

## STUDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a student at Hiram College and desire to participate in the College's study abroad program in \_\_\_\_\_, during Spring, Fall, Summer for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks. In consideration for being permitted to participate in the Program, I understand, agree, represent, and warrant that:

1. A non-refundable \$75 application fee must accompany your application or be paid prior to submitting your application. I understand that I must have study abroad charges paid in full or have arranged a payment plan approved by the Business Office within 30 days of receiving my billing statement. All twelve week programs must be paid in full 30 days prior to departure. If I withdraw from a trip after being accepted, I will refer to the Study Abroad Refund Policy attached to this application.
2. The Study Abroad Office submits the names of students who intend to study abroad to the Dean of Students in order to ascertain whether there have been any disciplinary, behavioral, or other problems involving these students.
3. The College reserves the right to remove me from the Program at any time should my actions or general behavior, as determined by the sole discretion of the College, fail to be consistent with Hiram College policy or be determined to impede or obstruct the progress of the Program in any way. Should such action become necessary, I will be charged for all my costs for the program, along with any additional costs that result from my behavior.
4. My acceptance into the program requires that I complete all courses undertaken in the program and maintain satisfactory academic progress toward my degree.
5. I have or will secure health insurance to provide adequate coverage for any injuries or illnesses that I may sustain or experience while participating in the Program. By my signature below I certify that I have confirmed that my health care coverage will adequately cover me while outside the United States, and hereby release the College, and its employees from any responsibility or liability incurred by me for injuries or illnesses (including death) that I may incur because of those injuries or illnesses.
6. Although the College will attempt to maintain the Program as described in its publications and brochures, it reserves the right to change the Program, including the itinerary, travel arrangements, or accommodations, at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and that neither the College, nor its employees or agents, shall be responsible or liable for any expenses or losses resulting from these changes.
7. Although the College makes reasonable efforts to assure my safety while participating in the Program, there are unavoidable risks in travel overseas, and I hereby release and promise not to sue the College, or its employees and agents, for any damages or injury (including death) caused by, derived from, or associated with my participation in the Program, except for such damages or injury as may be caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the College.
8. Should any provision or aspect of this agreement be found to be unenforceable, all remaining provisions of the agreement will remain in full force and in affect.
9. My agreement to these provisions is wholly voluntary and, prior to signing this agreement, I have had every opportunity to consult with an advisor, counselor, or attorney of my choice.
10. Any legal dispute concerning my participation in the Program shall be conducted in the Ohio courts and governed by Ohio law.
11. This agreement represents my complete understanding with the College concerning the College's responsibility and liability for my participation in the Program, supersedes any previous or contemporaneous understandings I may have had with the College on this subject, whether written or oral, and cannot be changed or amended in any way without my written concurrence.
12. I am at least eighteen years of age or, if not, I have secured below the signature of my parent or guardian signifying acceptance of this agreement on my behalf.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (if student is under age 18)

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Date