

Office of International Education  
STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS  
STUDENT AGREEMENT and RELEASE

I (print full legal name) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to fulfill all financial and academic obligations incurred while studying at: (print name of host institution in full) \_\_\_\_\_ during the (print all semesters / quarters & year[s] of expected term abroad) \_\_\_\_\_ and understand that failure to do so may affect my matriculation and/or my status at the University of Rhode Island. I understand and agree to the following conditions of exchange:

I. *Release of Information*

I give permission to the University of Rhode Island's Office of International Education and National Student Exchange (OIE) to contact the URI Office of Student Life in order to verify that I am under no disciplinary sanction for violation of codes of student conduct and/or that I have no judicial cases pending which would invalidate my eligibility for participation in a URI Study Abroad Program.

I understand that the collection, retention, and dissemination of my records and information about me are subject to federal regulations under the *Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974*. This means I am responsible for specifying the persons or agents who may have access to my records. By signing this *Agreement and Release*, I therefore give permission to collect and release information to URI and the host institution named above that information appropriate to my application and participation in exchange including: letters of recommendation, permanent academic records such as transcripts, fiscal, medical records, all for the purposes of exchange placement and participation, continuation or termination.

II. *Eligibility and Academic Progress*

I understand that should I be accepted into a URI Study Abroad Program, my participation will be contingent on my maintaining all eligibility requirements of that program prior to and during the term of study. If eligibility is not maintained, URI or the host institution can terminate my participation at any time.

I will maintain full-time enrollment and remain in good academic standing every semester / quarter of my study term. Failure to do so may affect my financial aid and housing eligibility as well as my academic standing at URI.

I understand that course pre-requisites at the host institution must be met and that course registration at the host institution is based on availability of offerings and cannot be guaranteed.

III. *Tuition / Fees and Indebtedness*

I have read the URI *Off-Campus Study & Financial Aid* policy statement and I understand it is my responsibility to follow all appropriate procedures for securing any financial aid for which I am eligible.

I will also pay all required tuition / fees or room and board costs of URI and my Host Institution in a timely manner. I understand that all financial obligations for off-campus study to URI or to the Host Institution must be fulfilled prior to receiving transcripts from the Host Institution and/or a transcript or diploma from URI.

Failure to make full payment of all required fees or to resolve other debts to the Host Institution or to the University of Rhode (for example, unreturned equipment, overdue short-term or emergency loans, lost library books, or obligations required by the Host Institution or the University) may result in the cancellation of pre-registration for the following semester, denial of registration until payment is made, and/or disenrollment at the University or the Host Institution. A student must fulfill all financial obligations to the University and the Host Institution before receiving transcripts or a diploma from the University of Rhode Island.

IV. *Personal Safety and Health Insurance*

I will obtain and maintain health insurance that is satisfactory to URI and my Host Institution. I will obtain any required immunizations as well as comply with any other medical matters relating to my participation in this study program.

I understand that URI cannot guarantee my health and safety while on exchange. I am responsible for acting prudently and exercising caution and common sense at all times. I also understand that I may be using many different forms of transportation to participate in this program. I agree that neither URI, any sponsoring consortia, nor the Host Institution would be held responsible for any personal injury, death, or loss or damage to property suffered by me during periods of travel with and independent of the exchange program.

V. *Release for Off-campus Study*

I understand that URI assists its students in making off-campus study arrangements only as a service to its students. It is acting solely as an agent for its students and, therefore, does not make any warranties of any kind, express or implied, regarding any off-campus program in which a student may participate. The university assumes no responsibility and disclaims any liability for any damages or injury suffered by any student by reason of the negligent or wrongful acts or failures to act of any person or institution with whom the University may make arrangements for the promotion, facilitation, and/or operation of any off-campus study program. The terms University of Rhode Island and University as used above include the Board of Governors for Higher Education for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, its successors and its agent, servants, and employees

VI. *Rules and Regulations*

I agree to conform to all applicable rules, regulations, and policies of the URI Off-Campus Study Programs and my Host Institution. I also agree to abide by the policies governing student conduct, both academic and otherwise, as published in URI's Student Rights and Responsibilities and by the policies of my Host Institution. I understand that failure to conform to these rules and regulations may result in disciplinary action by URI and/or the Host Institution or in termination of participation in the program.

VII. *Transcripts and Transfer Credit*

Following my program, I will request that an official transcript from my host institution be sent to the URI Office of International Education and National Student Exchange, 9 Lippitt Rd., Room 107, Taft Hall, Kingston, RI 02881-0806. I understand that I am responsible for pay any and all transcript fees regardless of the academic outcome of my study.

I also understand that I must earn "C" (2.00/4.00) or better for URI to accept my credit as transfer credit at URI

If I fail to submit an official transcript to the Office of International Education after leaving my Host Institution, I authorize the Host Institution to release an official transcript to the URI OIE. OIE and URI are not liable for any delays or problems that may affect student status or academic record at URI.

VIII. *Parental Involvement*

I understand that it is my responsibility, not that of the URI Office of International Education and National Student Exchange to provide my parent / guardian with any and all pertinent information about my study abroad program.

I understand that no alteration or variation of the terms of this agreement, including a change in the duration of an off-campus study program, shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties named below. The terms of this agreement apply to the entire length of the exchange including any subsequent alterations in duration. I have read this *Agreement and Release*, understand its contents, and acknowledge that I am signing it voluntarily.

Student (print name in full): \_\_\_\_\_

URI ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of URI OIE Staff Member

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Date