Conditions of Participation Agreement and Assumption of Risk and Release
Non-Credit Participants

In consideration of being allowed to participate in a Kansas State University Study Abroad program, I hereby release Kansas State University, the State of Kansas, and their agents, officers and employees, from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind, including claims for negligence, which may arise from my participation in the program, and I agree to all of the following terms and conditions of participation:

I understand that there are certain risks associated with international travel and residence in another country. These risks may include, but are not limited to: 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; foreign, political, legal, social, and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety, and maintenance of buildings, public places, and conveyances; armed insurrections; and terrorist activities that may result in personal injury, destruction of property, or death.

I agree to consult with a medical doctor, the Center for Disease Control, the Lafene Health Center, and/or the U.S. Department of State’s Travel Registration website for required or suggested vaccinations, immunizations, and other health related information and warnings pertaining to my travel and study abroad in host countries.

I understand that if I require hospitalization or medical treatment during the study abroad program, Kansas State University cannot and does not assume legal responsibility for payment of such costs.

I understand that I am responsible for familiarizing myself with the terms and conditions of the insurance provider associated with my study abroad program.

I understand that it is my responsibility to consult the U.S. Department of State’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (https://step.state.gov/step/) so the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in my host country knows of my whereabouts in the case of an emergency when it might be necessary for a consular officer to contact me.

If I decide to consume alcohol, I agree to consume alcohol responsibly and abide by my host country’s laws and customs related to alcohol consumption. I understand that illicit drug use is NOT permitted.

I understand that dismissal from my program abroad and immediate repatriation will be at my expense and may include loss of program costs and potential university credit. I understand that Kansas State University or the host institution has the right to withdraw me from the program at any time for ANY behavior, which, in the judgment of the Study Abroad Office and/or Faculty Leader, disrupts the program or brings the program into disrepute.

Kansas State 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 program location. I agree to pay all expenses relating thereto and release Kansas State University from any liability for any actions in this regard.

I give Kansas State University permission to contact my next of kin if necessary, concerning matters of health and safety.

I understand that each country has its own laws and standards of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, morals, politics, alcohol & drug use, and behavior. I recognize that behavior which violates those laws or standards could harm Kansas State University’s relations with those countries and institutions therein, as well as my own health and safety. I will become informed of, and will abide by, all such laws and standards for each country to which I will travel during the program. I understand that Kansas State University is not responsible for informing me of international laws and in-country standards of conduct. I will obey the laws of my host country, the rules of my host institution, and strive to follow the social expectations of my host family or host housing center. I will respect the cultural differences I find and represent my host country and my host
institution with dignity. I understand that while abroad I may not be protected by American laws under various circumstances.

I understand that the host institution and/or program provider may have additional policies, rules, or guidelines to which I will be subject and by which I agree to abide.

I understand and acknowledge that Kansas State University assumes no responsibility or liability, in whole or in part, for any delays, delayed or changed departure or arrival times, fare changes, dishonors of hotel, airline or vehicle rental reservation, missed carrier connections, sickness, disease, injuries (including death), losses, damages, weather, civil unrest, or public health risks. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors I am required to spend additional time traveling, Kansas State University will not be responsible for my hotel, transfers, meal costs, or other expenses.

I agree that I shall be solely responsible for all financial obligations and liabilities that I may incur while participating in a study abroad program. I realize my particular experience may be more or less expensive than estimated by the Kansas State University Study Abroad Office, depending on my personal expenses and choices. Before departing for my program, I will have received a study abroad program cost estimate sheet from the Kansas State University Study Abroad Office, which outlines my estimated expenses.

I understand that if I do not pay for all fees associated with my study abroad experience in a timely manner, I will be required to take full financial responsibility for any and all fees that are billed to the Study Abroad Office by a collection agency.

I understand that all program fees must be paid by the established deadlines. I understand that if I do not pay my program fees by the established deadlines, I may be immediately dropped from the program and my placement may be offered to another student. I understand that it is my responsibility to track payment deadlines. This can be done by checking the Study Abroad Office website or by contacting the Study Abroad Office.

I am solely responsible for obtaining a passport and the proper visa(s) (if applicable) required for travel abroad.

I understand that it is my responsibility to provide the Kansas State University Study Abroad Office updates to my contact information and my emergency contact’s information.

I understand that my likeness from photographs submitted to the Study Abroad Office by myself or other participants may be used for various marketing activities, publications, and/or on the web for the purpose of promoting study abroad through Kansas State University, and I agree to such use without charge.

I understand that by completing the Signature Documents, Material Submissions and Questionnaires, my application is considered complete, and my application status will be changed to “Committed.” I understand that once my application reaches the “Committed” stage, the $150 Kansas State University Study Abroad Office Administrative Fee becomes non-refundable.

I understand and agree to the terms outlined in the Participant Refund Policy.

By clicking the button CLICK HERE TO SIGN DIGITALLY below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this Conditions of Participation Agreement and Assumption of Risk and Release and fully understand and assume the risks associated with the participation in the program.