

McTyeire International House

Application Instructions for Language Groups

(Spanish, German, Japanese, Chinese, French, Italian, Russian)

1. Print this entire document.
2. Read the *Introduction to the Living Learning Language Center*.
3. Give or send the *Instructor's Evaluation of McTyeire Applicant* to your current or former Vanderbilt language instructor; he or she will complete the evaluation and route it per the directions on the form.
4. Complete and sign the McTyeire application. Make sure you have read the McTyeire Handbook:
www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd/main/LLMcTyeireHandBook.php
5. Submit the application for the academic year 2008-09 **in person** to the Housing Office at 4113 Branscomb Quadrangle by 4:30 p.m., February 8, 2008. When you submit the application you must sign up for a mandatory dinner interview with the selection committee of your language hall.

Students **not** currently attending classes in Nashville should send the application to:

*The Office of Housing and Residential Education
VU Station B #351677
2301 Vanderbilt Place
Nashville, TN 37235-1677
FAX: 615/322-2020*

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An Introduction to the Living Learning Language Center

What is McTyeire?

The McTyeire International House, one of several *Living Learning Centers* on campus, promotes the use of foreign languages and the awareness of different cultures. McTyeire offers programs to students seeking to improve their fluency in French, German, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, Italian or Russian as well as a program, offered in English, to students seeking to learn more about international topics. Students are required to speak their target languages or discuss international topics at specific activities, including weekly study breaks and international dinners served Monday through Thursday in McTyeire's own dining room. McTyeire's kitchen specializes in international cuisine from around the world. Residents of McTyeire have access to a variety of foreign language magazines in the hall's own library and to a VCR/DVD player and TV in the TV Lounge.

Who Lives in McTyeire?

It is not necessary to be a language major to be part of McTyeire's language groups. In fact, one of McTyeire's main attractions is the diversity of its residents. Residency is open to students of all majors and schools of the University. The McTyeire community also includes a select number of graduate students and native speakers. Many of the undergraduate students are preparing to study in one of the Vanderbilt overseas programs or have just returned from a semester abroad. The only requirements are sufficient language ability to converse informally (when joining a language group) and the willingness to participate in both group specific and dorm-wide activities.

What goes on at McTyeire?

Events at McTyeire are organized both by the dorm as a whole and by the individual halls. Dorm-wide activities include dances, volleyball, cook-outs, and special parties (e.g. The McTyeire Student-Faculty Mixer, Super Bowl Sunday, McTyeire Olympics, and Big Band Ball). The fireplace lounge provides a cozy setting for studying, fireside chats featuring guest speakers, and marshmallow roasts. Each week, the halls meet at study break for discussions, watching movies, playing games or eating international food.

How to get into McTyeire?

The International House is a project of the College of Arts and Science in partnership with the Office of Housing and Residential Education. It is open to all undergraduate and graduate students of the University. **Please, return your application form for the academic year 2008-09 to 4113 Branscomb by 4:30 p.m., February 8, 2008.** McTyeire room selection takes place March 24, 2008.

Whom to Call?

For more information about McTyeire, please contact Anja Bandas, the program director of McTyeire, at (615) 421-5460 or anja.bandas@vanderbilt.edu. Please make sure to read the *McTyeire Handbook* posted at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd/main/LLMcTyeireHandBook.php>

Instructor's Evaluation of McTyeire Applicant

(Student, please give this form to your instructor or faculty adviser of your language department)

Applicant's Name: _____

Instructor's Name: _____ Course (if applicable): _____

Anyone living in McTyeire is expected to make active use of the target language and to participate conscientiously in program activities. Your responses to the following questions will help us in the selection process. Your evaluation will be kept in confidence by the five-member selection committee for each language-speaking group (One faculty member, the program coordinator, and three students).

Please complete part A below and either or both parts of B, and then give this evaluation to that member of your department who serves as McTyeire faculty adviser (Professor: Borge (Spanish), Setje-Eilers (German), Froment-Meurice (French), Nakajima (Japanese), Liu (Chinese), Lowe (Russian), Mirabile (Italian) or mail it to the McTyeire resident director, Anja Bandas, P.O.Box 1830-B.

A. LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE: On the basis either of an interview with the applicant held in the target language or of your experience with this person in class, place him or her in one of the following categories in terms of overall language ability.

1. _____ poor at speaking and understanding the language
2. _____ can make self understood and has some listening and comprehension ability
3. _____ expresses self hesitantly but with a good degree of accuracy
4. _____ expresses self easily and confidently with minimum error, very advanced
5. _____ a native or near-native speaker

(Use the back of this form for any additional comments.)

B. MOTIVATION

1. For those whom you currently have in class or have taught recently, please rate the applicant on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 10 (excellent) by circling the appropriate numbers:

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| Class participation | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Attitude toward the subject matter | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Attitude toward other students | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Effort and enthusiasm in learning the language | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Class attendance | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

2. If you feel qualified, comment on the likelihood that this person will contribute to and benefit from eating and/or living in the McTyeire program. (Use the back of this form if you need it.)

Date: _____ Instructor's signature: _____

Application for the McTyeire International House

Language Groups: Spanish, German, Japanese, Chinese, French, Italian, Russian

Language group for which you are applying: _____

Application for (year): _____ Gender: M F

Name: _____ School: _____

Major(s): _____ Semester to graduate: _____

Vanderbilt P.O. Box #: _____ Campus phone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____

E- Mail address: _____

Please read *The McTyeire International House Handbook* posted at www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd/main/LLMcTyeireHandBook.php. Additional information about the McTyeire program can be found at www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd/main/LLMcTyeire.php. Questions may be directed to Anja Bandas, Resident Director, at anja.bandas@vanderbilt.edu.

If you have lived in McTyeire previously, you need not answer questions 1-3 below. Simply read and sign the statement below.

Questions: Use the back of this form if you need more space.

1. Why have you decided to apply to McTyeire?

2. How did you learn your target language? List your VU foreign languages courses, if any, and professor's names. Have you lived abroad, been involved in international activities, or taken courses involving another culture?

3. Which of the program activities listed in the McTyeire Handbook interests you most? Explain Why.

Statement:

* I understand that, if accepted into McTyeire, I must complete a Vanderbilt University Housing Contract and pay the room deposit by the published deadline in order to reserve my space.

* I understand that, if I accept the offer to live in McTyeire, I will not be eligible to participate in the general random selection process.

* I understand that residents of McTyeire are required to contract for partial board in the McTyeire Dining Room (see McTyeire Handbook).

* I understand that if accepted, I will be expected to abide by Vanderbilt University housing rules and regulations, and that if I fail to meet the expectations and/or fail to abide by the rules published in the McTyeire Handbook, I will be required to vacate my space in McTyeire Hall and move into any available housing.

* My signature below also confirms that I have read the McTyeire Handbook and expect to budget my time so as to be able to participate fully in the McTyeire programs of my language-speaking group, including the dinner meals from 6 - 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Signature: _____ Date: _____