College of Health and Human Sciences
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 one of the CHHS International Experience advisor at the Student Success Center to review the requirement and discuss alternative options. You can visit your options at https://www.sjsu.edu/chhs/students/international-experience/petitions.php. If the Associate Dean approves you for a travel alternative you must also complete a 1-unit online seminar (APSC 198ITL) prior to graduation.

SJSU ID _______________________ Last Name_______________________ First Name_______________________
Major ________________________ Phone #____________________ E-mail Address ________________________
Proposed Graduation Term: ______________

Please complete steps 1-4 below:

1. Reason for seeking an alternative to the CHHS International Experience: Please check one.
   - ☐ Personal health or disability
   - ☐ Financial hardship
   - ☐ Family responsibilities
   - ☐ AB540 (non-DACA), DACA, Undocumented
   - ☐ Other

2. Attach personal statement and/or supporting documents verifying the reason for seeking an alternative.

3. Select which option you will complete:
   - ☐ Domestic Cultural Program (within the United States offered by the SJSU Study Abroad and Away Office)
   - ☐ Volunteer at Local Community Service (sites must have a University Organization Agreement (UOA))
   - ☐ Virtual International Partners (VIP)

4. When are you planning to enroll in APSC 198ITL? ________________

   - Note: To request an add code please visit https://www.sjsu.edu/chhs/students/international-experience/petitions.php

I understand by signing below that if this petition is granted, I will be required to complete a 1-unit online seminar (APSC 198ITL) AFTER I complete Option 1) completion of a domestic cultural program OR Option 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.” OR 3) Complete the Virtual International Partners and engage in a peer to peer interaction with an International student.

Student Signature __________________________________     Date __________

Department Chair/Director/Advisor Name (Please print) ________________________________ Date____________

Department Chair/Director/Advisor Signature ____________________________________________

Approve ☐     Denied ☐     Comments: _________________________________________________

CHHS Associate Dean Signature________________________________________________ Date_________

Approve ☐     Denied ☐     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 when submitting APSC 198ITL Add Code Request Form or to your professor towards the end of the semester (For AY 2020-2021)

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: ___________________________________________________________