

Name of program: _____

Acknowledgment of Pre-Departure Materials

I, the undersigned student, agree that I have received and read the pre-departure materials provided to me by the Honors College at Florida International University.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I understand the information provided in these materials, and I agree to be bound by the policies, rules and regulations set forth.

Name _____ Panther I.D. # _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Study USA Participant Contract

1. I understand that I must conduct myself in a manner that shows respect and consideration for the host state. I understand that I am subject to dismissal from the Study USA program if my behavior is deemed detrimental to the functioning of the program or offensive to the host culture. Disruptive conduct or inappropriate sexual behavior similarly merits dismissal from the Study USA program. This same behavior may be in violation of and subject to additional discipline under University regulations including, but not limited to, FIU Regulation 2501 entitled the Student Conduct and Academic Honor Code or FIU Regulation 105 entitled Sexual Harassment (Title IX) and Sexual Misconduct.

_____ (initial)

2. Students expecting to earn FIU credit must maintain the same standard of academic work as would be required on the home campus. I am responsible for arriving on time for classes and required meeting and cultural excursions, and for following the program schedule set forth by the FIU Honors College program director or accompanying instructor.

_____ (initial)

3. I agree to show courtesy and respect to my fellow group members, my instructor, and host institution. I will not disrupt others who are sharing housing accommodations during the program.

_____ (initial)

4. I understand that the program itinerary/schedule is subject to change, at the discretion of FIU and/or its partner institution.

_____ (initial)

5. If I travel independently during free time while participating in an FIU sponsored program, I will notify my FIU program director or instructor of my whereabouts, and give the names of persons with whom I am traveling not for purposes of supervision, but for purposes of information. I assume responsibility for my personal safety, loss or injury, and conduct when engaging in non-FIU organized travel and/or activities, and release FIU from any and all liability concerning said travel and/or activities.

_____ (initial)

6. I understand that, while my in-state program hosts will try to accommodate special requirements (such as vegetarian meals on group outings), I should not expect the same level of ability to meet such requirements/provide special services as at home. I agree to make an effort to adapt to the host culture and customs as much as possible. I understand the inability to receive special accommodations does not entitle me to any refund of fees.

_____ (initial)

7. I am expected to exercise personal responsibility. FIU regulations including, but not limited to FIU Regulation 2501 entitled the Student Conduct and Academic Honor Code or FIU Regulation 105 entitled Sexual Harassment (Title IX) and Sexual Misconduct, govern my behavior while participating in the program.

_____ (initial)

8. The use, possession, or commerce of illegal drugs and alcoholic beverages, in any form is in violation of the rules of the program and are likely to also violate the laws of the host state. If I am found with any illegal substances, I understand I will be immediately dismissed from the program, potential discipline and I will be subject to the laws of the host state. FIU regulations including, but not limited to FIU Regulation 2501 entitled the Student Conduct and Academic Honor Code or FIU Regulation 105 entitled Sexual Harassment (Title IX) and Sexual Misconduct, govern my behavior while participating in the program.

_____ (initial)

9. By signing this agreement, I attest to the fact that I am in good health and capable of adapting to the rigors of traveling in a foreign environment. FIU Honors College Study USA Programs involve a full schedule requiring students to maintain an active pace. An inability to fulfill the requirements of the program may result in my removal or academic penalty.

_____ (initial)

10. I understand that as an FIU Honors College student, I will be viewed as a representative of my university. I agree to abide by the above stated rules of participation and conduct and to the FIU Student Conduct and Academic Honor Code.



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_____ (initial)

11. As an Honors College Study USA participant, I understand that I may be traveling to or through areas that have security risks. Information about the Centers for Disease Control Department at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel>. If circumstances change and the CDC issues a health advisory for any state to which my program is traveling, I understand that FIU may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Study USA program that I am on and require my immediate return to campus. I agree to fully cooperate, including being responsible for any resulting costs, with FIU if this occurs.

_____ (initial)

Signature

Printed Name

Date



STUDY USA STUDENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I, the undersigned, _____, being of legal age, do hereby agree and promise the following for and in consideration of my application for participation and acceptance in a Study USA Program (“Program”) offered by the Honors College at Florida International University (FIU).

I shall be bound by and comply with the terms, conditions, and obligations of the Program, including those relating to fee payment and refund policies. My failure to comply with the terms of the Program or to conduct myself in a fitting manner may result in my involuntary withdrawal from the Program by either the FIU Honors College or my host institution.

My participation in the Program is voluntary and is not a requirement of my curriculum at FIU. I have chosen to participate in the Program because of the learning and cultural experiences I will gain through study in a different state. I acknowledge that I am not an agent of FIU and may not look to the University or the State of Florida for reimbursement of any expenses. I accept full responsibility for all costs and expenses, whether planned or unplanned, associated with my participation in the Program.

