

VIRGINIA TECH STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM LIABILITY AGREEMENT

I, _____, am a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (or known as “Virginia Tech”) and have agreed to participate in a study abroad program from _____ until _____ in _____ (“the program”). In consideration for being permitted to participate in the program, I hereby agree and represent that:

1. Virginia Tech and its employees will not be responsible for any occurrences related to independent travel.
2. Virginia Tech cannot be held responsible for the personal actions of any student, which may result in financial plight, involvement with local police authorities, failure to observe travel schedules resulting in missed connections with prepaid transportation, loss of personal effects, or for any illness and/or accident to any program participant.
3. If the student voluntarily resigns or is dismissed for any reason, the University is relieved of any and all responsibility as of the date of resignation or dismissal.
4. The student should make arrangements to have emergency funds or credit cards available to him/her on short notice for unforeseen events not covered by the basic cost of the program (e.g., airplane transportation home prior to the conclusion of the program, replacement of lost items, loss of personal funds, etc.) The University cannot assume the responsibility for supplying emergency financing of a personal nature.
5. Virginia Tech and its employees hold themselves free of responsibility for any loss, injury or damage to persons, property or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation, or other services resulting, directly or indirectly, from accidents, acts of government or other authorities, de jure or de facto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations or changes in itinerary or schedules, or from any causes beyond the control of Virginia Tech and its employees or for any loss and damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports or other documents; and Virginia Tech and its employees shall not be or become liable or responsible for any additional expense or liabilities sustained or incurred by the student as a result of any of the foregoing causes.
6. I understand that there are unavoidable risks in travel abroad, and I hereby release Virginia Tech and its employees from any damages, 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 Virginia Tech.
7. Program participants expect to receive Virginia Tech academic credit from their program abroad, therefore are subject to Virginia Tech’s rules and regulations, including University Policies for Student Life.

I have read and understood, and I accept the terms stated above. (NOTE: If participant is under the age of 18 years, the signature of parent or guardian is also required.)

Participant’s Signature _____ Date _____

Parent’s Signature _____ Date _____