Conditions of Participation Agreement and Assumption of Risk and Release

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.

I am responsible for abiding by Kansas State University’s Student Code of Conduct, as outlined by the Office for Student Life, found at http://www.k-state.edu/osas/code.html. I understand and agree that any procedure or due process related to any reported Code of Conduct violation will generally take place upon my return to Kansas State University. Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct may result in dismissal from the program in which I am enrolled. 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 parents or 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 it is my responsibility to visit the Office of Student Financial Assistance to finalize arrangements or disbursement of all financial aid and scholarship money as well as the terms regarding acceptance of these funds.

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

I understand that the Study Abroad Student Handbook (http://www.k-state.edu/studyabroad/getting_started/Study%20Abroad%20Handbook%202011.pdf) contains important information related to my study abroad experience. I further understand that it is my responsibility to read the handbook.

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.

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)

I understand that FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records, including information about my study abroad program, and that the Study Abroad Office will not release my education records to anyone, except to those who I have given permissions through the designated access section in my iSIS account at http://www.k-state.edu/onestop/designated-access/ or as otherwise provided herein or under FERPA.

Additional Notes for Independent Programs
I understand that if I withdraw from a program after I have changed my online application status to "Committed" I will be billed the non-refundable Kansas State University Study Abroad Office Administrative Fee of $150 per program, despite not participating in the program. I also understand that if I elect to defer enrollment to another term or choose to reschedule my study abroad program for another semester, the K-State Office of International Programs Administrative Fee will be due during my original intended term of study. I understand that expenses associated with program participation are my responsibility, and are subject to specific program guidelines, and that it is my responsibility to be aware of those deadlines.

If I am dismissed from a study abroad program after the program officially begins, my money may not be refunded. I understand that I will be charged the MLANG Placeholder Course fee of $25, assessed by the Cashier’s Office to my iSIS account, to keep me in full time student status.

I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that a transcript or academic record of credit taken abroad is sent to the Study Abroad Office within one semester of the end of my program.

I understand that the credit received for classes taken abroad is determined by the department, college advisor, or official assigned by Kansas State University to evaluate my transcript.

I agree to communicate with my academic advisor regarding any changes to taking a full course load while abroad, and understand that I am responsible for my academic performance.

Additional Notes for Faculty-Led Programs

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 that if I will be transferring credit from an institution abroad, I will be required to enroll in the MLANG Placeholder Course, and will be charged the corresponding fee of $25, assessed by the Cashier’s Office to my iSIS account.

I understand that I am required to participate in all aspects of the program including: pre-departure orientation and classes, on-site lectures, excursions, events, projects, and post-program activities. I understand that non-compliance with these requirements may result in a failing grade, and may subject me to disciplinary action.

I understand that the general Kansas State University withdrawal, drop, add, and payment deadlines do not apply to faculty-led program courses.

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 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.