1. I acknowledge that, in the course of my participation in the Program and related activities, I may be exposed to risks inherent to travel, some of which are known and some of which are unknown, which may result in property damage or loss, as well as personal or bodily injury which could be painful, permanently disfiguring or debilitating, and even fatal. I voluntarily assume all risks, including, but not limited to, sickness, pandemics, bad weather, hurricanes, strikes, quarantine, detention, delay, vandalism, muggings, kidnappings, earthquakes, tsunamis, and/or acts of terrorism. I further expressly assume full responsibility for any risk of bodily injury, death, or property loss or damage due to the negligence of the State of Florida, the FIU Board of Trustees, FIU, or the Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida, and their respective employees and agents, or otherwise.
2. I agree and acknowledge that I will have time for, and may engage in personal activities unrelated to the purpose of the Program while I am traveling. Such activities will be at my sole cost, responsibility, and risk. FIU, FIU Board of Trustees, the State of Florida, or the Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida, is not responsible for any personal or property injury, loss, or damage that may result of my participation in activities outside of the Honors Study USA Program.
3. I acknowledge that FIU, the FIU Board of Trustees, the Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida, and the State of Florida and their respective officers, employees, and agents are not responsible for losses or expenses suffered by me due to delays, changes in itinerary, changes in the content of Program study, or other matters. [This includes requests to return to the FIU campus due to events including, but not limited to unrest, pandemics, or natural disasters.](#)
4. I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns release, waive, discharge and relinquish, and agree to hold harmless the State of Florida, the Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida, the FIU Board of Trustees, and FIU, and their respective officers, employees and agents, from and against all claims and causes of action for personal or bodily injury or disfiguration, property damage or loss, wrongful death, loss of services or other claims that may arise from my participation in the Program and its related activities, whether the same should arise by reason of the negligence of anyone participating in the Program or its related activities, or otherwise. I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging, and waiving any claims or actions that I may have presently or in the future for the acts or negligent acts or other conduct by FIU. I agree that, under no circumstances will I, or anyone claiming through me, prosecute or present any claims for personal or bodily injury, property damage or loss, or wrongful death against the State of Florida, the Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida, the FIU Board of Trustees, or FIU, or their respective officers, employees, and agents.
5. I, for myself and any others claiming through me, accept full responsibility for my safety and expenses and assume the complete risk of any injury to myself or my property which may arise out of or in the course of my participation in this study abroad program.
6. I further expressly agree that this Study USA Student Participation Agreement Release & Assumption of Risk is intended to be as broad and as inclusive as the laws of the State of Florida will allow, and that if any portion thereof is held to be invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding the invalid portion, will continue in full legal force and effect.



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I HAVE READ THE ABOVE STUDY USA STUDENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND, BY SIGNING IT, AGREE THAT IT IS MY INTENTION TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE FIU FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL LIABILITY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER CAUSE OF ACTION.

Signature

Printed Name

Date



Policies Concerning Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment and Related Misconduct Including Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment, Sexual Violence, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking and Complaint Procedure

FIU-105 POLICY

Florida International University policy applies to all members of the FIU community, including students, faculty, and administrators as well as third-parties (i.e. vendors and invitees). Discrimination or harassment of any kind in regards to a person's sex is not tolerated at our institution. Information and/or training regarding this policy is available to students, faculty, and staff. In addition, this policy in its entirety is available on FIU's website at [FIU-105 Discrimination and Harassment Policy](#)

Discrimination or harassment of any kind is counterproductive to FIU's mission. The University will resolve any identified discrimination in a timely and effective manner, and will work to ensure that it does not recur. Those believing that they have been harassed or discriminated against on the basis of their sex, including sexual harassment, should immediately contact the Title IX coordinator, Ryan Kelley, J.D., at ocrca@fiu.edu or (305) 348-2785. When FIU has notice of an occurrence, FIU is compelled to take immediate and effective corrective action reasonably calculated to stop the harassment, prevent its recurrence, and as appropriate, remedy its effects.

I agree that I have read and understand FIU-105 Policy and I agree to comply with all policies and rules contained therein.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT _____

DATE _____



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ACADEMIC AND STUDENT CONDUCT INFORMATION

I am in good academic standing and I am free of conduct probation. I will make the Honors College aware of any charges pending against me. If I provide false or misleading information or my conduct status should change prior to program departure, my admission to the program will be rescinded, any program fees paid will not be refunded, and I will remain responsible for any unpaid balance. _____ (please initial here).

By initialing, you are acknowledging that you have read the above statements, and you are giving the FIU Honors College permission to check on your records with the Office of Student Conduct at FIU.

Student signature and Panther ID

Date



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**SUBSTANCE FREE
NO ALCOHOL AND DRUGS POLICY**

I, _____ hereby pledge that I will not possess, use, consume, or distribute any amount of alcohol or possess, use, consume, or distribute any illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia while a member participating in the FIU Honors College Study USA Program. Regardless of age or location, there will be no alcohol consumed at any point on the trip. I acknowledge that failure to abide by the Florida International University Alcohol and Drug Policy or the Student Code of Conduct will result in referral to Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution for judicial action and removal from the retreat site at my own expense.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Legal Guardian (if under 18)

Date

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE

I, _____ hereby grant to Florida International University and the Honors College and any entities authorized by Florida International University absolute right and permission to record my participation, appearance, voice, and likeness on videotape, audiotape, film, photograph, transcript, or any other medium. I further grant to Florida International University or any other name that the University may choose to use, re-use, publish, and republish in whole or part, whatsoever, including (but not by way of limitation) education, illustration, promotion, and advertising.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Legal Guardian (if under 18)

Date