

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
DOMESTIC STUDY AWAY AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
PROGRAM RELEASE

Statement of Responsibility and Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement for Student, other Program Participants, and Travelers

In consideration of being allowed to participate in a Purdue University (“University”) Study Abroad, other Purdue international activity or Domestic Study Away activity (“Program”), I hereby agree to the following conditions of participation:

1. Personal Conduct:
 - a) As a participant in a University program domestically or in a foreign country, I will be subject to the laws of that venue and or country and to the rules and regulations of the institution with which I am engaged.
 - b) As a participant in a University Program, I will be viewed as a representative of the University. I will act as a good will ambassador and conduct myself appropriately.
 - c) While participating in and/or attending a University Program, I am responsible for my own self-care, including, but not limited to, managing appropriate personal hygiene, medical conditions, illnesses (including mental health), disability-related needs, and other personal matters.
 - d) While participating in and/or attending a University Program, I am considered to be engaged in an official University activity. I will comply with all applicable University rules and regulations that apply to the Program or my travel. I will both encourage and not interfere in any way with student compliance. This includes regulations addressing student conduct in the University Regulations, which are available at:
http://www.purdue.edu/studentregulations/student_conduct/regulations.html
 - e) For the duration of the Program, participants are considered to be engaged in an official University activity and must comply with all rules and regulations that pertain thereto.
2. Student Misconduct: If I am a student, I understand that if I engage in student misconduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action administered by an official University representative (“Representative”) in residence with the Program, or by the foreign institution if a Representative is not in residence with the Program. The Office of the Dean of Students may also initiate further procedures when feasible. The Representative may adjudicate cases of student misconduct in the Program on site by issuing a written notice of charges. A student receiving such a notice will have an opportunity to be heard in person by the Representative. The disciplinary process may result in dismissal of the charges, a verbal or written warning, Program probation, or dismissal from the Program. The decision of the Representative will be final with no right of appeal. Students who are dismissed from the Program will lose all academic credit from the Program, and will be responsible for all Program costs incurred on their behalf.
3. Study Programs: If I am attending a Purdue University Program, I am responsible for attending all classes, exams, and scheduled activities, and for maintaining full-time status (unless otherwise stated in the Program requirements approved by Purdue) while enrolled in the Program.

Fall/Spring Full-Time Status:

Graduate Students - 8 hours or more
Undergraduate Students - 12 hours or more

Summer Full-Time Status:

Graduate Students - 6 hours or more
Undergraduate Students - 6 hours or more

Purdue Academic Regulations and Procedures will apply to me while I am enrolled in the Program. I will

read and acknowledge the policies and procedures in the Savvy Student Guide (i.e. the student handbook) and accept responsibility. I am responsible for informing myself of the regulations and procedures.

4. Financial Responsibility.

- a) Costs: I will be responsible for any additional costs if my actual costs exceed the approximate rates estimated by the University, or if they exceed any portion of costs committed by the University, a departmental unit of the University or a third party sponsor, regardless of the cause, including, without limitation, currency exchange rate fluctuations and inflation.
- b) Damages: I will also be responsible for all charges I incur or damages I cause at the Program site, which will be billed to me by the University or other associated entity.
- c) Failure to Pay Timely: Academic transcripts will be encumbered and study abroad credit will not be posted until all charges or damages are paid. The University may charge late fees and/or initiate collection proceedings against any participant for non-payment.
- d) Program Cancellation: the Program may be cancelled by Purdue or other entity due to a natural disaster, epidemic, pandemic, civil unrest, war, or acts of terrorism in the country wherein the Program is located in any country where travel is required to arrive or depart from the country wherein the Program is located, or decrees of governmental bodies, including, but not limited to the State of Indiana, United States of America, Country of Program location and/or Country of travel for arrival or departure for the Program (hereinafter referenced to as a "Force Majeure Event").
- e) No Guarantee of Refund due to Force Majeure Cancellation: In case of cancellation due to a Force Majeure Event, I understand that I may not receive a refund for any program fees I have paid toward the Program. I understand that Purdue may receive a refund from third-party entities related to the Program, including, but not limited to, travel agencies, airlines, Study Abroad booking companies. In the event Purdue receives less than a full refund for the Program, I may, although I am not entitled to such, receive a prorated refund equivalent to the percentage of refund received by Purdue for the Program as a whole.

