

## Student Responsibilities for Off-Campus Study & Acknowledgement of Risks and Release of Responsibility

STUDENTS HAVE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE INTEREST OF THEIR OWN HEALTH AND SAFETY:

- A. Assume responsibility for all the elements necessary for your personal preparation for the trip and participate fully in orientations, if offered.
- B. Read and carefully consider all materials issued by the trip leader that relate to safety, health, legal, environmental, political, cultural, and religious conditions in the region you are visiting.
- C. Conduct your own research on the region(s) you plan to visit with particular emphasis on health and safety concerns, such as the need for immunizations, as well as the social, cultural, and political situations.
- D. Consider your physical and mental health, and other personal circumstances when applying for or accepting a place in a trip. Make necessary arrangements to transport prescription drugs (e.g. medical authorization) and continue to take them as prescribed during the entire off-campus experience. Make available to the group leader accurate and complete physical and mental health information and any other personal data that is necessary in planning for a safe and healthy off-campus experience.
- E. Obtain and maintain appropriate insurance coverage and abide by any conditions imposed by the carriers.
- F. Inform parents/guardians/families and any others who may need to know about your participation in the trip, provide them with emergency contact information, and keep them informed of your whereabouts and activities.
- G. Understand and comply with the terms of participation, codes of conduct, and emergency procedures of the program.
- H. Be aware of local conditions and customs that may present health or safety risks when making daily choices and decisions. Promptly express any health or safety concerns to the program staff or other appropriate individuals before and/or during the program.
- I. Accept responsibility for your own decisions and actions.
- J. Obey the laws of the region.
- K. Behave in a manner that is respectful of the rights and well-being of others, and encourage others to behave in a similar manner.
- L. Avoid illegal drugs and consumption of alcohol.
- M. Follow the program policies for keeping program staff informed of your whereabouts and well-being.
- N. Become familiar with the procedures for obtaining emergency health and legal system services in the host county (if traveling internationally).

# Acknowledgement of Risks and Release of Responsibility

The College of Idaho offers students the opportunity to enroll in a variety of off-campus programs. The off-campus programs may be operated by other educational institutions or undertaken by College of Idaho faculty or staff. The off-campus programs take place in a wide variety of domestic and foreign locations. Certain potential risks to personal health and safety are associated with off-campus residence and travel. Students should not participate in an off-campus program unless they are willing to accept the associated risks.

The College of Idaho cannot guarantee the health and safety of participants in an off-campus program or eliminate all risks that may arise in off-campus environments.

Please read and sign this form before you begin your off-campus program. Students who fail to sign and return this form will not be allowed to participate in any off-campus program.

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- I acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in this off-campus program. I understand that there are certain risks associated with off-campus residence and travel and that The College of Idaho, its faculty, and staff cannot control these risks. I acknowledge that I have carefully identified and considered the risks of travel to my destination(s) by reviewing all orientation materials provided to me by the College of Idaho and by conducting my own careful research, including but not limited to reading the most recent relevant U.S. State Department travel warning(s).
- I understand that these risks may include but are not limited to exposure to potentially serious health and safety hazards such as: transportation accidents, storms, floods, earthquakes, other natural disasters; armed insurrections; terrorist activities; possible injury, death, and loss of possessions arising out of crimes; infectious diseases, inadequate medical care, and remote access to medical treatment.
- I understand that it is my personal responsibility to obtain any pertinent vaccinations, with appropriate timeliness prior to my off-campus program.
- I understand that The College of Idaho is not in a position to guarantee my personal health, safety, or property loss or damage during my participation in an off-campus program, or when traveling on my own (off-program time), either before, after, or during the official off-campus program.
- I understand that The College of Idaho cannot monitor or control all of the daily personal decisions, choices, and activities of individual participants.
- I understand that The College of Idaho cannot assure that U.S. standards of due process apply in overseas legal proceedings, ensure that or advise whether participants are acting in accordance with local law, or provide or pay for legal representation for participants.
- I understand that The College of Idaho may not 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 and its subcontractors, or for situations that may arise due to the failure of a participant to disclose pertinent information.
- I understand and hereby acknowledge that I assume all risks incurred by my participation in an off-campus program.

**In consideration of being allowed to enroll and participate in an off-campus program, I, the undersigned, to the maximum extent permitted by law, hereby release The College of Idaho, its Board of Trustees, officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands and causes of action for any, loss, property damage or personal injury that may be sustained by me or for which I may be liable to any other person arising out of or in any way connected with the off-campus program and my participation in the program. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage or personal injury that may be sustained by me, or for which I may be liable to any other person, arising out of or in any way connected with the off-campus program and my participation in the program, including but not limited to the risks outlined above. Further, I agree to keep and save harmless and indemnify The College of Idaho, its Board of Trustees, officers, agents and employees against any and all actions or causes of action, claims, losses, damages or costs that The College of Idaho, its Board of Trustees, officers, agents and employees may incur as a result of or related to my participation in the program and/or by reason of my failure and/or refusal to conform to requirements of The College of Idaho for participants in its off-campus programs. I agree that this release shall be governed by the laws of the State of Idaho.**

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Student's Signature

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Date

The undersigned parent, legal guardian, or spouse of the above-named student hereby consents to the participation of said student in off-campus or study abroad program, subject to the conditions stated above.

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Parent/Guardian's Signature (international travel)

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Date