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Dear ULV Student:

The University of La Verne is committed to offering short-term study trips within the U.S. and abroad as a way of enhancing student learning. Study abroad courses are consistent with the La Verne’s mission, and offer you a particularly intensive learning experience with the following goals:

☐ To enhance your awareness of global diversity and promote respect for other cultures.

☐ To broaden your worldview by exposure to how other societies learn, think, and express their values and beliefs.

☐ To immerse yourself in a culture different than your own, and view global differences from “the other’s” perspective.

☐ To immerse yourself in the study of an academic topic whose specific goals are presented in the course syllabus.

There are three important criteria that you must complete before participating in a short-term study trip:

☐ You must apply. Participation is not guaranteed and the professor(s) leading the trip has the final decision in evaluating your participation. An application form is attached to this packet of materials.

☐ You must agree to strict behavior standards. As an ambassador of La Verne, you will be required to be sensitive to the cultural differences, adhere to clearly-defined standards of behavior and decorum as well as participate fully in the academic program. Violations of standards can result in immediate dismissal from the trip and a return flight home.

☐ You must prepare for the trip. To take full advantage of your travels, students will attend pre-trip meetings and classes before and after the trip. Final grades are based on required assignments, conduct on the trip, and participation in the pre and post trip meetings and classes.

With sincere preparation and participation, your study trip will be the most memorable and exciting experience of your college career.

Bon Voyage,

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