



Study Abroad Programs **Participant Consent and Release Agreement**

I, _____, am a student at California State University, East Bay.
(Print Full Name)

I will be participating in a CSU-affiliated Study Abroad Program through California State University, East Bay, which requires international travel. My participation in this program is voluntary. I hereby understand and voluntarily agree to the following conditions of participation in the CSUEB Study Abroad Program:

Conditions of Placement:

Host Country: _____

Host Institution: _____

Program Dates: _____

I am aware of and consent to the university refund policy and schedule contained in the CSUEB Catalog.

Health Insurance: I will carry health insurance coverage as required by CSUEB. I understand that CSUEB cannot guarantee my health and safety while I am studying abroad. I am solely responsible for acting prudently and exercising caution and common sense at all times.

Full Participation in Study Abroad Program

I understand that I must agree to participate in all aspects of the program (pre-departure orientation and classes; on-site lectures, excursions, events and projects; and program evaluation after returning).

Program Fees: I will pay the designated program fees and tuition covering the full period of my placement as indicated in the payment schedule. If payment is not received prior to the official payment deadlines, I am aware that CSUEB may drop me from the program.

For programs that charge CSUEB tuition, I understand that if I am a non-resident student at CSUEB, I may be subject to non-resident fees based on the actual number or credits awarded while participating on the study abroad program. Those actual per-unit fees may be assessed to my CSUEB account even after my return from study abroad (when the academic credits are posted to my CSUEB record).

Orientation: Guidance will be provided to participants by the Center for International Education (CIE) in the form of a general pre-departure orientation. Students are encouraged to address questions to CIE, as well as to do independent research on the host country. I am aware that I am required to attend the pre-departure orientation and that I am responsible for understanding the content of all pre-departure and orientation materials.

Academic Policy: This is an academic program and I acknowledge that I am responsible for attending all classes and scheduled trips, and for completing assigned homework. Failure to participate fully in the program may constitute academic misconduct and result in dismissal from the program. I also understand that I must follow all CSUEB

policies regarding academic integrity and dishonesty.

Academic Credit I understand that the units and grades for coursework taken while on exchange will be posted to my CSUEB record and included in my GPA. It is my responsibility to meet with Academic Advisors (major, minor and/or general education) to secure approval in advance for any coursework taken while on exchange. I will submit an Academic Advising Agreement to the Center for International Education to document such academic approval.

Conduct Background and Clearance: CIE requires that all students participating in the CSUEB Study Abroad Programs read and abide by the *Student Conduct Code* as established by the California State University. I understand that CIE will review my conduct record with the Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities and that my participation in study abroad/NSE is subject to those findings.

I may review the Student Conduct Code at <http://www20.csueastbay.edu/students/campus-life/student-life/sdja/> Students who participate in a certified CSUEB study abroad program are responsible for knowing and obeying the applicable rules, policies, and regulations that govern CSUEB, even when they are abroad.

The Center for International education collaborates with the Office of Student Conduct to review the conduct records of all CSUEB students applying to the programs and reserves the right to deny acceptance to students who have problematic or questionable conduct histories. Students must be clear of any conduct probation prior to participating in any study abroad program and probationary terms cannot coincide with the intended study abroad term (ex: students who apply to study abroad in spring 2015 cannot be on probation for any portion of the spring 2015 quarter and must be clear of any probation prior to the program start date). All students will have their

student conduct record reviewed the quarter prior to the intended study abroad term. These reviews will take place periodically up until departure and although an application status may read "admitted" or "enrolled", this could be revoked at any time for conduct infractions that occur prior to departure.

Any student with a conduct record that is cause for concern will be contacted directly by the Center for International Education. Such students may be required to sign a Conduct Contract. It is in the student's best interest to immediately notify the Center for International Education if any conduct infraction occurs prior to departure. Students who are deemed ineligible to participate in a study abroad program will be withdrawn from the program and will be required to pay any fees associated with their withdrawal (program deposit, program fee, etc.) per the Refund & Payment Policy. No exceptions.

Host Country Laws: I understand that I am subject to the laws of the host country where I will study as well as the rules and regulations of my host campus. I also understand that it is solely my responsibility to be informed about the laws of the host country and to conduct myself in a manner that complies with those laws.

Behavior in Host Country: As a study abroad participant, I understand that I am a guest in a host country. It is essential that all participants respect the norms of conduct and patterns of behavior that may be different from standards at home in the U.S. I also understand that I am expected to display a sense of maturity, respect and responsibility as a representative of CSUEB, the CSU and the United States of America.

Violent behavior, sexual harassment, or other conduct that is disruptive to the program or offensive to the host culture may result in dismissal of participants from the program.

Demonstrations: Students should avoid any demonstrations, protest marches or civil

disturbances, which could unexpectedly turn violent or anti-American.

