Domestic Exchange

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• Pitzer College
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• Simmons College
• Skidmore College (study in Paris or NY)
• Smith College
• Stanford University
• The New School
• University of California, Berkeley (Social Science Majors only)
• University of California, San Diego
• University of Southern California
• Wellesley College
Why Domestic Exchange?

- Take advantage of course offerings/special programs at other institutions
- Meet professors and scholars in preparation for graduate school
- Immerse in a new and diverse social and cultural community
- Serve as an ambassador for Spelman College
- Explore internships and other opportunities in the host city

“Studying at Duke University greatly enhanced my Spelman experience. I was able to utilize my analytical, cultural and intellectual skills gained at Spelman to greater understand and engage with a diverse collegiate community.

Duke gave me the opportunity to branch out and rediscover myself as a new student; now I have a more refined lens to view the world.”

Christine Slaughter, Class of 2015

“LMU, like Spelman, seeks to educate the whole person and they lived up to that promise. I encourage everyone to consider participating in domestic exchange to further their intellectual and personal growth. LMU is a wonderful institution with boundless resources, opportunities, and passionate professors.”

Sierra Dortch, Class of 2015
What Comes Next?

Application

To Get Started...
- Review the list of schools and their course offerings
- Select top three schools
- Research signature program(s) and graduate program(s)
- Meet with you major advisor and chair to get proposed courses approved prior to registration
- Explore offerings of the city

To Apply...
- Review the application (Due 3rd Monday in October)
- Draft an essay that explains your goals and expectations for the domestic exchange experience (Consult with the writing center)
- Append a picture to the top left corner of your essay
- Request two letters of recommendation from Spelman faculty (Due 1st Friday in November)
- Prepare an updated resume (Consult with the Student Career Planning and Development Office)
- Provide an official transcript
- SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Interview

To Get Started...
- Research your top three choices
- Familiarize yourself with their curriculum, signature program(s), and graduate program(s)
- Develop an academic plan for your exchange and your return to Spelman
- Sign up for a mock interview with CPP
- Google interview questions
- Practice your interviewing skills

The Interview...
- Choose appropriate attire that supports your image:
  - Business casual, clean and neat
  - Hair and nails, clean and well groomed
  - Modest jewelry
- Arrive early
- Bring a copy of your application and materials

Interviews are scheduled for the second and third weeks of November

Applicants will be contacted to select a date and time to interview

Exchange

To Get Started...
- Once accepted by the host school
  - Ensure that you have a zero balance at Spelman
  - Review and accept financial agreement at host institution
  - Confirm schedule at host institution
  - Decline Spelman housing for your exchange term

On To The Exchange...
- Arrange transportation to your host city/school
- Attend orientation, if offered
- Meet the host school’s exchange liaison
- Communicate with your advisor, chair, and exchange coordinator regarding your exchange
- Request an official transcript from your host school at the end of the term
- Explore potential internship opportunities
- Prepare to return to Spelman:
  - Submit housing application, if applicable
  - Register for classes
Our Experience

Spending a semester at NYU was one of the best parts of my experience at Spelman and one of the greatest times of my life. I got the chance to explore one of the greatest cities in the world and experience a different type of college environment, which led to a lot of personal growth.

--Madison Moreland, Class of 2015--

I had the privilege of taking an English course with Professor Hisham Matar at Barnard. An author and brilliant teacher, his course rekindled my love for poetry, exposed me to global literature, and provoked a bit of soul-searching. After completing a rigorous literature syllabus, my class was given the opportunity to have dinner with one of the authors. Barnard professors go above and beyond the cause for their students, and the English department was a ‘home away from home’ for me.

--Amiri Lampley, English and Sociology Major, Class of 2015--

Leaving your surroundings to be immersed in a completely different environment is challenging for anyone; the culture of the new environment may challenge you to perceive and do things differently. Most of all, being in a new environment teaches you to adapt. My participation in the exchange program challenged me to embrace differences and discover who I can be outside of my comfort zone. It was almost like discovering what it would be like if life’s contingency guided me down an alternate path. My experience as a Duke domestic exchange student exposed me to a world of possibilities and life-long memories. I am especially grateful that Spelman provided me the opportunity.

--Julia Davis, Class of 2015--

Being at Loyola Marymount University was an amazing experience. I have always attended school with people of color, and LMU gave me a chance to experience diversity while still learning about my heritage through the African American studies classes I took. While on exchange, I traveled to Ghana where I saw a few of my friends, and I even made the cover of the LA Times fashion section!

--Emma Jackson, Psychology Major, Class of 2015--