4. Educational Goals Essays:

Instructions:
Please review the information below and write thoughtful responses to each question. Remember to check grammar, spelling, and that you have answered the questions clearly and specifically. The Study Away Review Committee (SARC) reads and evaluates each essay for program approval.

(*) Indicates the question is required.

1. Focus on your learning (*)
Macalester College highly values study away and expects students to work towards developing intellectual independence and self-awareness through opportunities such as cultural learning, discipline-specific experiences outside the classroom, language learning, and enhanced learning through curricular opportunities unavailable at Macalester.

   - What are your learning goals for study away? Name 2-3 specific learning goals.
   - What strategies will you use to meet these learning goals?
   - What specific program components could help you achieve these goals (classroom-based and co-curricular)?
   - What role does the location(s) of your program play in helping you achieve these goals?

Please respond to all of these questions in fewer than 500 words.

2. Focus on integrating study away into your Macalester education (*)
Macalester College believes study away is an opportunity to enhance or deepen a student’s on-campus learning and development. Study away should be a relevant extension of - not a hiatus from - a student’s Macalester education. This should be demonstrated through the student’s preparation for and expectations of their anticipated course of study.

   - What courses have you taken that have helped you prepare for this study away program?
   - What other experiences (e.g., related research experience, co-curricular activities, life experiences) have you had that have helped you prepare for this study away program?
   - In what specific ways do you anticipate your study away experience enhancing your overall Macalester education?

Please respond to all of these questions in fewer than 500 words.

3. Competitive Program Essay (*)
Are you applying for a program on the list of Macalester’s Competitive Study Away Programs? (http://ic.macalester.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.SearchResults&Program_Name=&Program_Type_ID=1&pi=%7F&pc=%7F&pt=%7F&Partner_ID=ANY&p_10001=%7F&10000=%7F&p_10001_t=MULTI&p_10000_t=MULTI)

If yes, please respond to the question below:
Approval for this program is competitive, and there may be limited enrollment. Please elaborate on any other information you would like SARC to consider in reviewing your application. Use this opportunity to expand on curricular and programmatic fit unique to your learning goals. Also, contrast other approved program opportunities to clarify why this program is a better fit.

Please select one

4. Non-Approved Program Essay (*)
Is the program you are applying for a Non-Approved Program Request? If yes, please respond to the following questions:

How does this program uniquely support your learning goals (be specific)? What other Approved programs did you consider? Please elaborate on any other information you would like SARC to consider in reviewing your application.

Please select one

5. Exchange Essay (*)
Are you applying to one of the following Macalester Exchange Programs?:
-Exchange: Ashesi University College
Exchange programs are bilateral agreements between Macalester and another university. As a part of this relationship, Macalester receives exchange students from partner institutions and sends Macalester students for a semester of study to partner universities. The relationship between exchange partners is significantly different from other study away programs, as it is a college-wide partnership. With that in mind, students applying for study away at an exchange partner university are asked to provide additional rationale for their program choice. Not all qualified Macalester students may be approved because of exchange balance requirements.

How will you be a positive representative of Macalester College and strengthen our institutional relationship with the host institution, both during your semester of study away and upon return to Macalester?

Please select one