

# Few cut from study abroad Professors turn to Securexam

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Although students have said the policy of only being able to apply to one study abroad program hinders their opportunities, it did not have a big impact this semester. The Study Abroad Office received 163 applications for programs directly managed and operated by UNC, said Sally Molyneux, associate director for finance and operations. Of those who applied, 150 students were accepted. Many of the other 13 applicants met qualifications for study abroad, but were not accepted because of two program caps, Molyneux said. The Cuba study abroad program only accepts 15 students, and the William D. Weir Honors Fellowships in Asian Studies only accepts three. Miguel Lilly, a junior accepted to the School of International Training program in Argentina, also expressed concerns about only being able to apply to one program. "If you want to study abroad, you should be able to study abroad," he said. "Part of what UNC stands for is that you can do anything you want while you're here. The policy

limits that."

UNC does not allow students to apply for more than one program because of the amount of time it takes to review applications, said Kathryn Goforth, associate director for advising in the study abroad office. Each application is about 10 pages long, and the study abroad staff only has two weeks to get everything read. "Our staff is limited as it is in being able to read and process one application per student," Goforth said. "So if we were to allow students to do two or three applications, that would double or triple the amount of work we'd have to do." And although the restriction of applying to one program did not affect many students, applicants who were not accepted for their first choice still have options. "We have the ability within the visa regulations to switch people around," Molyneux said. "In theory, they could switch to about anywhere, but some of those programs will close here very quickly based on visa regulations." Students who were rejected and

still want to study abroad can set up an appointment with an adviser to discuss their options. In addition to the UNC-run programs, students also can study abroad through exchange programs with foreign universities. Other programs are run mostly through agencies outside of UNC. Since they are not controlled entirely by UNC, the total number of students accepted to these programs has not been determined, but 219 students applied this semester. The office wants to send as many qualified applicants overseas as possible, Goforth said. "Our goal is really not to leave people out, but to include as many people as we can," said Kathleen McNeil, the study abroad advisor for Italy. "We'd like it to be a part of every Carolina student's education if it could be, so even if they do get rejected from their first choice program, we will do everything we can to get them into another program."

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Students and professors have differing opinions about the practicality of new electronic test-taking methods that might make blue book essays a thing of the past. OASIS, the information system for the College of Arts and Sciences, provides a program called Securexam which allows professors to administer tests over the computer. The program isn't widely used. "As of last semester there were 26 teachers using Securexam," said Andy Lang, director of OASIS — less than 1 percent of faculty members. Lang said the Department of English has the most users, along with the public policy and political science departments. The program requires students to install a software program that cuts off access to all other programs while being used, providing a blank Word document for answers. "Securexam is great for essay-based questions," Lang said. "Instead of spending time scribbling out sentences in a blue book, a student can simply make edits and turn in a clear product."

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GABRIELLE TUCCI, SENIOR ON USING SECUREXAM

Senior Gabrielle Tucci said she used Securexam in a public policy class her sophomore year. "It was a good program, but I was worried my computer was going to crash the whole time," she said. Lang said most of the problems with the software stem from students who have not maintained their computers well. "Viruses and spyware do not always allow for the program to run properly," Lang said. Tucci added that her public policy class had to bring surge protectors for each test because students' computer batteries would not last for the entire test. "I really prefer the program because I like to type out my answers, and I can read over my essays without flipping pages," Tucci said. Joseph Wittig, a professor in the English department, said he gives his

students the opportunity to write in a blue book if taking the exam over the computer is not appealing. "Most of my students prefer to take it over the computer, but I always provide students with the option of using a blue book if they're uncomfortable or a problem occurs," he said. Wittig said he has been using Securexam for five years, adding that the program has been good for him and his students. Ashley Melzer, a teaching assistant in the folklore department, said she thinks Securexam would make grading tests easier. "It would definitely make the grading process go faster," she said. "There are always a couple of tests that are difficult to read."

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## Digital textbooks see low sales

UNC one of seven testing eTextbooks

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Student Stores has introduced a new electronic service as a cheaper alternative to buying textbooks, but few students have signed on to the digital textbook idea. The National Association of College Stores selected UNC as one of seven colleges to test the eTextbook product, which allows students to read textbooks on a computer instead of using a hard copy. "The association wanted to be sure that colleges are ready to deliver digital products as the students want and need them," said John Jones, director of Student Stores. "We were chosen as one of the pilots because we are a large and significant school." Jones said officials have consulted with students for years about ways to reduce the costs of textbooks. In purchasing a digital textbook, students will save more money than if they were to buy either a used or new textbook, Jones said.

But he added that students who plan to buy used textbooks and sell them back to the bookstore at the end of the semester will find that is still the least expensive option. Currently, digital textbooks generally cost about half the price of the hard copy. "So the more expensive the hard-copy textbook, the more expensive the eTextbook," Jones said. Textbooks for about 50 courses already are available in digital form through Student Stores, though hard copies of the books are still sold. About 3,850 students are enrolled in classes with an eTextbook option, but only 50 eTextbooks have been sold. Though the overwhelming majority of students are still buying hard-copy textbooks, Jones said the number of digital textbooks should grow dramatically in the coming years. "I think that in the long term everything is going to go digital," he said. "Even though there are absolutely no plans to offer only eTextbooks, each

semester more and more will become available. And where that number tops out, no one can say." But students had a different opinion about going digital. Junior psychology major Catherine Bloodwell said even though eTextbooks would save paper and be more resourceful, having one could be distracting. "I always find myself doing other stuff when I'm on the computer, and then the information doesn't soak in as well," she said. "I like having a book in my hand and book marking. A hard copy is a lot more convenient for doing that." Sophomore American studies major Jody Smith also said he preferred hard copies. "I don't think the less expensive factor would move me to go digital with my textbooks," he said. "Having a hard copy is more tangible. Even if everything else goes digital, I think textbooks are one of the things that people will want to keep more traditional."

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