
Application Packet
2018 Service-Learning Trips
Due September 11, 2017 by 4:00 pm, SLTC 133

Ferguson, Missouri	January 7-13, 2018	\$100
Pilgrimage to Taizé, France	March 17-24, 2018	\$400
Belize City, Belize	May 13-19, 2018	\$400

Before applying for the Office of Religious Life Service-Learning Trips, be aware:

- You must be a full-time degree seeking student at Hendrix College.
- If you are abroad or on leave in the fall semester, you will not be able to apply for the January trips.
- If you are abroad or on leave in the spring semester, you will not be able to apply for the spring or summer trips.
- If applying for an international trip, you must submit a copy of your passport with your completed application; passport must be valid six months beyond the travel dates. If you are not a U.S. citizen, additional paperwork may be necessary for international travel. Please contact Tricia Burris (burris@hendrix.edu) for more information.
- It is your responsibility to see that your two letters of recommendation have been sent to the Office of Religious Life by the due date.
- You must be able to attend the **MANDATORY** orientation session if you are chosen for a trip:

Dec. 3, 2017, 6-9pm	Ferguson Orientation
March 4, 2018, 6-9pm	Taizé Orientation
April 22, 2018, 6-9pm	Belize Orientation

Other Important Dates:

Sept. 11, 2017	Completed applications, including letters of recommendation; due by 4:00pm to the Office of Religious Life, SLTC 133.
Sept. 25-Oct. 10	Interviews
Oct. 11, 2017	Notification of acceptance
Oct. 18, 2017	Non-refundable trip deposits due to the Office of Religious Life (amounts listed above)



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Name _____ Hendrix ID # _____

Box _____ Cell Number _____

E-mail _____ Academic Advisor _____

Date of birth _____ Passport number _____

Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Have you applied for or participated in an Office of Religious Life (*or Miller Center*) Service-Learning Trip in the past? If so, please list:

Rank order (1st, 2nd, etc.) those trips *for which you wish to apply*.

_____	Ferguson	January 7-13, 2018
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I. Write an essay responding to the following; limit yourself to only **ONE PAGE**.

Why do you want to go on an Office of Religious Life Service-Learning Trip this year? Please consider both what you hope to offer others on this trip and what you hope to gain.

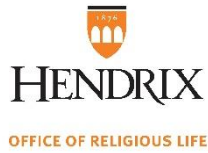
II. Write an essay for each of the trips you wish to apply for; limit yourself to only **ONE PAGE PER TRIP**.

- A. Ferguson: Why are you motivated to attend a service-learning trip focused on race, privilege, and systemic injustice? What perspective do you offer to both the Hendrix team and the community members of Ferguson?
- B. Taizé, France: How do you define “spiritual pilgrimage”? What do you hope to find out about yourself on a trip to Taizé?
- C. Belize City, Belize: This trip will be an **interfaith trip**, which means we will be selecting students from a variety of religious, spiritual, and philosophical backgrounds and commitments (including religious, nonreligious, and atheist students). The goal will be to build relationships across religious lines and to learn how to work together with people who may orient to the world differently than we do. What do you think you could contribute to such a group, and what would you hope to learn from it?

II. Sign the Confidential Information Waiver and Conduct Statement (*attached*).

III. Attach proof of valid passport if applying for the trip(s) abroad.

IV. Provide two letters of recommendation (*forms are attached*): one from a non-Hendrix associate who is familiar with your character and goals (cannot be a peer or family member), and one from a Hendrix faculty or staff (freshmen may substitute a letter from a high school teacher or counselor). Recommenders can send form to burris@hendrix.edu, fax 501-450-4595 or mail to the Office of Religious Life, 1600 Washington Ave., Conway, AR 72032.



Confidential Information Waiver Form

I, _____, request that the Office of Student Development and the chair of the Committee on Academic Integrity provide the Office of Religious Life Staff, access to any relevant information in my personal file. This permission is given with the understanding that all such information is confidential, is to be used only in order to make determinations of importance to the placing and support of the student participating in trips sponsored by the Office of Religious Life, and that the information is to be requested only when necessary.

Signature

Date

Conduct Statement

For the sake of safety and out of respect for our hosts, there will be regulations on alcohol consumption and other social activities. I will comply with these regulations.

Signature

Date

Office of Religious Life Service-Learning Application
Reference Form

Section I: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Applicant Name: _____
(Please print)

Trips applied for:

_____	_____	_____
Ferguson, MO	Taizé, France	Belize City, Belize
Jan. 7-13	March 17-24	May 13-19

Name of Reference: _____
(Please print)

Relationship to applicant: _____

Reference's Contact Information (email & phone number): _____

Waiver of Access

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, materials in students' files are open to inspection upon request, unless the student had waived the right of access in advance. Please indicate your wish by completing and signing the statement below. Your right to review is considered waived if you do not respond.

I hereby (check one):

_____ waive my right to access _____ retain my right to access

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section II: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REFERENCE

To the Reference: *The above named student is applying to participate in an Office of Religious Life Service-Learning Trip. These 7-10 day, service-intensive, group trips are physically, mentally, and emotionally challenging. Our expectation is that a participant is willing and able to confront the challenges presented on any given trip. Please provide your candid assessment of this student by answering the following questions. On ranking questions, select N/A if you do not have sufficient knowledge to evaluate a specific area (i.e. you are not familiar with the applicant in an academic setting). A separate sheet may be used.*

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- 1) How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- 2) Dependability and responsibility
___ Excellent ___ Above Average ___ Average ___ Below Average ___ N/A
- 3) Adaptability: openness to new situations, sensitivity to cultural differences, and ability to deal with the unexpected
___ Excellent ___ Above Average ___ Average ___ Below Average ___ N/A
- 4) Honesty and trustworthiness
___ Excellent ___ Above Average ___ Average ___ Below Average ___ N/A

- 5) Maturity: sound judgment and self-reliance
___ Excellent ___ Above Average ___ Average ___ Below Average ___ N/A
- 6) Academic performance/ability
___ Excellent ___ Above Average ___ Average ___ Below Average ___ N/A
- 7) Willingness to take initiative
___ Excellent ___ Above Average ___ Average ___ Below Average ___ N/A
- 8) Are you familiar with any issues this student may face while travelling?

9) Are you familiar with the applicant's background in service work? Has the applicant shared their motivations for wanting to participate in a service-learning trip? Please elaborate.

10) Does the applicant have the ability to meet the challenges and grow personally from participation on a service-learning trip?

11) Does the applicant have the ability to take part in personal (written) and group reflection about the service-learning trip experiences?

12) Overall Recommendation: Would you recommend this individual for a service-learning trip (*circle one*)
Yes, without reservation Yes, but with reservation No, not at all

Additional Comments:

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