

**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY, ASSUMPTION OF
RISK, AND AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM**

I, _____, have voluntarily chosen to participate in a study abroad program during _____. My participation in this program is wholly voluntary. In consideration of being approved to participate in this program from _____ to _____, including but not limited to the study abroad program itself, all independent research, free time and/or activities undertaken, I hereby state that I knowingly and voluntarily enter into this Assumption of Risk and Release.

I understand that participating in a study abroad program involves certain risks and hazards including, but not limited to, those particularly inherent to traveling to, from, and in a foreign country. I do hereby state that I am voluntarily participating in the study abroad program and have sufficient understanding and requisite knowledge to recognize and appreciate whatever risks to which I may subject myself during my participation in the study abroad program. In addition, I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for my independent activities and travel during free time, and understand that neither the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor Christopher Newport University or the officers, agents or employees of either are responsible for me while I am engaged independently during the study abroad program or during such free time.

I understand also that neither the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor Christopher Newport University or the officers, agents or employees of either shall be deemed responsible in any way for the actions of anyone including, but not limited to, the acts or actions of any employees, agents, students, or invitees, of any government, any third party, or the operation and management of any means of transportation, public or private, or facilities used, or those of the airline(s), or of any consequences arising from these or any other activities.

I assume full responsibility for my behavior and conduct. I understand that as a participant in this off campus program, I am subject to all the laws and regulations of the country, state, or province where I am studying, or where any of the trips are conducted. I realize that there are possible significant cultural and legal differences between the United States and that country. I also understand it is my responsibility to comply with all procedures of the program and obey host-country laws.

My signature below indicates that I agree to assume all risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the study abroad program, and release the Commonwealth of Virginia, Christopher Newport University, and/or the officers, agents, or employees of either from any such liabilities.

Participant _____ Date: _____

(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian if student is under 18) Date: _____

Witness _____ Date: _____