

## **University of Missouri – Kansas City ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE**

International travel provides unique opportunities for academic achievement and personal growth. It also entails special risks. Please discuss both aspects of your prospective international experience with an International Academic Programs staff member. This release form specifies certain areas of risk that you should know about before you decide to participate in international travel.

### **I hereby agree as follows:**

**1. RISKS OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:** I understand that participation in the University of Missouri-Kansas City International Program/Travel may involve risks not found at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. These risks include, but are not limited to those risks involved in traveling to and within, and returning from, one or more foreign countries; foreign political, legal, social, and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances; local medical and weather conditions; and other matters as outlined by the Department of State Consular Information Sheets and Travel Warnings, which I have received and reviewed and is incorporated by reference in this Release Form. I have made my own investigation and am willing to accept these risks.

**2. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:** I understand that the University does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any host institution, host family, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer or other provider of goods or services involved in the Program/Travel.

**3. LIMITS OF UNIVERSITY RESPONSIBILITY:** I understand that the University cannot:

1. Guarantee the safety of participants or eliminate risk from the study abroad environment.
2. Monitor or control all the daily personal decisions, choices, and activities of individual participants.
3. Prevent participants from engaging in illegal, dangerous or unwise activities.
4. Assure that US standards of due process apply or provide or pay for legal representation for participants.
5. Assume responsibility for the actions of persons not employed or otherwise engaged by the University, for events that are beyond the control of the University and its subcontractors, or for situations which arise from the failure of a participant to disclose pertinent information.
6. Assure that home-country cultural values will apply on the program/travel when these differ from those of the host country.
7. Be responsible for any injury or loss suffered when traveling independently or otherwise separated or absent from any University-supervised activities.

### **4. HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

1. I have consulted with a medical doctor or Christian Science practitioner and program coordinator with regard to my personal medical needs. There are no health-related reasons or problems that preclude my participation in this Program/travel.
2. I understand that the University does not provide any Accident or Medical Insurance during my participation in the above international travel. I have arranged, through insurance or otherwise, to meet any and all needs for payment of medical costs while I participate in the Program/Travel. I recognize that the University is not obligated to attend to any of my medical or medication needs, and I assume all risk and responsibility therefor. If I require medical treatment or hospital care, in a foreign country or in the United States, during the Program/Travel, the University is not responsible for the cost or quality of such treatment or care.
3. I agree to promptly express any health or safety concerns to the program staff or other appropriate individuals.
4. The University may (but is not obligated to) take any actions it considers to be warranted under the circumstances regarding my health and safety. I agree to pay all expenses relating thereto and release the University from any liability for any actions.

