the 2008 AGBU Summer Program in Armenia course list:

## X. Other Information

How did you learn about the AGBU Summer Program in Armenia? \_\_\_\_\_

**Housing plans:** I plan to live:  with relatives  elsewhere (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying to the AGBU supplemental program and will be housed in an AGBU complex.

I need assistance in finding housing

### Foreign travel: List principal experiences outside your home country

<u>Country or area</u>	<u>Year(s)/length of stay</u>	<u>Nature of visit</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

## XI. Certification

By my signature, I certify that the information I have provided about my academic and personal history is accurate and complete. I understand that failure to disclose any required information could result in the denial of admission to the 2008 AGBU Summer Program in Armenia at the American University of Armenia. I understand that it is my responsibility to submit a completed application and all credentials by the stated deadline. Failure to do so may result in the application being withdrawn without a decision. I grant AUA permission to obtain and review as needed all academic and disciplinary records and to contact all individuals who provide references in support of this application. I understand that all these materials become the property of AUA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

### **Send this application and all required credentials to:**

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ATTN: 2008 AGBU Summer Program  
300 Lakeside Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Oakland, California 94612, U.S.A.  
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## STUDY ABROAD REFERENCE FORM

### **To the Study Abroad Applicant:**

Complete the upper portion and submit this form to your referee for completion. Include a stamped envelope addressed to American University of Armenia at the address that appears at the bottom of the second page of this form. It is your responsibility to ensure the submission of this reference form.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security/National ID number \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for admission to the 2008 AGBU Summer Program in Armenia at the American University of Armenia. I will enroll in the following course(s):

- Human Rights and Civic Development in the Caucasus
- Regime Development and Transformations in Post Soviet Politics
- History and Politics of the Caucasus
- Cultural Anthropology of the Region
- Armenian Art through the Ages
- Web Application Development
- Health Care Systems in Transforming Economies
- Trauma Related Psychological Defense Mechanisms

I hereby unconditionally waive my right to access the information submitted on this form.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **To the Referee:**

The individual named has applied for admission to the Study Abroad Program at the American University of Armenia. Your thoughts and candid evaluation will be of special importance in helping AUA to act wisely in the case of this individual. We will hold your comments in strict confidence providing the applicant has signed the waiver on this form. Please complete both pages of this form, and mail it in the stamped envelope provided to you by the applicant to the address that appears at the bottom of the second page. Thank you for your cooperation.

Referee's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How well do you know the applicant? (check one) Very well   
Well enough to be fairly sure of my evaluation  Not well enough to rate with confidence

3. Please comment on this student's maturity, stability and preparation for study in Armenia  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Please rate the applicant in comparison with his/her peers regarding the characteristics listed below.  
Please circle the most accurate response.

Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	Uncertain
5	4	3	2	1	9

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a. Ability to articulate ideas and feelings

5	4	3	2	1	9
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b. Tact and consideration when interacting with others from different cultures, ideological positions and/or ethnic background

5	4	3	2	1	9
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c. Ability to react constructively to criticism, suggestions and advice

5	4	3	2	1	9
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d. Ability to constructively converse about controversial issues

5	4	3	2	1	9
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e. Ability to function positively in an environment where customs, ideas and human reactions may not be readily understood

5	4	3	2	1	9
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f. Ability to work within an academic system in which classes and administration may be more or less flexible than those to which the student is accustomed

5	4	3	2	1	9
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g. Ability to relate to others in a warm, friendly and open manner

5	4	3	2	1	9
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h. Consideration for others in language, dress and general appearance

5	4	3	2	1	9
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i. Maturity and emotional stability

5	4	3	2	1	9
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5. Please make any further comments which you think would be useful when evaluating this applicant

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