

Virginia Tech Education Abroad Program Liability Agreement

I, _____, am a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State
(please print name)

University (also known as "Virginia Tech") and have agreed to participate in a voluntary education abroad program from _____ until _____ in _____ ("the Program"). In consideration for being permitted to participate in the Program, I hereby agree and represent that:

1. I have carefully identified, reviewed and considered the risks of travel to my destination(s), including by reading the most recent and relevant travel warnings through: U.S. State Department Travel Warning(s) <http://travel.state.gov> (202) 647-5225, Centers for Disease Control <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx> (404) 639-3311, World Health Organization <http://www.who.int/en/>. I am participating in the Program voluntarily. I understand that there are risks inherent in education abroad and willingly assume all such risk.
2. I hereby assure Virginia Tech that I have had the opportunity to consult with a health care provider with regard to my personal medical needs and do further state that there are no health related reasons or problems which preclude my participation in the program. I have considered carefully and take responsibility for any physical or personal limitations that might impact my participation in the Program.
3. I hereby release on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, the University, its employees, officers, agents and administrators from any responsibility or liability for expenses incurred by me for injuries or illnesses (including death) that I may incur during education abroad because of those injuries or illnesses.
4. I understand that Virginia Tech reserves the right to remove me from the Program at any time should my actions or general behavior, in the sole discretion of Virginia Tech, be determined to impede or obstruct the progress of the Program in any way. If I voluntarily resign or am dismissed for any reason, Virginia Tech is relieved of any and all responsibility as of the date of resignation or dismissal.
5. Virginia Tech and its employees hold themselves free of responsibility for any loss, injury, or damage to persons, property or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation, or other services resulting, directly or indirectly, from accidents, acts of government or other authorities, de jure or de facto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations or changes in itinerary or schedules or for any loss and damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports or other documents, and other potentially negligent acts or omissions of third parties, and Virginia Tech and its employees shall not be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liabilities that I may sustain or incur as a result of any of the foregoing causes.
6. I will make arrangements to have emergency funds or credit cards available on short notice for unforeseen events not covered by the basic cost of the program (e.g., airplane transportation home prior to the conclusion of the program, replacement of lost items, loss of personal funds, hotel costs associated with flight delays, etc.). I understand that Virginia Tech cannot assume the responsibility for supplying emergency financing of a personal nature.
7. Virginia Tech and its employees will not be responsible for any injuries, damages or other occurrences related to independent travel.
8. I understand that there are dangers, hazards and risks in travel abroad and in consideration of being permitted to participate in education abroad, on behalf of myself, my family, heirs, and personal representatives, I, the undersigned, agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation, the transportation, and in any independent research or activities

undertaken as an adjunct thereto, and in advance release, waive, forever discharge, and covenant not to sue Virginia Tech, its governing board, officers, agents, employees, and any students acting as employees from and against any and all liability for any harm, injury, damage, claims, demands, actions, causes of action, costs, and expenses of any nature caused by the negligent acts or omissions of third parties that I may have or that may hereafter accrue arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including but not limited to suffering and death, that may be sustained by me or by any property belonging to me while in, on, upon, or in transit to or from the premises where the activity, or any adjunct to the activity, occurs or is being conducted.

9. I understand and agree that Virginia Tech and its employees assume no responsibility for any injury or damage that might arise out of or in connection with emergency medical treatment.
10. I understand that while I am a visitor in a foreign country, I will be subject to the laws of that country and that any breaches of the local law of the host community or country are punishable by the appropriate local law enforcement authorities.
11. I agree that this Liability Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. If any term or provision of this Liability Agreement shall be held illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law governing this Liability Agreement the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.
12. This Liability Agreement represents my complete understanding with Virginia Tech concerning Virginia Tech's responsibility and liability for my participation in the Program, supersedes any previous or contemporaneous understanding I may have had with Virginia Tech regarding liability while participating in the Program, whether written or oral, and cannot be changed or amended in any way without written concurrence.
13. I enter into this Liability Agreement of my own free will and accord, voluntarily and without duress.
14. Program participants expect to receive Virginia Tech academic credit from their education abroad program, therefore are subject to Virginia Tech's rules and regulations including University Policies for Student Life, the appropriate Honor Code and the Virginia Tech Principles of Community.

I have read and understood, and accept the terms stated above. (NOTE: If participant is under the age of 18 years, the signature of parent or guardian is also required).

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____