

**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

**OVERSEAS STUDENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I, the undersigned, _____, being of legal age, do hereby agree and promise the following for and in consideration of my application for participation and acceptance in a Study Abroad Program (“Program”) offered by Florida International University to be held in _____ from _____ to _____, 200__ .

1. I shall be bound by and comply with the terms, conditions, and obligations of the Program, including those relating to fee payment, late application, and refund policies. My failure to comply with the terms of the Program or to conduct myself in a fitting manner may result in my involuntary withdrawal from the Program by either Florida International University or my host institution.
2. My participation in the Program is voluntary and not a requirement of my curriculum at Florida International University. I have chosen to participate in the Program because of the learning and cultural experiences I will gain through study in a foreign country. I acknowledge that I am neither an agent nor representative of Florida International University and may not look to the University or the State of Florida for reimbursement of expenses. I accept full responsibility for all costs and expenses associated with my participation in the Program.
3. I acknowledge that in the course of my participation in the Program and related activities, I may be exposed to risks inherent in travel to a foreign country, some of which are known and some of which are unknown, which may result in property damage or loss, as well as personal or bodily injury which could be painful, permanently disfiguring or debilitating and even fatal. I voluntarily assume all risks, including, but not limited to, sickness, bad weather, strikes, war or military actions, quarantine, detention, acts of terrorism. I further expressly assume full responsibility for any risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage due to the negligence of the Sate of Florida, the Florida Board of Education, the Florida International University Board of Trustees or Florida International University, and their respective employees and agents, or otherwise.
4. I agree and acknowledge that I will have time for, and may engage in personal activities unrelated to the purpose of the Program while I am abroad. Such activities will be at my sole responsibility and risk.
5. I acknowledge that Florida International University, the Florida International University Board of Trustees, the Florida Board of Education and the State of Florida and their respective officers, employees, and agents are not responsible for losses or expenses suffered by me due to delays, changes in itinerary, changes in the content of program study, or other matters which are beyond their control.

6. I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns release, waive, discharge and relinquish, and agree to hold harmless the State of Florida, the Florida Board of Education, the Florida International University Board of Trustees, and Florida International University, and their respective officers, employees and agents, from and against all claims and causes of action which may arise from my participation in the program and its related activities, whether the same should arise by reason of the negligence of anyone participating in the program or its related activities, or otherwise, and agree that under no circumstances will I, or anyone claiming through me, prosecute or present any claims for personal or bodily injury, property damage or loss, or wrongful death against the State of Florida, the Florida Board of Education, the Florida International University Board of Trustees, or Florida International University, or their respective officers, employees, and agents.

I have read and understood the full contents of this document, and agree to be bound by it.

Student Signature

Student Name

Date

Witness Signature

Date