Drugs/Alcohol: CSUEB forbids the manufacturing, delivery, sale, use, possession, or distribution of narcotics or drugs, except as permitted by law (U.S. and host country) and University regulations. Students who take prescription medications should obtain and bring a copy of their prescription and a letter from their physician. Students should be aware that over-the-counter medications may not be legal in the host country and it is the responsibility of the student to know the laws in the host country regarding drugs. CSUEB also forbids the possession, consumption, or distribution of alcoholic beverages on University property or at University sponsored activities, except in accordance with University policies. Participants in the Study Abroad Programs will be governed by these prohibitions and are also required to be aware of local laws concerning these substances. Although U.S. nationals abroad are under the protection of the United States government, certain acts will place them beyond this protection and the government may not be able to intervene.

Disciplinary Action: Students participating in CSUEB sponsored study abroad programs who disrupt the program, become drunk and disorderly, or buy, sell, possess, and/or take illegal narcotics or drugs, will be dismissed from the program and sent home at their own expense. There is no appeal process and no money will be refunded or reimbursed to the student.

Early Departure from the Program: Voluntary or involuntary departure from the program before its completion does not automatically result in academic withdrawal. While CIE may assist me, I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for resolving my enrollment status if I leave the program early. I further understand that I am solely responsible for any or all cost arising out of my own voluntary or involuntary withdrawal from the program prior to its completion, including withdrawal caused

by illness or disciplinary action taken by CSUEB.

It is further understood and agreed that participants in CSUEB Study Abroad Programs are subject to the authority of CSUEB, its agents, officers and employees, including sole decision-making responsibility with respect to any participant whose conduct or academic standing may warrant expulsion or withdrawal from the program. Participants are expected to attend classes regularly unless otherwise indicated by illness or unavoidable circumstances. Likewise, as a guide for continued participation, it is understood and agreed that participants are expected to display a sense of maturity and responsibility as a representative of CSUEB, the CSU and the United States of America. I hereby acknowledge and agree that if I am required to withdraw from a CSUEB Study Abroad Program for failure to maintain appropriate standards of study or behavior, there will be no refund of tuition after the program departs, and I will no longer have access to any of the facilities arranged for me in the CSUEB Study Abroad Program.

Photo Release

The purpose of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 is to protect the privacy of information concerning individual students by placing certain restrictions on the disclosure of information contained in a student's university record. Knowing my right to protect my privacy and to decline that CIE use photographs or videotapes of me in pictures, reproductions, copies, and negatives, I hereby voluntarily give CIE the right to use, sell, transfer, and exhibit in any medium photographs or videotapes of me in university publications or to other assignees of CIE I understand that this authorization remains in effect from today and for five years thereafter. I further understand that it will be necessary for me to send a written letter to revoke this authorization prior to the five year period indicated, should I wish to do so.

Please initial here for approval or write 'NO' if you do not consent:

Sharing Email Address with Other Students

Please initial here if you agree to allow CIE to release your email address to current study abroad participants and future program applicants so that they can contact you for more information about your experiences on the program _____

Air Travel Release & Hold-Harmless Statement

(California State University – Executive Orders No. 1041 and 1051)

Air and ground travel involves risks and could result in damage to property, injury to persons, and death. Please be informed that the California State University assumes no liability for damage, injury, and death which may occur during air and/or ground travel required by the California State University-affiliated program. Your participation in the program is voluntary and, and you participate at your own risk. Please review and sign the "Release, Hold-Harmless and Informed Consent" statement below:

Activity: Study Abroad Program

Date(s): _____

Location: _____

In consideration for being allowed to participate in this Activity, on behalf of myself and my next of kin, heirs, and representatives I **release from all liability and promise not to sue** the state of California, the Trustees of The California State University, California State University, East Bay and their employees, officers, directors, volunteers and agents (collectively "University") from any and all

claims, **including claims of the University's negligence**, resulting in any physical or psychological injury (including paralysis and death), illness, damages, or economic or emotional loss I may suffer because of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I am voluntarily participating in this Activity. I am aware of the risks associated with traveling to/from and participating in this Activity, which include but are not limited to physical or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability (including paralysis), economic or emotional loss, and/or death. I understand that these injuries or outcomes may arise from my own or other's actions, inaction, or negligence; conditions related to travel; or the condition of the Activity location(s). **Nonetheless, I assume all related risks, both known or unknown to me, of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.**

I agree **hold** the University **harmless** from any and all claims, including attorney's fees or damage to my personal property that may occur as a result of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity. If the University incurs any type of these expenses, I agree to reimburse the University. If I need medical treatment, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I am aware and understand that I should carry my own health insurance.

I am 18 years or older. **I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the University from all liability, (b) promising not to sue the University, (c) and assuming all risks of participating in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.**

I understand that this document is written to be as broad and inclusive as legally permitted by the state of California. I agree that if any portion is held invalid or unenforceable, I will continue to be bound by the remaining terms.

I have read this document, and am signing it freely. No other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me.

I accept the placement offered to me on a certified CSUEB Study Abroad Program. I understand and voluntarily agree to abide by the conditions outlined above.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

