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**The Alternative Spring Break “South Africa”
Program Reference Form**

To the Study Abroad Applicant:

Complete the upper portion and submit this form to your referee for completion. Include a stamped envelope addressed to the Department of Africana Studies at the address that appears at the bottom of the second page of this form. It is your responsibility to ensure the submission of this reference form.

Applicant’s Name: _____

Red ID Number: _____

**I am applying for admission to the Alternative Spring Break “South Africa”
beginning March 26 - April 6, 2010.**

I hereby unconditionally waive my right to access the information submitted on this form.

Applicant’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

To the Referee:

The individual named has applied for admission to the Alternative Spring Break Program in South Africa. Your thoughtful and candid evaluation will be of special importance in helping the Africana Studies Department to act wisely in the cause of this individual. We will hold your comments in strict confidence providing the applicant has signed the waiver on this form. Please complete both sides of this form, and mail it to the address that appears at the bottom of the second page. Thank you for your cooperation.

Referee’s Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State/ Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Country: _____ **Telephone ()** _____ **E-mail** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

2. How well do you know the applicant? (check one) Very Well **Well enough to be fairly sure of my evaluation** **Not well enough to rate with confidence**

3. Please Comment on this student’s maturity, stability and preparation for study in South Africa. _____

4. Please rate the applicant in comparison with his/ her peers regarding the characteristics listed below. Please circle the most accurate response.

Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	Uncertain
5	4	3	2	1	0

- a. Ability to articulate ideas and feelings
5 4 3 2 1 0
- b. Tact and consideration when interacting with others from different cultures, ideological positions and/ or ethnic background
5 4 3 2 1 0
- c. Ability to react constructively to criticism, suggestions, and advice
5 4 3 2 1 0
- d. Ability to constructively converse about controversial issues, particularly regarding domestic and foreign policy and political events in Africa
5 4 3 2 1 0
- e. Ability to function positively in an environment where customs, ideas and human reactions may not be readily understood
5 4 3 2 1 0
- f. Ability to work within an academic system in which classes and administration may be more or less flexible than those to which the student is accustomed
5 4 3 2 1 0
- g. Ability to relate to others in a warm, friendly and open manner
5 4 3 2 1 0
- h. Consideration for others in language, dress and general appearance
5 4 3 2 1 0
- i. Maturity and emotional stability
5 4 3 2 1 0

5. Please make any further comments which you think would be useful when evaluating this applicant.

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Return this form to:

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