

**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY, RELEASE,
AND AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS**

Study Abroad Program: _____

I, _____ (print name) hereby indicate my desire to participate in the _____ in _____ sponsored by _____ College ("the College"). My participation in this program (referred to below as the "study abroad program") is completely voluntary. If and/or when I am offered and accept a place in the above-named study abroad program, I agree as follows:

1. I understand that this is an academic program, and agree to follow the requirements set forth by the faculty member(s) conducting the program. I realize that noncompliance with these requirements may subject the student to disciplinary action.
2. I understand that the College reserves the right to make cancellations, changes or substitutions to the program at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and that the College shall not be liable for any loss whatsoever to program participants as a result of such changes. I understand that the College has the right to cancel and/or discontinue the program due to hostile activity, acts of war or terrorism, or in the event of social or civil unrest.
3. I acknowledge that the College has the authority to establish rules and guidelines necessary for the operation of its overseas programs. The rules of conduct for student participants will be elaborated on in both verbal form and written form before and during the course of the program. I understand that the host institution may have additional policies, rules, or guidelines to which I will be subject and regarding which I agree to abide. I also agree to abide by the College Student Code of Professionalism and Student Conduct and Academic Honor Code ("Codes") during and in connection with my participation in the program. I understand that violation of the Codes may result in removal from the study abroad program, in addition to any action outlined in the Codes, and I agree to act responsibly and appropriately at all times. I also agree to conform to all applicable policies, rules, regulations, and standards of conduct of any host institution and/or foreign affiliate. I accept termination of my participation in the program by the College and full responsibility for transportation costs home if I fail to maintain acceptable standards of conduct. I understand that the faculty and /or staff member(s) conducting the program has the designated authority to remove a student from the program in accordance with this provision. Moreover, I understand that acts of academic dishonesty will be dealt with under the Academic Honor Code.
4. I understand that the College has the right to withdraw me from the program at any time if, in the judgment of the faculty advisors of the study abroad program, I have conducted myself in a way that has disrupted the program or brought the program into disrepute. In this regard, I understand that there are behavioral and cultural differences from country to country and that

I should be sensitive to these differences, and that I should adjust my dress and conduct accordingly. Some examples, but not a complete listing of inappropriate conduct, includes: rude and obnoxious behavior due to excessive drinking, shouting and other loud expressions after hours in the hotel where the participants are staying, illegal behavior including buying, selling, or using illegal substances, and any activities that violate reasonable standards of conduct. I understand further that if I withdraw, depart, or am dismissed from the program prior to its formal completion, I will be required to pay all costs incurred on my behalf, and I will be required to return home at my own expense. I understand that academic transcripts will not be released until such reimbursement is made if costs are incurred to return me home. I also understand and agree that if I withdraw, depart, or am dismissed from the program prior to its formal completion, I will not be eligible for any academic credits I would have earned and will automatically be withdrawn from the program.

5. I understand and acknowledge that there are inherent health and safety risks associated with living and studying abroad and I agree I am personally responsible for obtaining all health information, medical procedures, immunizations, and medications appropriate to my study abroad program for my personal well-being. I realize that accident and illness insurance, as well as insurance for medical evacuation and repatriation, that are applicable outside of the United States are required for my participation in the program and that I am responsible for obtaining appropriate insurance coverage for the duration of the program. I also understand that the College encourages me to have appropriate insurance coverage for the entire time I am abroad, even during independent travel before or after the program period. I understand that deteriorating roads, hairpin curves with no guard rails, inadequate signs and lighting, disregard for traffic laws, and poorly maintained vehicles can be common abroad. I further understand that The College discourages me from driving an automobile or a motorcycle while abroad, and that I am responsible for all risks associated with operating a vehicle in a foreign country.
6. I agree to leave a travel itinerary with my program's director if I travel outside my program's host city. I also agree to keep my emergency contact card with me throughout the duration of the program. At all times during my travel with the program, I agree to be in possession of a valid United States passport and if not a United States citizen, a valid foreign passport, or official travel document and any visas (e.g., tourist or student visa) or other immigration documents (e.g., U.S. "green card", Form I-20) required for entry into a foreign country and re-entry into the United States. In the event that I engage in group travel and am prevented from traveling with the group at any time due to my failure to be in possession of all necessary documents, I understand that I shall bear responsibility for all costs incurred to seek out, contact, and reach the group, obtain accommodations during periods of delayed departure from any location, or return home. I agree to provide a photocopy of each and every necessary travel document referenced above that is required for my participation in this trip.
7. I certify that I have read or will read the most recent *Worldwide Caution* and *Consular Information Sheets* from the U.S. Department of State for the foreign countries I plan to visit.

8. I understand that as a visitor in a foreign country, I will be subject to the laws of that country. I agree to comply with those laws as well as any rules or policies of the host institution. I understand that being charged with any infraction of the laws of the host country is grounds for immediate removal from the program, with refund of tuition and fees, if appropriate, pursuant to the College's and program's policies. In addition, I understand that should I have any legal problems in the host country, I will be responsible for legal costs incurred as a result. The College cannot provide legal counsel in such circumstances.
9. I agree that if I require an accommodation due to disability and/or religious observances in order to fully participate in the study abroad program, I will follow (or have already followed) the proper procedures for assessment and approval of such accommodation by the necessary College parties as reasonable. Such approval of accommodations must be granted prior to participation in the program.
10. I authorize The College, its employees, agents and representatives to act in any attempt to safeguard and preserve my health and/or safety during my participation in the program, including disclosure of information to those listed as emergency contacts by me, authorizing medical treatment on my behalf and at my expense, and returning me to the United States at my own expense for medical treatment in case of an emergency.
11. I understand that activities or independent travel conducted when I have free time before, during, or after the program, shall be unsupervised by The College, its agents or employees. I agree that The College, its agents, and employees shall have no responsibility or liability for any injury, damage or loss suffered by me during such periods of independent activity or travel, and this Release shall remain in full force and effect during such times. I agree that in the event I become detached from any group with whom I am traveling or am unable to remain with the group for any reason, I will bear all responsibility and costs incurred to seek out, contact, and reach the group at its next available destination or to return to the host institution if applicable during the term of the program.
12. I agree for myself, my heirs and personal representatives, to hold harmless, and forever release The College and any cooperating institution and all their officers, agents and employees, successors and agents from any and all claims and causes of action for inconvenience, damage to or loss of property, medical or hospital care, personal illness or injury or death arising out of my participation which may result from my participation and transportation activities in connection with the study abroad program named above.
13. This Agreement and Release shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of Florida. Any litigation regarding this Release or the study abroad program shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Pinellas, State of Florida.

I acknowledge that I have read this entire document and understand its terms and agree to the

conditions described above.

Participant's signature (If under 18 years of age, must be signed by parent or legal guardian.)

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____