Tips for the Pilgrimage Application Process

Fall break is an excellent time to complete your application for the Pilgrimage program.

We recommend that you type your responses in a separate Word document and cut and paste them to the application form when you are ready to submit.

Every applicant is required to obtain two recommendations. A link to the recommendation form may be found within the online application. At least one recommendation should be completed by a professor with whom you have taken a course or a University staff member. Recommendations completed by family members or students will not be considered among the two required recommendations.

Applicants are responsible for contacting the individuals who will be completing their recommendations and providing them a link to the recommendation form. All recommendation forms are due by the application deadline on November 1st. Applicants whose recommendation forms have not been received by this date will not be considered for participation in the pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage application process is competitive, and we encourage you to think intentionally about your responses. Last-minute applications are recognizable, and it is inconsiderate to request recommendations from professors or staff members with very little notice prior to the deadline. Should you decide to apply, please be thoughtful in completing your application and in requesting your recommendations.

Students who are selected to participate in the pilgrimage program will be required to enroll in a half-unit course during the spring semester. The course meeting times are listed on the respective pilgrimage program pages.