



Study Abroad Consent, Release, and Assumption of Risk

I agree my participation in this Program is entirely voluntary and at my request and initiation. In consideration of my participation in the Program, I agree as follows:

1. Risks of Study Abroad - I understand and agree my participation in the Program involves risks not found in study at Washburn University. These risks include, but are not limited to: traveling to and within, and returning from, one or more foreign countries; foreign, political, legal, social and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances; risks of injury, permanent disability or death; property damage and economic loss; natural disasters, civil unrest or hostilities; and terrorist activities or acts of war.

a. If I am charged with violations of federal, state or local laws, I understand the University will neither request nor agree to special consideration for me because of my status as a student. I understand that while studying and living in another country, I am subject to the laws of that country (i.e. the sale or use of drugs or alcohol). I understand that a U.S. passport will not protect me from arrest or detention; that the judicial procedure in many countries provides for lengthy investigatory detention without bail; and the U.S. embassy may not be able to assist me.

2. Independent Activity - I understand and agree that neither the University, nor the host institution or faculty of either institution will be supervising me at times when classes or activities within the Program are not in session and that I will have the opportunity and the right to engage in independent activities, including travel. I understand and agree risks referred to above in Section One are also associated with any independent activities in which I may engage.

3. Institutional Arrangements - I understand and agree the University does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any host institution, host family, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organization or other provider of goods or services involved in the program. I also understand and agree the University is not responsible for matters, which are beyond its control.

4. Health and Health Insurance, Property Insurance, Medial Evacuation and Repatriation Insurance

a. Health: I understand a consultation with a medical doctor regarding my personal medical needs is highly recommended but optional. I am aware of all applicable personal medical needs. I understand and agree I am personally responsible for payment of medical costs while participating in the Program and that the University is not obligated to attend to any of my medical or medication needs. I also understand and agree the standard of health care in a foreign county may not be of the same quality and type as available in the United States.

(i) If my program is University faculty-led, I authorize the University faculty leader to secure any necessary treatment in the event that I need emergency medical care, hospitalization or surgery while participating in the Program.

b. Insurance: I understand that I will be enrolled in the WU Study Abroad Insurance Plan. I recognize if I allow the policy to lapse that no liability rests with WU, its agents, or servants. I understand and agree I have been advised to procure policies of insurance to:

(i) provide payment for medical treatment and medication while participating in the Program;

(ii) provide compensation for property damage, loss of property and /or other economic loss while participating in the program;

(iii) provide for arranging and payment for medical evacuation to the United States in the event of serious illness or injury; and,

(iv) provide for the repatriation of my remains in the event of my demise.

5. Standards of Conduct

a. I understand and agree to abide by the Study Abroad Code of Conduct: Expectations and Consequences, which includes the Washburn University Student Conduct Code. **I acknowledge that if my conduct violates this code, that I could be immediately dismissed from the program and be sent home at my own expense.**

(i) If I am dismissed from the program, I understand that no refund will be made and no academic credits will be awarded by the University.

b. Additionally, I understand that each foreign country has its own laws and acceptable standards of conduct, including dress, manners, moral, politics, alcohol, drug use and behavior. I understand and agree that behavior or conduct violating those laws or standards could be harmful to my own health and safety and could result in legal action against me under applicable law of such nation. I further agree that, in event my behavior or conduct subjects me to legal action or I have or develop legal problems with any foreign national or foreign government, I shall be solely responsible for arranging and paying for any legal expenses association with such actions.

(i) If on a faculty-lead program, I understand and acknowledge that the WU faculty leader may create rules for my safety such as restricting access to certain places at certain times for my safety and I agree to abide by those instructions.

6. Assumption of Risks and Release - With full knowledge of the risks associated with travel to, from and within foreign countries and participation in the Program as outlined above in Sections One and Two, I, for myself, my family, heirs, legal and personal representatives knowingly and voluntarily assume the risks and responsibilities associated with my participation in the Program and for my travel to and presence in foreign countries. Further, I agree, for myself, my family, and heirs, legal and personal representatives to release, indemnify and hold harmless Washburn University of Topeka, its Board of Regents, officers, agents, representatives, employees and its successors and assigns from and against any and all loss, cost, damage, arising out of my participation in the Program including, but not limited to travel to, from and within any foreign country.

7. Financial & Academic Terms and Conditions

I understand:

- If a college/university student, I understand that if I participate in a semester or academic year program that I must maintain fulltime enrollment (minimum 12 hrs. each semester).
- I accept the conditions of the WU Program for the current academic year, as well as financial responsibilities as outlined in the program materials.
- If there is an application fee, it is non-refundable.
- If offered a scholarship I may be required to participate in activities before and after my experience abroad as a condition of my award. I agree to repay the full or partial amount of my scholarship award if I fail to fulfill the scholarship conditions.
- In the event of illness or other unexpected catastrophic events which may lead a participant to forego the program or to terminate that study prematurely, WU will not be required to provide a refund or any of the monies paid for the program. However, it may do so if WU determines that the circumstances merit a refund.
- I understand that by signing this commitment form I acknowledge and accept responsibility for the timely payment of all charges for which I am billed in connection with this program. I further acknowledge that my failure to pay these charges in full on a timely basis will incur penalties that may include, but are not limited to, holds on my WU account, late fees and collection charges.

8. Publicity

- I authorize WU to publish my name and/or photo and give WU, and all persons or entities acting pursuant to WU's permission or authority, all rights to use my name and/or photo. I understand that my name and/or photo may be used for educational, advertising, and promotional purposes in all conventional and electronic media, and any future media. I also authorize the use of any printed material in connection therewith.
- I authorize WU to notify my emergency contact that I have provided in the application materials if I am involved in any emergency abroad while participating in the program.

I certify that I have carefully read the information contained in this document and the Study Abroad Code of Conduct. No representations, statements or inducements, written or oral, apart from the foregoing written statement have been made.

Participant's Printed Name

Participant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's signature is required if the Participant is 17 years of age or younger.

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