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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS AND RELEASE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Name: _____ SSN: _____

Program Location: _____ Length of Program: _____

Columbia College Chicago offers students the opportunity to enroll in overseas study programs, some operated by different education institutions. Certain potential risks to personal health and safety are associated with international travel and residence in a foreign country. You should not participate in a study abroad program unless you understand and are willing to accept the associated risks. Columbia College Chicago cannot guarantee the health and safety of participants in a study abroad program or eliminate all risks from study abroad environments.

Please read, sign and return this form before your program of study begins. Students who fail to return this form will not be allowed to participate in any programs.

- I understand that there are certain risks associated with international travel and residence in a foreign country and that Columbia College Chicago and its staff cannot control these risks.
- I understand that these risks may include exposure to potentially serious health and safety hazards such as: transportation accidents, storms, floods, earthquakes, and other natural disasters; infectious diseases, inadequate medical care, remote access to medical treatment; armed insurrections; and terrorist activities.
- I understand that Columbia College Chicago is not in a position to guarantee my personal health or safety during my participation in a study abroad program.
- I understand and agree to abide by an applicable rules and regulations of the study abroad program and the laws of the countries in which I will be present or travel through while participating in the study abroad program.
- I understand and hereby acknowledge that I assume all risks incurred by my participation in a program offered through Columbia College Chicago.
- I understand that should I decide to leave the study abroad program before the end of the semester for any reason, including but not limited to security concerns, there is no guarantee that I will receive credit or a refund of tuition or any other fees paid for study abroad program.
- In consideration of being allowed to enroll and participate in a study abroad program, the undersigned hereby agrees to release, hold harmless and indemnify Columbia College Chicago, its Board of Trustees, affiliates, officers, agents and employees from any and all claims arising out of or in any way connected with the study abroad program and the undersigned's participation in the program, including, but not limited to, the outlined items above.

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Signature of Participant Date

Parental Consent (Required if student is under 18 years of age at beginning of program)
The undersigned parent or legal guardian of the above-named student, a minor, hereby consents to the participation of said student in the study abroad program named above, subject to the warnings stated above.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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