

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK/ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY -
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION-AGREEMENT AND RELEASE**

Study Abroad Program: _____

I understand that participation in the program may involve risks not found in other activities sponsored by NWTC. These risks include traveling in one or more foreign countries, foreign political, legal, social, transportation, health and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances, local medical conditions; local weather conditions, geography or terrain.

I agree that I will purchase travelers' insurance or an identity card (International Student Identity Card) to be in effect the entire length of the program. Each of these provides modest accident and sickness insurance and emergency evacuation anywhere I travel outside the U.S. for as long as the card is valid. Travelers' insurance or International Student Identity Card insurance are considered supplemental and should not take the place of other insurance. I understand it is my responsibility to have appropriate health insurance coverage throughout the time I am involved with this trip.

I am responsible for consulting with a physician concerning my medical needs including, but not limited to, any necessary inoculations.

I agree to inform the International Education office as early as possible, but no later than 2 months prior to the program's departure from the US, of any conditions that may require special accommodation, or that may or will require medical attention or accommodation during the program.

The College reserves the right to make changes to the program itinerary at any time (including equipment substitutions or alterations in the proposed schedule), and for any reason with or without notice, and the College shall not be liable for any loss whatsoever to participants by reason of such cancellation or change. In such case, it shall be the sole responsibility of the program to refund to me all deposits and moneys paid in advance of such cancellations. Minor alterations in the program will not result in refunds.

The college is not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers that may result due to operational and/or itinerary changes, regardless of whether the participant or the College makes the flight arrangement. Any additional expense resulting from the above will be paid by the participant. The College reserves the right to substitute hotels or accommodations or housing of a similar category at any time. Specific room and housing assignments are within the sole discretion of the College.

I understand and acknowledge that the College does not assume responsibility or liability in whole or in part, for any delays, delayed or changed departure or arrival times, fare changes, dishonors of hotels, airline or vehicle rental reservations, missed carrier connections, sickness, disease, injuries (including death), losses, damages, weather, strikes, acts of God, circumstances beyond the control of the College, war, quarantine, civil unrest, public health risks, criminal

activity, terrorism, expense, accident, injuries or damage to property, bankruptcies of airlines or other service providers, inconveniences, cessation of operations, mechanical defects, failure or negligence of any nature whatsoever caused in connection with any accommodations, restaurants, transportations, or other service or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier beyond the College's control, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned by any of the foregoing. If due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors I am required to spend additional nights, the College will not be responsible for my hotel, transfers, meal costs or other expenses. My baggage and personal property is my sole responsibility and I assume all risk of loss or damage. Students are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation or interruption insurance.

While planning a trip and before departing, participants are strongly encouraged to check <http://travel.state.gov/> for possible travel warnings.

I agree to uphold individual and group standards appropriate to the cultural setting of the program as described in the program orientation meetings and other materials. If my actions are judged to be injurious to the program, myself, or other individuals and/or seriously offensive to the host culture; in the sole discretion of the onsite director, my enrollment in the program will be terminated without refund of any fees and I will return to the US at my own expense. The college reserves the right to decline, to accept or to retain me on the program at any time should my action or general behavior impede the operation of the program or the rights or welfare of any person, including but not limited to my own welfare. Similarly, if my conduct violates any policy or procedure of the College, I understand that I may be required to leave the program at the sole discretion of the college's agents and representatives, and may be referred to the appropriate College officials for further disciplinary or other action. In such event, no refund will be made for any remaining portion of the program. The right is reserved by the College, in its sole discretion, to cancel the program or any aspect thereof prior to departure, and in the College's sole discretion, to cancel the program in any aspect thereof after departure, requiring that all participants return to the US, if the College determines or believes that any person is or will be in danger from the program if any aspect thereof is continued.

I will be responsible for any legal problems I encounter during the program, and NWTC will not be responsible for providing me with any assistance in these circumstances.

I grant the program permission to reproduce and use for educational purposes all photographs, videos, movies, or sound recordings taken of me during the time that I participate in the program.

I grant the director of the program or the director's designee full authority to take whatever action they deem warranted under the circumstances for my health, safety and welfare, and the health, safety and welfare of other program participants, including but not limited to arranging for my medical treatment and my separate transportation home. I will pay any additional costs incurred in all such events.

General Release Waiver of Liability

By executing this acknowledgment, I understand that I waive all rights or claims against the College or any trustees, employees or agents which may hereafter accrue to me, including but

not limited to injury, death, or property damage based on negligence or otherwise, arising from my participation in this program, but excluding such damages arising out of the intentional or reckless actions of the College or its representatives.

I will indemnify and hold harmless the College, its trustees, employees and agents from any claim or suit arising out of my alleged acts or omission, or for any claim or suit made on my behalf, in connection with my participation in the program.

I agree that sole and exclusive jurisdiction and venue for litigation of any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or in connection with the agreement or program will lie in the federal or state courts in Wisconsin.

I hereby verify that I have read and understand this agreement and that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this program.

Student _____

Date _____

Program Director _____

Date _____