

GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY
AGREEMENT, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
for
GC INTERNATIONAL/STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

I, _____, am a student at Georgia College & State University (the University) and have agreed to participate in the University's international studies program in _____ from _____ until _____ (the Program). In consideration for being permitted to participate in the Program, I hereby agree and represent that:

1. I have or will secure health insurance to provide adequate coverage for any injuries or illnesses that I may sustain or experience while participating in the Program, included but not limited to coverage for medical evacuation and repatriation of remains. By my signature below I certify that I have confirmed that my health care coverage will adequately cover me while outside the United States, and hereby release the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia ("Board of Regents"), the University, and the employees and agents of either, from any responsibility or liability for expenses incurred by me for injuries or illnesses (including death) that I may incur because of those injuries or illnesses.
2. I understand that, although the University will attempt to maintain the Program as described in its publications and brochures, it reserves the right to change the Program, including the itinerary, travel arrangements, or accommodations, at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and that neither the Board of Regents, nor the University, or the employees and agents of either, shall be responsible or liable for any expenses or losses that I may sustain because of these changes.
3. The policies and procedures of GC shall govern my participation in the Program. I agree to obey such policies and procedures at all times.
4. I understand that I will be subject to and I agree to obey the laws, regulations and policies of the HOST country/countries and institutions in which the Program is hosted.
5. I acknowledge that violation of any policy, law, or regulation of the HOST or HOME country, countries or institutions may subject me to penalties, including ejection from the country, program, school or such other disciplinary action as may be applicable. I understand that the University reserves the right to decline to retain me in the Program at any time should my actions or general behavior, in the sole discretion of the University, be determined to impede or obstruct the progress of the Program in any way.
6. I hereby agree that I shall be subject to the authority in charge. I further acknowledge that the faculty has the sole authority to make decisions regarding the continued participation of any individual in the program whose conduct may necessitate disciplinary action.
7. I understand that, although the University has made every reasonable effort to assure my safety while participating in the Program, there are unavoidable risks in travel overseas, and I hereby release and promise not to sue the Board of Regents, the University, or the employees and agents of either, for any damages or injury (including death) caused by, deriving from, or associated with my participation in the Program, except for such damages or injury as may be caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the University.

8. I agree that, should any provision or aspect of this agreement be found to be unenforceable, that all remaining provisions of the agreement will remain in full force and effect.
9. I represent that my agreement to the provisions herein is wholly voluntary, and further understand that, prior to signing this agreement, I have the right to consult with the adviser, counselor, or attorney of my choice.
10. I agree that, should there be any dispute concerning my participation in the Program that would require the adjudication of a court of law, such adjudication will occur in the courts of, and be determined by the laws of, the State of Georgia.
11. I understand that as a participant in study abroad, I am required to maintain enrollment in the courses required by Georgia College for the duration of the program. My negligence and failure to do so may result in expulsion from the program
12. I understand that the institution is not responsible for activities that are not sustained by the program and its coordinator. If I choose to arrive earlier than the group or stay on after completion of the program, I do so at my own risk and cannot hold the institution or professor responsible in any way. Nor can I hold the institution or professor responsible for my travel to and from the program if I opt to make arrangements for my own travel to participate in the program.
13. I understand that if I have taken out any loan through the University which will come due prior to the departure of the Program, it is my responsibility to pay back said loan upon its due date or risk being cancelled from the program.
14. This agreement represents my complete understanding with the University concerning the University's responsibility and liability for my participation in the Program, supersedes any previous or contemporaneous understandings I may have had with the University on this subject, whether written or oral, and cannot be changed or amended in any way without my written concurrence.
15. I represent that I am at least eighteen years of age or, if not, that I have secured below the signature of my parent or guardian as well as my own.

IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT: READ CAREFULLY:

SIGNATURE _____	DATE _____
PRINTED NAME _____	
WITNESS SIGNATURE _____	
Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian if Participant is under 18: _____	
In case of injuries, I hereby authorize and give consent to the program leaders to obtain and provide medical treatment and services for my son or daughter as deemed necessary.	
Signature of a Parent or Legal Guardian if Participant is under 18: _____	