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**Participant Statement of Responsibility, Release of Liability,  
Authorization and Acknowledgement of Risks  
to participate in Travel Abroad Programs**

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**PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT FULLY BEFORE SIGNING.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby indicate my desire to participate in a  
PRINT NAME

travel abroad tour program to \_\_\_\_\_ offered by the University of Wisconsin-Madison ("University") during the period of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. My participation in this tour program is completely voluntary.

If and/or when I am offered and accept a place in the University's program, I:

- assume full legal and financial responsibility for my participation in the program.
- will be responsible for full program costs (whether already paid or not) as stated in the registration materials that have been provided to me.
- grant the University, its employees, agents and representatives 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.
- understand the University strongly recommends that I purchase insurance to adequately protect myself against international travel-related risks while traveling abroad, including coverage for but not limited to accidents, illness, medical emergencies, trip interruption/delay, evacuation needs, and other unforeseen circumstances related to international travel. I further understand that the I am solely responsible for the decision to purchase international travel insurance to protect myself and may purchase insurance from any provider I desire.
- agree to conform to all applicable policies, rules, regulations and standards of conduct as established by the University, any sponsoring institution and/or foreign affiliates, as well as program requirements, to insure the best interest, harmony, comfort and welfare of the program.
- accept termination of my participation in the program by the University with no refund of fees and accept responsibility for transportation costs home if I fail to maintain acceptable standards of conduct as established by the University, the sponsoring institution and/or foreign affiliates.
- understand that the University reserves the right to make changes to the program at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and that the University shall not be liable for any loss whatsoever to program participants as a result of such changes.

- understand the University generally:
  - Cannot guarantee or assure the safety of participants or eliminate all risks from study abroad environments.
  - Cannot monitor or control all the daily personal decisions, choices, and activities of individual participants.
  - Cannot assume responsibility for the actions of persons not employed or otherwise engaged by the program sponsor for events that are not part of the program or that are beyond the control of the sponsor, or for situations that may arise due to the failure of a participant to disclose pertinent information.
  - Cannot assure that home-country cultural values and norms will apply in the destination country(ies) abroad.
  - Cannot assure that U.S. standards of due process apply in overseas legal proceedings or provide or pay for legal representation for travel abroad tour participants.
  
- understand, that although the University has made every reasonable effort to assure my safety while participating in this program, there are unavoidable risks in travel overseas that may not ordinarily be encountered at home or on campus. Those risks include, but may not be limited to:
  - traveling to and within, and returning from, one or more foreign countries;
  - foreign political, legal, social and economic conditions;
  - different standards of civil defense procedures, design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances;
  - local availability of medical and emergency services;
  - local weather and environmental conditions;
  - illness, minor injuries, and more serious injuries which may include but not be limited to broken bones, and in some cases, even death.
  
- agree voluntarily and without reservation to forever release from liability, covenant not to sue, indemnify and hold harmless the University, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System (*Board of Regents*) and their respective officers, employees, and agents from any and all present and future liability, loss, damages, costs, or expenses (including attorney's fees) which do not arise out of the negligent acts or omission of an officer, employee, and agent of the University and/or Board of Regents while acting within the scope of their employment or agency, as a result of my participation in the program, including any travel incident thereto.

I acknowledge I have read this entire document and have had the opportunity to ask questions about it. I hereby acknowledge that I understand it. Knowing the risks described, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the program, I agree, on behalf of myself, my spouse, my family, heirs and personal representatives, to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the program.

I hereby expressly agree that this release and waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of Wisconsin and that if any portion is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance of the agreement shall continue in full legal force and effect.

Please initial and date each of the previous pages and sign below:

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Participant's Signature

Date

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Participant's Name (please print)

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ID Number