

Agreement for Participation in Independent Travel Abroad

I, a participant in the University of Georgia (hereinafter "University") education abroad program (hereinafter "Program"), hereby agree as follows:

1. I have read and understand all Program information available on the Program website and provided to me by a UGA Program Coordinator, as well as the U.S. State Department Country Specific Information.
2. I understand that I am traveling independently and I am not accompanied by UGA faculty or staff.
3. I will comply with the University of Georgia's student conduct regulations throughout the duration of my participation in the Program, as well as the standards of conduct of the host organization or university. I agree that the Program Coordinator shall have the right to enforce appropriate standards of behavior and that I may be dismissed from the Program at any time for failure to comply with such standards. I understand that as a UGA student taking part in an education abroad experience I will be subject to the laws of that country.
4. I understand that being charged with any infraction of the laws of the host country is grounds for immediate expulsion from the Program, without refund. Examples of activities that may lead to legal problems abroad may include:
 1. Engaging in political activities in the host country, including but not limited to joining political parties or unions, participating in demonstrations, soliciting political material or picketing may be dangerous and/or illegal.
 2. Not complying with local laws, as well as with the regulations of the host university, including refraining from using, possessing or selling any illegal drugs.
5. I understand that should I have any legal problems in the host country, I will be responsible for any costs incurred as a result. The University cannot provide legal counsel in such circumstances.
6. I understand and acknowledge that there are inherent health risks associated with traveling abroad. I agree that I am personally responsible for obtaining all health information, instruction, medical procedures, immunizations and medications appropriate to my intended travel. I recognize that the University is not responsible for any of my medical needs and I assume all risk and responsibility therefore. I further agree that if I become incapacitated, the University may take whatever action deemed necessary with respect to my health and safety. I authorize the University to place me, at their discretion and without my further consent, in a hospital or in the care of a local doctor for medical services and treatment. If necessary or desirable, I also authorize the University to transport me back to the United States by commercial airline or other transportation as deemed appropriate, for medical treatment. I agree that I will be fully responsible for any and all expenses, including transportation costs, associated with or in any way related to my medical care.

7. I understand that I am required to purchase medical insurance that will cover me during the period of the study abroad program for accidents, illnesses, medical evacuation and repatriation of remains. I understand that the University strongly recommends that I visit the UGA Travel Clinic or another appropriate facility to receive additional, country-specific health and travel information. March 2015-1
8. I understand that I may be subject to theft or loss of property abroad, that I should take reasonable precautions to guard my property, and that I am responsible for the security of my possessions and passport.
9. The University strongly discourages operating motor vehicles of any kind while participating in the Program, due to the inherent dangers of driving in a country with different traffic laws, driving habits, and regulations relating to insurance. If I decide to operate a motor vehicle while abroad, however, I recognize that the University assumes no financial responsibility for any property damage, or injury of any kind related to my operation of a motor vehicle, including, but not limited to, automobile repairs and medical care if I am involved in an accident; and that I participate in these activities at my own risk.
10. I understand that if I engage in recreational activities outside of the Program during free time, the University assumes no responsibility for my safety or any liability for costs or difficulties that I may incur, and that I participate in these activities at my own risk.
11. I understand that I am expected to leave the place of residence used during the Program in good condition and that I am responsible for any cleaning fees and/or cost to repair any damage that occurs in my place of residence during my stay. I realize that the Program and the University are not responsible nor liable for any property damage and losses which I may incur while studying abroad.
12. I understand that the University reserves the right to make cancellations, changes or substitutions in the Program at any time because of emergency, changed conditions or the Program leadership determination that such changes or substitutions are in the best interest of the Program or its participants. I understand that the University is not responsible for the cost of replacing airline tickets if the Program is cancelled. I further understand that if any emergency, weather delay, or other unavoidable situation leads to a delay in my return to the U.S., I am responsible for my living costs for the additional time spent abroad and for penalties or costs related to changed airline tickets. I also understand that exchange rate fluctuation and/or inflationary conditions may necessitate that the Program raise fees above previously advertised rates between the time of admission and the beginning of the Program.
13. I understand that if my participation in the Program is terminated by the University, I will be dismissed with no refund of fees. If I am dismissed before completion of the Program, I agree that I will be responsible for any and all costs and expenses associated with my return home, and that I will also be responsible for my own travel arrangements home. I also understand that if I leave the Program voluntarily for any reason, including illness, I will be responsible for any and all costs and expenses associated with my return home and that there will be no refund of any fees.
14. I understand that in the event my Program fees balance is not paid in full by the due date, I agree to pay all collection costs, including attorney fees and other charges necessary for the collection of any

amount not paid when due. Should any payments I make be returned for insufficient funds, invalid account, etc., I understand these balances will also be treated as stated above.

15. I understand that I am responsible for compliance with visa/entry requirements for the country to which I am traveling, and that these requirements may differ based on my home country of citizenship.
16. I agree that, should any provision or aspect of this agreement be found to be unenforceable, all remaining provisions of this agreement will remain in full force and effect.

Release, Waiver of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue

I hereby acknowledge my awareness that my participation in the Program may expose me to risk of property damage and bodily or personal injury, including death. I understand that the risks that I may encounter include but are not limited to transportation accidents, political unrest and terrorist incidents, criminal acts and illnesses, as well as other risks that may not be foreseeable. I have been informed and understand that there are inherent risks and dangers involved in the Program. I knowingly and freely assume any and all such risks and voluntarily participate in the Program.

The Undersigned does hereby release, waive, discharge, indemnify, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, by and on behalf of, the University of Georgia, and their employees, officers, or agents from any liability, claims, demands, causes of action, suits, losses, damages, property damage, property loss or theft, costs (including court costs and attorneys' fees) or injury, including death, that may be sustained by the Undersigned while participating in any university activity abroad whether caused by the negligence of the University and its employees, officers, or agents or otherwise. The Undersigned understands and intend that this Assumption of Risk and Release is binding upon the Undersigned and their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

I certify that I am at least 18 years of age or, if not, that I have secured below the signature of my parent or legal guardian as well as my own. This consent is given freely and voluntarily by me without coercion, distress, threat or promise of any kind.

I certify that I have read and understood the above.

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