

Murray State University Study Abroad Release

By accepting a place in the study abroad program, the undersigned understands that being over the age 18 and of legal majority, s/he accepts full responsibility for his/her choices, decisions and behavior during the program and, by signing below, signifies the following:

I understand that I will travel via personal vehicle and commercial airlines together with other forms of public and private transportation and during this travel will be subject to airline and TSA rules, which may change at any time without notice.

I understand that although Murray State University may provide support for the program through the orientation of participants, support services while abroad are provided by the program provider or university overseas in conjunction with MSU. Any on-campus support services at Murray State University that are needed by program participants while abroad will be provided by MSU's Institute for International Studies, which will serve as the participant's formal contact with Murray State University.

I understand that as an American citizen in a foreign country I will be subject to the laws of that country. I agree to conduct myself in a manner that will comply with the laws of the foreign country and the regulations of Murray State University and the university or program provider abroad.

I understand that any misconduct abroad will become part of my permanent Murray State University disciplinary record. If I am a visiting student, I also understand that misconduct abroad will become part of my home university's permanent record.

I accept responsibility and personal liability as well as resulting charges for property damage, mistreatment of property and lack of cleaning.

I understand that conduct I engage in that interferes with or inhibits the experience of others, both participants and non-participants, whether in residential settings, classrooms, and any public domain, including during independent travels, could be grounds for expulsion from the program.

I agree to refrain from frequent intoxication and any use of illegal substances as defined by United States statute. I understand that overuse of alcohol and any use of illegal substances will result in my expulsion from the program.

I understand that expulsion from a study abroad program will result in failure of the courses taken on the program, regardless of expulsion date, including expulsions made prior to the Murray State University Drop Date. If expelled, I will be sent home immediately and at my own expense regardless of visa classification or on-site grace period allowance.

I understand and agree that should I be expelled or removed from the Program for any reason that the Program/MSU will notify the Emergency Contact Person listed by me on the Program Application form of my expulsion/removal from the Program and by my signature I hereby authorize the Program/MSU to so notify my Emergency Contact Person and hereby release any right of confidentiality/privacy under FERPA or any other State or Federal law as to such information.

I agree to participate fully in the program by attending all planned program activities, including activities required by either the program itself or by the instructor(s) of the classes in which I am enrolled. Regardless of on-site class attendance policy, I understand that I am expected to maintain regular class attendance.

I understand that it is my responsibility to seek and approve all non-MSU courses in writing before departure and agree to accept the credit hours and course transfer as negotiated between me and my Academic Advisor, the Registrar's Office, the Institute for International Studies and other MSU Faculty who may assist me.

I understand that I am responsible for any and all non-recoverable costs to Murray State University arising out of my voluntary or involuntary withdrawal from the program at any date past the program deposit deadline, including but not limited to airfare, excursions, housing, on-site transportation, meals, insurance, and program materials.

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 by representative(s) of Murray State University and/or the university or program provider.

I understand that failure to maintain full-time academic status while abroad on a semester program or while abroad on a summer program may have adverse consequences, including but not limited to my financial aid standing, scholarship eligibility, insurance eligibility, and academic standing at the university.

I understand that grades received for courses taken at a foreign university, college or institution can only be appealed through the foreign entity's procedures and guidelines. Murray State University cannot change grades as reported by a foreign university, college or institution.

I understand that in the event that my transcript is not released to MSU at my fault or the fault of the program provider or university overseas, in a timely manner, my financial aid for the following semester or year at MSU will not be released.

I certify that I have health, accident, hospitalization, evacuation, and repatriation insurance which is applicable abroad. I understand that any expenses incurred and not covered by my health and hospitalization insurance are my responsibility.

In consideration of being afforded this opportunity to participate in this student program abroad, I, for myself, my heirs, successors or assigns, hereby release and hold harmless Murray State University, its Board of Regents and individual Regents, agents, servants and employees, Program advisors/sponsors/directors, including MSU's Institute for International Studies, from any and all claims, demands, causes of injury, for property damage, physical injury or death arising out of my participation in the program, including damages, injury, or death arising from the negligence of the aforesaid parties. I am knowledgeable of the possible dangers in foreign travel in the study abroad program, such as: terrorism, hijacking, kidnapping, or death. I, for myself, my heirs, successors or assigns, hereby assume any and all risks attendant to the study abroad program described herein.

Print Name

Program Participating In

Signature

Date

Notary Public Seal and Signature: _____