

## Conditions of Participation.

I, the undersigned, upon accepting my nomination to the program by Ohio University, do hereby accept my participation in such program and agree to all terms and conditions of the program. Furthermore, I verify that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent to sign this agreement.

- 1 Personal Conduct.** I agree to participate in all aspects of the program, including orientation, instruction, excursions, and evaluation. I understand that Ohio University and its representatives have the authority to establish rules of conduct necessary for the operation of the program during the entire period of the program. The Student Code of Conduct also applies to me whether I am in the U.S. or abroad. Should I violate stated rules, the Ohio University Student Code of Conduct, or the laws of the host country, demonstrate disruptive behavior, or through my conduct bring the program or its participants into disrepute or legal or physical jeopardy, I may be removed from the program and/or face other sanctions. If I am dismissed from the program, I will lose all academic credit and will remain responsible for all program costs incurred on my behalf.
- 2 Financial Responsibility and Cancellation.** I acknowledge my indebtedness for the total program cost which includes the non-refundable administrative fee. I further understand the following:
  - a** Ohio University and its partner institutions reserve the right to make cancellations, changes, or substitutions in cases of emergency or changed conditions or in the interest of the group. Should Ohio University cancel the program, full refunds of recoverable expenses will be made. Refund policies of partner institutions may also apply.
  - b** The administrative fee and any required deposit are nonrefundable. Program deposits will be applied to the cost of the program. If I should choose to withdraw from the program before paying the deposit, I understand that I may be held responsible for all nonrefundable fees and deposits.
  - c** It is my responsibility to procure all necessary travel documents, including passport and any required visas, before the start of the program. If I am unable to participate due to a lack of required travel documents, I will still be required to pay all program costs. International students should meet with an advisor in International Student and Faculty Programs PRIOR to accepting a nomination to an Ohio University program to discuss travel documents.
  - d** If I choose to withdraw from the program for any reason, I must notify the Program Coordinator and the Office of Education Abroad in writing. If I fail to do so, I may be held responsible for the full program costs.
  - e** If I must withdraw from the program for medical reasons, I must provide the Program Coordinator with the statement of a medical doctor who examines me on site when I become ill. This statement must certify that I must withdraw for medical reasons. In the case of life-threatening emergency, this pre-certification will be waived. The Office of Education Abroad will provide refunds of all recoverable costs whenever possible in the case of certified medical reasons but cannot guarantee any refund in advance.
  - f** If I withdraw from the program voluntarily prior to departure, I will be required to pay all non-refundable and non-recoverable costs. If I withdraw on the date of departure or thereafter for a non-medical reason (see d above) or am removed for disciplinary reasons, I will be required to pay all program and administrative costs.

In those instances when airline tickets and/or other services have been purchased by Ohio University on my behalf, I will be responsible for any cancellation penalties arising out of my withdrawal from the program. I will be responsible for negotiating directly with the appropriate airline or booking agencies regarding any penalties or refunds caused by my withdrawal from the program.

- g The program costs pay for the program as a whole. I cannot be refunded any part of it that I miss while preparing for or participating on the program
- h If I do not meet payment deadlines, a hold will be placed on my records and I will be prevented from graduating, registering for future quarters, and/or securing an official transcript until the amount is paid in full along with any other charges that may occur in the meantime; Ohio University may report this delinquency to a credit bureau; and my account may be placed at a collection firm and/or litigation may be pursued if my entire indebtedness is not paid by the indicated deadline, in which case I will pay all collection firm fees, attorney's fees, and other costs and charges associated with the collection of my debt.

- 3 **Insurance Coverage.** I understand that I will be enrolled in the mandatory study abroad health insurance by Ohio University for the duration of the program. The policy provides coverages for my benefit, including health insurance, accidental death and dismemberment, repatriation of remains, and medical evacuation. I acknowledge my responsibility to understand the conditions and limitations of this coverage and agree that Ohio University is not responsible for any uninsured losses.
- 4 **Medical Treatment.** I have completed the health information section of the application to the best of my knowledge. In the event of illness or injury to me, I authorize any official representative of Ohio University to secure medical treatment on my behalf, including surgery and the administration of an anesthetic, and I accept all financial responsibility for such treatment.
- 5 **Independent Travel.** I understand that before and after the program and during free time within the program, I may elect to travel independently at my own expense. I agree to inform the designated Ohio University representative of my travel plans in writing, and I understand that neither Ohio University nor its staff are responsible for me while I am traveling independently.
- 6 **Permission to Share Information.** I give Ohio University and its representatives permission to communicate internally and with my parents, host institution abroad, and/or other emergency contact person (as specified in this application) regarding all issues surrounding my education abroad experience. This may include but is not limited to student account information, student conduct issues, health and safety, grades or academics; such contact may occur before, during or after the program.
- 7 **Photo Release.** I give Ohio University and its representatives permission to make use of photographs bearing my image in both print- and web-based program materials for educational, non-commercial promotion.
- 8 **General Release and Waiver.** I release Ohio University and its staff from any liability for damage or loss of property, injury, illness or death during the period of the program, arising on the part of fellow participants, host family members, agencies and education organizations, persons, or groups with which Ohio University contracts for the provision of services for the program, or which have been suggested by program faculty as resources for regional or independent study projects.

***I understand that all Ohio University Policies and Procedures are subject to change, and it is my responsibility to be informed of all University policies pertaining to students enrolled at Ohio University. I certify that all responses made on this application are complete, true and accurate, and I will notify the Office of Education Abroad hereafter of all relevant changes that may occur prior to the start of the program. I hereby acknowledge that I have read, fully understood, and agree to the policies as stated above in section 6.***

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Signature

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