

VIRGINIA TECH STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM LIABILITY AGREEMENT

A Virginia Tech faculty member(s) will personally accompany the group and be available to assist students if problems arise during the time of the organized program. The following conditions, however, should be recognized:

1. Any period of independent travel will be without the involvement of the program leaders. Virginia Tech and its employees will not be responsible for any occurrences related to such independent travel. This includes periods within the scheduled program dates when “free time” is planned.

2. While every possible assistance will be rendered, 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 act only in the capacity of program planner for the participants in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, tours and transportation whether by air, railroad, motor coach, motor car, steamship, boat or any other means, and as such 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. Virginia Tech reserves the right to change any part of the itinerary without notice and for any reason; to pass on to participants any expenditures occasioned by delays or events beyond its control; to make adjustments to rates, as necessary, in case of any appreciable variation in the cost of transportation, hotel accommodations and other services provided in connection with the program; to cancel the program at any time if there is not a sufficient number of participants to warrant the operation of the program or, if at any time any act or event would prevent the operation of any program.

7. Program participants are registered as Virginia Tech students during the course of the program and 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 _____