



## Voluntary

### **ASSUMPTION of RISK and RELEASE of LIABILITY**

#### **for International Travel**

#### **CAUTION:**

**This is a RELEASE of LEGAL RIGHTS. Please read and understand it *BEFORE SIGNING.***

Delta College is a non-profit educational institution. References to Delta College ("the College") include its officers, officials, employees, volunteers, students, agents, and assigns.

I (print your name) \_\_\_\_\_, freely choose to participate in the \_\_\_\_\_ (henceforth referred to as the Program).

In consideration of my voluntary participation in this Program, I agree as follows:

**RISKS OF TRAVEL/STUDY/WORK ABROAD:** I understand that my participation in the College Program specified above involves risks. These risks include, without limitation, traveling to and within and returning from one or more foreign countries; cultural, political, legal, social, transportation, health and economic conditions; criminal activity, civil unrest, war and terrorism; different standards of design, safety, and maintenance of buildings, public places, and conveyances; local chemical, biological, animal, and environmental hazards; local medical facilities and providers; and weather conditions.

**INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:** I understand that the College is not an agent of, and has no responsibility for, any third party which may provide any services including food, lodging, travel, or other goods or services associated with the program. I understand that the College is coordinating these services only as a convenience to participants and that accordingly, the College accepts no responsibility, in whole or in part, for delays, loss, damage, injury or death whatsoever, caused to me or others prior to departure, while traveling, or while staying in designated lodging. I further understand that the College is not responsible for matters that are beyond its control.

**CANCELLATION OR CHANGE OF ITINERARY:** I acknowledge that the College reserves the right to cancel the trip or to make any modifications to the itinerary and/or academic program as deemed necessary by the College, without penalty to the College. I understand that such change or cancellation may involve additional costs, and I agree that any such additional costs are entirely my responsibility.

**INDEPENDENT ACTIVITY:** I understand that the College is not responsible for any loss or damage I may suffer when I am traveling independently or I am otherwise separated or absent from any trip related activity. In addition, I understand that any travel that I do independently on my own before or after the College sponsored Program is entirely at my own expense and risk.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:** I have been advised to consult with a medical doctor with regard to my personal medical needs. I state that there are no health-based reasons or problems that preclude or restrict my participation in this program. I have obtained the required immunizations, if any.

I understand that I may be required to pay up front for my medical expenses that I incur while traveling and in the host country. Further, I understand that I am solely responsible for any paper work or processes required by my insurance carrier, such as submission of any medical receipts to my insurance carrier upon my return. I recognize that the College is not obligated to attend to any of my medical or medication needs, and I assume all risk and

responsibility therefore. In case of a medical emergency occurring during my participation in this Program, I authorize in advance the representative of the College to secure whatever treatment is necessary, including the administration of an anesthetic and surgery. The College may (but is not obligated to) take any actions it considers to be warranted under circumstances regarding my health and safety. I agree to pay all expenses relating thereto and release the College from any liability.

**STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:** I understand that each foreign country has its own laws and standards of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, transportation, politics, drug and alcohol use and behavior. I recognize that behavior, which violates those laws or standards, could harm the College's relations with those countries and the institutions therein, as well as my own health and safety. I will become informed of and will abide by all such laws and standards for each country to or through which I will travel during the program. I will abide by the College's rules and regulations and any policies, procedures, rules or guidelines pertaining to this trip. I realize that any violation of the foregoing or any disciplinary disturbances may constitute grounds for my expulsion from the trip. If I am expelled, I consent to being sent home at my own expense with no refund of fees.

**I will attend to and assume responsibility for any legal and financial issues or problems I encounter with any foreign nationals or government of the host country. The College is not responsible for providing any assistance under such circumstances.**

**TRAVEL CHANGES:** If I become separated from the program group, fail to meet a departure airplane, bus, or train, or become sick or injured, I will at my own expense, seek out, contact, and reach the program group at its next available destination.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY:** Knowing the risks described above, and in voluntary consideration of being permitted to participate in the program, I agree to release, indemnify, and defend the College and their officials, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, sponsors, and students from and against any claim which I, the participant, my parents or legal guardian or any other person may have for any losses, damages or injuries arising out of or in connection with my participation in this Program.

**SIGNATURE:** I indicate that by my signature below that I have read the terms and conditions of participation and agree to abide by them. I have carefully read this Release Form and acknowledge that I understand it. I have not relied on any representation, statements, or inducements, oral or written, apart from the foregoing written statement. The laws of the State of Michigan shall govern this Release Form, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this Release Form or to the program. If any portion of this Release Form is held invalid, the rest of the document shall continue in full force and effect.

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Signature of Program Participant Date

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (if participant is a minor) Date