

RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. COMPLETE ALL THE BLANKS BELOW.
THEN, SIGN AND DATE ON THE BACK.

In consideration of my being permitted to participate as a student in the overseas study program in (country), _____(terms), _____ (year), NOT administered by Portland State University (PSU)'s Education Abroad Office, I do hereby release Portland State University's Education Abroad Office from liability and assume the risk as follows:

- 1) I understand that on rare occasions an emergency may develop which necessitates the administration of medical care, hospitalization, surgery, or mental health services. Therefore, in the event of injury or illness to myself, I hereby authorize Portland State University's Education Abroad Office by and through their authorized representative(s) or agent(s) in charge of said program, to secure any necessary treatment including the administration of an anesthetic and surgery. It is understood that such treatment shall be solely at my expense and I agree to reimburse Portland State University for any expenses which they might suffer on account of said injury or treatment thereof.
- 2) I release and covenant not to sue Portland State University and all their respective members, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability and expense attributable to any injury, death, property damage, lost wages, economic loss, emotional distress, psychic injury, pain or suffering of any kind whatsoever in any way resulting from or arising out of my traveling to or from, participating in, or living abroad in conjunction with the overseas study program listed in the first paragraph of this form.
- 3) In programs where courses are taught by professors who are not faculty of Portland State University, I understand that PSU does not warrant the quality or quantity of instruction or other course materials. I realize teaching methods may vary greatly from the classes I attend at PSU. I also understand that my participation in classes is essential to the success of the program and, therefore, I am required to attend all regularly scheduled classes and excursions. Overseas study programs through Portland State University are strictly academic in nature and personal travel must not conflict with the regular class schedule. I acknowledge that I decided to participate in this program knowing the above.
- 4) I understand that as a Portland State University student in a foreign country, I will be subject to the laws of that country and rules of that institution. I agree to conduct myself in a manner that will comply with those laws and with the policies/ regulations of the program staff. I understand that Portland State University expects me to follow the laws of the host country, behave responsibly, and not abuse alcohol. Portland State University's Education Abroad Office program staff shall under no circumstances be considered responsible for any illegal activities I may engage in. I understand that the program staff has the authority to discontinue my participation in the program if, in the judgment of the program staff, my conduct is unacceptable. I further understand that if my participation is discontinued by the host university this will also result in my discontinued participation on Portland State University's program.
- 5) I further understand that I am solely responsible for any and all costs arising out of my voluntary or involuntary withdrawal from the program prior to its completion, including withdrawal caused by illness or disciplinary action taken by the program staff. In the event that Portland State University has committed expenses on my behalf prior to the start of the program, I understand that these funds may not be refundable.

- 6) I have read PSU's Student Conduct Code.¹ The Student Conduct Code will be enforced to the extent that its provisions apply to the conditions of the program. I understand that disciplinary action may be initiated if I disrupt, obstruct, or interfere with the process of instruction, administration, or university-sponsored and supervised activities. In addition to complying with PSU's Student Conduct Code, I understand that I must comply with the host institution's and/or program's expectations and policies while participating in Portland State University's sponsored or supervised activities. Failure to comply may result in action as specified in the Student Conduct Code and the creation of a discipline record. In the event that PSU may decide to pursue disciplinary action through our student conduct procedures, I waive any deadlines regarding the initiation of disciplinary procedures under the student conduct code so Portland State University's Education Abroad Office may choose to delay action until I return to campus. I also understand that the program may check to see whether I have a conduct record at PSU, and that it may be considered in determining whether I am eligible. My signature below gives permission to release my conduct record to the program for these purposes.

I have read and understand the above provisions and agree to be bound thereby.

Student Participant (please print as well as sign your name)

Date

Parent or Guardian (if student is under 18 years of age)

Date

Failure to submit this form will result in your withdrawal from the program.

¹ Can be accessed through the via www.ess.pdx.edu/osa/ or by contacting the Student Affairs office at 503-725-4422