

Off-Campus Programs Application Essays

All applicants will upload an Academic Essay and Goals Essay. The Academic Year Essay and GPA Essay is required if they apply to the applicant's situation.

Academic Essay

How will the proposed off-campus study deepen and enhance your education at Lawrence University?

Explain your selection of this academic program. Provide examples of your academic preparation for the program and how this off-campus study program will connect to your education when you return to campus. How might this program support or extend your major or minor programs (with reference to your course choices)? This essay should be about two double-spaced pages in length.

Goals Essay

What goals do you have for this experience?

State what you hope you will learn or be able to do by the end of your program and how you will approach achieving these goals. Are there aspects of the program that will aid in these goals (e.g., music lessons, independent study, language study, internship, independent travel, etc.)? How do you intend to learn about and from the environment where you will live and study? What do you foresee being your biggest challenge in studying off-campus? This essay should be one to two double-spaced pages in length.

Academic Year Essay

If you are applying to be off-campus for the entire academic year, explain your reasoning behind this.
Why is it important for you to be off-campus for this length of time?

GPA Essay

If your GPA is lower than the program's eligibility requirement, check to see if the program provider accepts applications below the minimum GPA eligibility. Some programs will consider applications from students whose GPA is lower than the program's minimum eligibility requirement if the applicant submits an additional statement about their academic performance.

If your GPA is lower than the eligibility requirement for the program, include a statement regarding your academic performance.

This statement should include information pertinent to your GPA, any particular academic challenges you have faced, or factors that have impacted your GPA.