I understand and agree to the following:

1. I agree to conform to all applicable policies, rules, regulations and standards of conduct as established by the institution, any sponsoring institution and/or foreign affiliates, as well as program requirements, to ensure the best interest, harmony, comfort and welfare of the program and participants.

2. I agree to accept termination of my participation in the program by SPSCC with no refund of fees and costs, and accept responsibility for transportation costs home if I fail to maintain acceptable standards of conduct as established by SPSCC, the sponsoring institution and/or foreign affiliates, and as determined in the discretion of SPSCC. If, in the opinion of my college, my behavior is deemed unacceptable, I may be sent home at my own expense or that of my parent/guardian, and I will receive no refund for any services not received.

3. The pressures of living abroad are considerable. It is extremely important that all participants be able to adjust to dramatic changes in climate, diet, and living conditions. Living overseas can also create emotional and physical stress for those not able to meet the demands of living in a new and different environment. In some cases, participants will live and study in a situation which offers few amenities and little privacy. In some cases, mild disorders can become serious under the stress of life in alien surroundings. While the excitement of the unknown can be a big part of the attraction of overseas travel and study, the unknown also carries risks. Governments that are less than stable can change overnight to less than hospitable to foreigners. Natural disasters like earthquakes can occur, resulting in airports being closed. The best laid plans can be disrupted.

Appreciating the ever-present and unpredictable risks of overseas travel and study, I hereby release SPSCC for any loss or damage arising from any cause whatsoever, and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, shall not hold SPSCC responsible for any property damage, sickness, injury or death, nor for any loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in any brochure or other SPSCC literature, nor for any loss or damage arising from any late or non-confirmation or acceptance of bookings and loss or damage caused by delays. In addition, SPSCC shall have the right, at any time in its discretion and without liability or cost therefore, to cancel any program or make an alteration in route, accommodations, price and/or details in the event of any program being rendered impossible or advisable in the discretion of the College, by weather, strikes, war, civil unrest, terrorism, acts of nature, government interference or any cause whatsoever that is beyond SPSCC’s control. Any and all expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the participant.

4. I agree voluntarily and without reservation to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify SPSCC, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents against any and all liability, loss, damages, costs, claims, expenses or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, resulting or allegedly resulting from my performance or activities in the program or under this agreement.
5. I agree to and do indemnify and hold harmless SPSCC, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents from any suit at law or equity or claim or demand, and from any loss or cost of any nature, including reasonable attorney fees, from any failure of SPSCC, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents to fulfill any of its obligations under this agreement.

6. I will indemnify and hold harmless SPSCC, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents for any harm I cause and/or contribute to while participating in a SPSCC program.

7. It is my personal responsibility to obtain all passports, visas, required travel documents, pre-departure medical care including but not limited to necessary or recommended vaccinations, in order to enter each of the countries on my itinerary. I understand that if I that if I am unable to obtain the necessary travel documents, I will not be entitled to a refund except as described in state statutes, and this Application, Statement of Responsibility, Release, and Authorization to Participate Agreement.

8. SPSCC is not responsible for my well-being. This includes but is not limited to when I am absent from SPSCC supervised activities, during free time periods, in home stay accommodations, or during periods of independent travel. I understand that SPSCC is not responsible to me for acts or omissions of other persons or entities including but not limited to airlines, surface transportation companies, home stay families, accommodation providers and other suppliers of trip services. I release SPSCC from all claims arising out of such events and this study abroad.

9. I grant SPSCC, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents the authority to act in any attempt to safeguard and preserve my health or safety during my participation in the program including authorizing medical treatment on my behalf and at my expense, and returning me to the United States at my own expense for medical treatment or in case of an emergency.

10. Once the SPSCC study abroad Program has started, no refunds will be made for sightseeing, excursions, accommodations or other services which I have declined.

11. SPSCC is not responsible for any damages arising from the loss or theft of any of my personal property at any time, including my airline ticket.

12. SPSCC may use statements made by me, photographs and video footage of me for publicity and advertising purposes.