5. Personal Safety:

- a) I understand that during free time within the period of the Program and after the period of the Program, I may elect to travel independently at my own expense. I agree to inform the proper authorities (if I am abroad) of my travel plans and understand that the University, its International Programs Office and/or staff and counterparts overseas or domestic are not responsible for me while I am traveling independently during such free time.
- b) Relative to travel, I hereby acknowledge that I have read the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory and/or U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Travel Health Notice for such country. I am aware that these agencies may issue additional and/or more severe Advisories and Notices and accept responsibility for keeping myself informed of such changes. In spite of such information, I have voluntarily decided to travel to a location which has given risks as referenced by the particular Travel Advisory and/or Travel Health Notice, I understand that no one at Purdue can guarantee my safety, and that I am responsible for my own personal safety. I recognize that should I decide to leave the Program before the end of the program because of security concerns, I will not be entitled to receive credit or a refund of tuition or any other fees or expenses paid for the program.
- c) I will read and acknowledge the safety policies, procedures and tips provided by the University, but I understand that I am ultimately responsible for researching and practicing personal safety while traveling.
- d) I will directly or indirectly secure Purdue's mandatory international medical and evacuation insurance coverage for all travel outside the United States, unless there is an authorized exception by Purdue Office of Risk Management.

6. **Waiver and Release:**

- a) **Travel can involve risks and uncertainties (some of which I may not fully appreciate), including unfamiliarity with local laws, risks of injuries, damages, exposure to disease and viruses, and other harm (including death or disability), which may arise during my travels or while residing at the Program site. I understand, accept and voluntarily incur these risks and uncertainties, regardless of whether or not such injuries, damages or harm are caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other fault of Purdue University, The Trustees of Purdue University, and/or its or their departments, affiliates, employees, trustees, officers, agents or insurers (“Released Parties”). I recognize that no one, including Purdue University, can guarantee my safety while traveling and living abroad.**

- b) **I waive all claims against any of the Released Parties for any injuries, damages, losses or claims, whether known and unknown, which arise during or result from my participation in this Program and stated travel, regardless of whether or not caused in whole or part by the negligence or other fault of any of the Released Parties. I release and forever discharge the Released Parties from all such claims.**

- c) **I agree to indemnify and hold the Released Parties harmless from all losses, liabilities, damages, costs or expenses (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys’ fees and other litigation costs and expenses) incurred by any of the Released Parties as a result of any claims suits that I (or anyone claiming by, under or through me) may bring against any of the or Released Parties to recover any losses, liabilities, costs, damages, or expenses which arise during or result from my participation in this Program and travel, regardless of whether or not caused in whole or part by the negligence or other fault of any of the Released Parties.**

- d) **I hereby grant permission to Purdue University and any organization associated with Purdue to use, for any legitimate purpose, including future advertising of the Program on the Purdue website or in other promotional materials, my name and likeness to the extent it may appear in any photographs or records of the Program.**

- e) **I give permission for Purdue University and its employees, agents, representatives, and volunteers, as well as any emergency personnel, to make necessary first aid decisions in the event of an accident, injury, or illness I may suffer during my participation in the Program. This permission encompasses all reasonably necessary medical care required by such emergency, including but not limited to medical transport, hospital tests (such as pathology or radiology), anesthesia, surgery, and administration of prescription drugs. If I need medical treatment, I shall be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment.**

I have carefully read and reviewed this Statement of Responsibility and Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement. I understand it fully and I execute it voluntarily.

Signature of Participant or Traveler

Printed Name of Participant or Traveler

Check if participant is under the age of eighteen*

***Parent or Guardian signature is only required if one of the boxes above are checked. You will need to print the document to obtain parent signature and then email to studyabroad@purdue.edu.**

I, the parent and/or legal guardian of the Student Participant or Traveler (“Participant”) signing above, understand the nature of the Program, as well as the Participant’s experience and capabilities, and I believe the Participant to be qualified to participate in the Program. I allow the Participant to participate in the Program.

I hereby acknowledge and agree to each of the provisions set forth in the above document and, on behalf of myself, the above-referenced Participant, and any other person(s) claiming by, under or through either one of us, I agree to comply with and be bound by its terms. I understand that I am responsible for the obligations and acts of the Participant as described in this document. **I execute it voluntarily, and I understand it and the legal consequences of signing it, including (a) releasing the Released Parties from all liability on my and the Participant's behalf, (b) promising not to sue the Released Parties on my and the Participant's behalf, and (c) assuming all risks of the minor's participation in the Program.** I understand that this document is to be governed by and construed as broadly as possible under the laws of the State of Indiana. I agree that if any portion is held invalid or unenforceable, I and the minor will continue to be bound by the remaining terms.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Today's Date: _____