August 31, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Bucknell University Sophomore Student,

On behalf of the Office of Global & Off-campus Education (OGOE), I want to share with you how our office can support your student in pursuing an academically rigorous and rewarding off-campus/study abroad experience. Bucknell University sends over 400 students to study off-campus/abroad each year. Students may study off-campus/abroad during the fall, spring, full year, or summer semesters.

The OGOE provides support and guidance to all students who study off-campus/abroad. Examples of these support services are: help with finding an appropriate program, assisting with the application process, choosing appropriate courses, providing pre-departure orientation, and general support while off-campus. Prior to departure OGOE prepares students for safe, secure, and rewarding studies off-campus. OGOE also offers re-entry programming to assist students in reconnecting their abroad experience to their undergraduate education and future careers.

The enclosure, Off-Campus/Study Abroad: A Guide For Parents, explains the three types of programs available to students. For more details, please, visit the OGOE website at: http://www.bucknell.edu/GlobalEducation.

We would also like to share some upcoming mandatory items for your sophomore student. We encourage you to discuss these with your student. Sophomore students are notified in early/mid-September to submit the Intent to Study Abroad registration if they are considering studying off-campus/abroad in fall 2018, spring 2019, or for the full year 2018-2019. The Intent to Study Abroad registration is required by University policy and assists OGOE in placing students in the academically appropriate semester for study off-campus/abroad. The Intent to Study Abroad registration is due by October 10, 2017. Details on submitting the online Intent to Study Abroad registration can be found on the Office of Global & Off-campus Education website http://www.bucknell.edu/GlobalEducation.

Finally the Office of Global & Off-campus Education would like to invite you to join us on Family Weekend, Saturday, September 23, 2017, at 9:00 am – 9:45 am, in the Forum, ELC 272, for an information session on off-campus/study abroad at Bucknell University, and a mini-Global Education Fair, in the ELC 241 ABCD rooms, to allow you to meet and speak with our staff.

Bucknell University is proud to support off-campus/study abroad as an enriching experience which complements the Bucknell undergraduate education. The Office of Global & Off-campus Education encourages students of all majors to consider off-campus/study abroad. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Global & Off-campus Education at 570-577-3796 or globaled@bucknell.edu. We encourage you to stop by the Office of Global & Off-campus Education in the Ground Floor of the Botany Building when you are on campus visiting your student.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Off-Campus/Study Abroad: A Guide For Parents
Intent to Study Abroad Form Completion and Review Policy