

**Georgia Gwinnett College – Office of Internationalization**  
**Education Abroad Release and Hold Harmless Agreement and Conditions of Participation**  
**(for Minors)**

Education Abroad Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Term(s) Abroad: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Stated Activity)

*This waiver is executed for the express purpose of precluding forever any and all claims for future injuries or damages, and I fully understand and appreciate the dangers, hazards, and risks inherent in participation in Stated Activity, which dangers include, but are not limited to, injury, sickness, death, and property damage.*

1. I understand and accept that the education abroad program noted above will expose me to many risks. Some of the risks which may be present or occur include, but are not limited to, hazards associated with these:
  - Traveling by land, sea, or air
  - Unfamiliar environments
  - Changes from my normal level of activity
  - Seeking or obtaining medical treatment or advice in foreign countries
  - Changes in my diet
  - Theft or damage to personal property while traveling
2. I understand that I may sometimes be traveling in areas with higher-than-average rates for crime, especially theft or property. I agree to follow the program director's recommendations regarding avoidance of theft, and I accept the risks associated with international travel. I have freely chosen to participate in this activity, and I hereby assume all risks associated with this education abroad program.
3. I also recognize that in the event of political unrest, the program director will take all practical measures for the protection of program participants. I understand that Georgia Gwinnett College and its staff assume no responsibility for damage to or loss of property, injury, or life arising from political unrest.
4. I understand that this activity may subject me to unusual physical and/or psychological/emotional exertion, or other physical and/or psychological/emotional stress. I hereby attest that I am in sufficient physical and psychological/emotional condition to accept this exertion. I agree that I know of no physical or psychological impediments to my full participation in the education abroad program. I agree that I have sufficient medical insurance coverage for any emergency care that may be necessary and agree to assume financial responsibility for any medical, rescue, or other expenses incurred in connection with any injuries that I might sustain in traveling to and from the host country or otherwise participating in the education abroad program. I authorize Georgia Gwinnett College personnel supervising or otherwise in a position to assist in case of emergency to arrange for medical care if I am unable to do so personally. I will hold harmless Georgia Gwinnett College and its personnel for any injury of any nature arising

from its or their assistance in arranging emergency medical care. I accept full responsibility for the cost and expense of all medical care provided pursuant to this authorization.

5. In consideration of the privilege of being permitted by Georgia Gwinnett College to participate in the stated activity, I, the undersigned, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, personal representatives, assigns, and anyone acting on my behalf, waive, release, forever discharge, covenant not to sue, agree to hold harmless and indemnify The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, Georgia Gwinnett College, and the State of Georgia, along with their employees, contractors, and agents from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, or causes of action of any and every kind, whether known or unknown, that I have, may have, or may hereafter accrue against Georgia Gwinnett College, its employees, contractors, and agents directly or indirectly arising from or relating in any respect to my involvement and/or participation in the education abroad program.
6. In the event that Georgia Gwinnett College or its agents advance or loan any monies to me or incur special expenses on my behalf while I am abroad, I (and my parents/guardians) agree to repay Georgia Gwinnett College within 30 days of program completion.
7. I authorize Georgia Gwinnett College to include my parents/guardians on the Office of Internationalization mailing list in order to keep them abreast of key information regarding the travel.
8. I understand that while traveling or residing in any foreign country, I will be subject to the laws, rules, and law-enforcement procedures of that country rather than those of the United States of America. Any violations of such laws/rules could result in my detention or involvement with local law-enforcement authorities beyond the control of Georgia Gwinnett College.
9. I understand that during free time before, within and after the program, I may elect to travel independently at my own expense and risk. I agree to inform the program director of my travel plans and understand that neither the program director, nor Georgia Gwinnett College, nor its staff are responsible for me while I travel independently during such free time. I understand that I am fully and exclusively responsible for my own behavior at such times as I leave the supervised program voluntarily for any reason.
10. I agree to participate fully in all required orientation sessions, lectures, discussions, field studies, and other activities which are integral to or required by the program.
11. I understand that if I am removed from the program for any reason, or cancel my participation after the refund deadline, there will be neither refund of fees already paid nor cancellation of obligations to pay fees for the duration of the program for which I have enrolled, unless with the agreement of the host institution. I have had adequate opportunity to read and understand the program refund policies, have had an opportunity to ask questions about them, and any questions I have had have been answered. If, by choice, I do not travel with the group to or from the host country, I and my parents/guardians will bear the responsibility.

12. I understand that if my conduct during or outside required program activities presents a hazard to other people on the trip, the program director reserves the right to take appropriate action to protect the program, its staff, and participants from further disruption of the activities or the risks of physical injury, including expulsion from the program. Georgia Gwinnett College has authority to establish rules of conduct necessary for the operation of the program during the entire period of the program, including free time. The use of illegal drugs during the program, including free time, is strictly prohibited. Should the program director decide to remove me from the program because of violation of stated rules, for disruptive behavior, or for any conduct that might bring the program into disrepute or its participants into legal jeopardy, the decision will be final. Removal from the program will be at the participant's expense and will result in loss of all academic credit. Georgia Gwinnett College will have no obligation to assist me with lodging, food, travel, or repatriation.

13. Prior to signing this document, I have had an opportunity to read and understand it, have had an opportunity to ask questions, and any questions I have had have been answered to my satisfaction, and I hereby affix my signature below with the intent to be legally bound.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian (only if participant is under 18 years of age)**

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above-mentioned applicant and that I have read the foregoing Agreement and Release (including such parts as may subject me to personal financial responsibility) and hereby relinquish any claims that I might have against Georgia Gwinnett College or its agents (as set forth above) both on my own behalf and in my capacity as legal representative of the applicant, including any claim arising as a result of the applicant's leaving the supervision of the program director or at a time when the applicant has left the supervision of the program director.

Parent's/Guardian's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_