

College of Applied Sciences and Arts

Petition for Alternative to International Experience

If you are seeking an alternative to the study abroad portion of the international experience requirement due to one of the reasons listed below, you must meet first with the CASA International Experience advisor to review the requirement and alternative options. The Dean of the College will then review your petition. If the Dean approves you for a travel alternative you must complete a 1-unit online seminar (APSC 198ITL) along with either 1) completion of a [domestic cultural program](#) OR 2) 20 hours of volunteer service in a local community service organization that serves individuals or communities from a culture that is different than your own.

Please complete steps 1-3 below:

1. Reason for seeking an alternative to the CASA International Experience: Please check one.

- Personal health or disability
- Financial hardship
- Family responsibilities
- AB540 (non-DACA), DACA, Undocumented
- Other

2. Attach supporting documents verifying the reason for seeking an alternative.

3. Please describe why you are seeking an alternative to the international experience (attach additional page if needed):

I understand if this petition is granted that I will be required to complete a 1-unit online seminar (APSC 198ITL) along with either 1) completion of a [domestic cultural program](#) OR 2) 20 hours of volunteer service in a local community service organization that serves individuals or communities from a culture that is different than my own.

SJSU ID _____ Last Name _____ First Name _____

Major _____ Phone # _____ E-mail Address _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____ Proposed Graduation Term: _____

Department Chair/Director/Advisor Name (Please print) _____ Date _____

Department Chair/Director/Advisor Signature _____ Date _____

Approve Disapprove Comments: _____

CASA Associate Dean Signature _____ Date _____

Approve Disapprove Comments: _____

Sample Verification Letter

1. The information below must be included in the verification letter from the agency where you complete your volunteer hour requirements.
2. The verification letter must be on agency letterhead.
3. Submit this verification letter to your APSC 198ITL instructor.

I hereby verify that [name of student] has completed _____ hours of volunteer work at this agency between the dates of _____ and _____.

Comments:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Agency Name: _____

Address: _____

Website: _____