



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND RELEASE

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Villanova University offers students the opportunity to enroll in overseas programs, some operated by different educational institutions and program providers. Certain potential risks to personal health and safety are associated with international travel and residence in a foreign country. You should not participate in an overseas program unless you are willing to accept the associated risks. Villanova University cannot guarantee the health and safety of participants in an overseas program or eliminate all risks from overseas environments.

**Please read, sign and return this form to the Office of International Studies before your program of study begins. Students who fail to return this form will not be allowed to participate in any programs offered through the Office of International Studies.**

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1. Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks.

a) I understand that there are certain risks associated with international travel and residence in a foreign country and that the University and its staff cannot control these risks.

b) I understand that these risks may include exposure to potentially serious health and safety hazards such as: transportation accidents, storms, floods, earthquakes, and other natural disasters; infectious diseases, inadequate medical care, remote access to medical treatment; armed insurrections; and terrorist activities.

c) I understand and hereby acknowledge that I assume all risks incurred by my participation in a program offered through the University (the "Program").

2. Release.

In consideration of being allowed to enroll and participate in the Program, the undersigned hereby release Villanova University, its Board of Trustees, officers, agents and employees from any and all claims arising out of or in any way connected with the Program and the undersigned's participation in the Program, including, but not limited to, the risks as outlined above.

3. Health and Safety.

a) I have consulted with a medical doctor with regard to my personal medical needs and about the location(s) where the Program is to be offered. There are no health-related reasons or problems that preclude or restrict my participation in this Program.

b) I am aware of all applicable personal medical needs. I have arranged, through insurance or otherwise, to meet any and all needs for payment of medical costs while I participate in the Program. I

recognize that the University is not obligated to attend to any of my medical or medication needs, and I assume all risk and responsibility therefore. If I require medical treatment or hospital care, in a foreign country or in the United States, during the Program, I agree that the University is not responsible for the cost or quality of such treatment or care. I have or agree to procure adequate insurance to cover emergency medical needs and evacuations or repatriation as necessary.

c) The University may (but is not obligated to) take any action it considers to be warranted under the circumstances regarding my health and safety including sending me home from the location of the Program. I agree to pay all expenses relating thereto and release the University from any liability for any actions in this regard.

4. Program Arrangements, Changes, or Termination.

The University has the right to make cancellations, substitutions or changes in case of emergency or changed conditions or in the interest of the Program. If I leave or am expelled from the Program for any reason, there will be no refund of fees already paid. I accept all responsibility for my travel arrangements and accommodations and for any loss or additional expenses incurred due to delays or other changes in the Program, means of transportation, other services, or sickness, weather, strikes, or other unforeseen causes. I agree to be responsible for any and all costs arising from voluntary or involuntary withdrawal from the Program prior to its completion, including withdrawal caused by illness or disciplinary action.

5. Personal Conduct and Academic Integrity.

a) I understand that I am required to observe the laws of the country where the Program is located and all academic and disciplinary regulations in effect at the host institution. While I am studying overseas, I will also be enrolled as a degree candidate at the University and, consequently, continue to be subject to the University's Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Code, and other University policies. I understand that I may be expelled from the Program for violation of these codes or policies and/or for academic failure or misconduct, as well as subject to sanction under the University's policies.

b) I acknowledge that I am not permitted to participate in the Program if I currently stand charged or are charged prior to the beginning of the Program with a violation of the University's Code of Student Conduct or Academic Integrity Code, or if I am on academic or disciplinary probation.

**I agree that this document is to be construed under the laws of the United States and that if any portion is held invalid, the balance continues in full force and effect. I acknowledge that I have read and understood the entire document and I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parental Consent (Required if student is under 18 years of age at beginning of Program)**

The undersigned parent or legal guardian of the above-named student, a minor, hereby consents to the participation of said student in the Program, subject to the conditions stated above.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date