Rice Will Join Smith In Junior Year Abroad

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The Faculty approved Tuesday a program through which undergraduates may spend their junior year studying abroad.

The program will be open only to students with "superior" academic records. Eligible students must have the approval of the head of their major department and the committee on Examinations and Standing. This is to emphasize that the program is intended for serious academic work, and not just a year of fun and games on the Continent.

THERE ARE NO other restrictions on who is eligible for the program. Both men and women may apply, and although the program is intended primarily as a broadening experience for academic students, an attempt is being made to offer scientists a chance to participate.

The program is best adapted for study in France, although universities in Germany, Italy, and Spain are included. The Smith College program, with which the Rice program will be affiliated, includes the universities of Hamburg in Germany, Florence in Italy, Madrid in Spain, and the Faculty of Letters at the University of Paris. The actual university a student attends will be up to him, with approval of the head of his major department and the Faculty Advisor to the Junior Year Abroad Program.

ALL COSTS will be borne by the student, with approval of his parents or guardian. Smith's estimate of the cost is about $2300. This figure includes transportation costs and moderate living expenses. It does not include weekends on the Riviera, and will probably be more for women than men, for reasons which this writer does not fully understand.

It will be necessary for anyone interested seriously in the program to talk to the Registrar's Office immediately, since the deadline is soon.

It has always been possible for a Rice student to spend his junior year abroad, but it has involved transferring to another school for that year, and then transferring back. Now it is possible to stay in Rice, and more important, to transfer credit earned abroad back to Rice.