The Student named above agrees as follows:

I. **Risks of Study Abroad.** I understand that participation in a study abroad program involves risks not found in study at my home college. These include risks involved in traveling to and within, and returning from, one or more foreign countries; foreign political, legal, social, and economic conditions; local medical and weather conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances; increased potential for theft of personal property (which is not covered by the program’s insurance), as well as other matters described in the information posted on the ACM website and in the program handbook which I have reviewed and will continue to check prior to departure and during the program. I have made my own investigation and am willing to accept these risks.

A. **Institutional Arrangements.** I understand that ACM does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any host institution, host family, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer or other provider of goods or services involved in the Program. I understand that ACM has exercised its best efforts in regard to these matters, but that it is not responsible for occurrences that are beyond its control.

B. **Comprehensive Release of Liability.** As condition precedent to participating in this program, ACM requires participants to execute the Comprehensive Release of Liability and Consent to Secure Medical Treatment which is appended to this Contract as Appendix A. By signing this document you are waiving certain legal rights. Therefore, we urge you to take the time to read it carefully and we urge you to contact an attorney if you have any questions about it.

C. **Health and Safety.**
   1. I have consulted/will consult with a medical doctor with regard to my personal medical needs. I have provided/will provide ACM with all medical data and any other personal information necessary for a safe and healthy study abroad experience. There are no physical or mental health-related reasons, problems, or special dietary requirements or restrictions which preclude or restrict my participation in this program.
   2. I am aware of all applicable personal medical needs. I understand that ACM provides me with comprehensive international medical insurance as a component of this program. I recognize that, while ACM will use its best efforts to see that I receive adequate medical care while in this Program, I assume all risk and responsibility for my medical or medication needs and the cost thereof beyond the coverage provided by ACM’s contracted health insurance. If I require medical treatment or hospital care in a foreign country or in the United States during the program, I authorize ACM to secure any necessary care deemed appropriate.

I understand that ACM’s contracted health insurance coverage is limited in a student’s home country to 30 days after the expiration of insurance for conditions first diagnosed or treated during or related to the overseas study program. Extension of the coverage is subject to home country limitations. For these reasons, I understand that ACM’s contracted health insurance coverage may not cover all expenses after the end of the program and that I have the option to secure or continue my own health insurance to assure that any other expenses would be covered. I understand that I can contact ACM for a copy of the Certificate of Coverage from ACM’s contracted health insurance provider.

3. ACM may take any actions it considers to be warranted under the circumstances to protect my health and safety. I agree to express any health or safety concerns promptly to program staff or other appropriate persons.

4. **Information for students with disabilities who may require accommodation:**

ACM makes reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities who are otherwise qualified to participate in its activities and programs. However, the Americans with Disabilities Act does not govern accessibility standards in other countries. ACM does not discriminate on the basis of ability in admissions for study abroad programs, but is not responsible for assuring accessibility in international locations and cannot guarantee that accommodation will be available. While ACM will try to arrange accommodation for special needs, students with disabilities must understand that some international experiences may not be appropriate for them.

In order to address this concern, ACM policy requires students with special needs who require accommodation to self-identify at the time of application for participation in an international experience. It is strongly recommended that these students notify the Disability Services office on their home campus of their interest in participating in an international experience and of their need for accommodation. ACM will work with the campus Disability Services representative to determine whether the student's needs can be accommodated.

D. **Standards of Conduct.**

1. **Academic Conditions.** ACM international programs are not travel tours. While travel during free time can be quite educational in itself, the ACM program does not grant academic credit for travel. International study programs are strictly academic in nature, and students must expect to invest at least the same amount of time and effort that would be required for courses at a comparable level on campus. Travel on weekends and holidays must not conflict with scheduled lectures or classes. Students are responsible for making travel plans which will permit them to attend all regularly scheduled class activities and field trips.
2. **Program Participation.** I understand that students enrolled in international programs are required to attend all scheduled classes, lectures, activities and field trips. This also includes mandatory attendance at pre-departure orientation sessions provided by ACM and orientations at the host institution.

3. **General Behavior.**

   a. I understand that each foreign country has its own laws and standards of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, morals, politics, drug use and behavior. I recognize that behavior which violates those laws or standards could harm ACM’s relations with those countries and the institutions therein, as well as my own health and safety. I am aware that if I violate laws of the host country, I may place myself in legal jeopardy and that U.S.standards of due process may not apply. I will become informed of, and will abide by, all such laws and standards for each country to or through which I will travel during the program.

   b. I also will comply with ACM’s rules, standards, and instructions for student behavior as outlined in the ACM Code of Student Responsibility and the program handbook.

   c. I agree that I will not engage in any of the following activities while participating in the program (unless required by the program and supervised by a certified instructor): mountaineering where ropes or guides are normally used; hang gliding; parachuting; bungee jumping; operating a motor vehicle of any kind (including motorcycle); racing by horse, motor vehicle, or motorcycle; parasailing; participating in any professional sports or competitions; or riding as a pilot, student pilot, operator, or crewmember in or on any type of aircraft.

   d. I understand that before, during or after the program there may be time that is not allocated to academic or programmatic components and I may have the option to travel at my own expense. I agree to inform a representative of the program of my travel plans, understand that ACM is not responsible for me while I am engaged in independent travel, and understand that any such travel is at my sole risk and expense.

   e. I will attend to any legal problems I encounter with any foreign nationals or government at my own expense. I understand that, while ACM will use its best efforts to assist me, it is not responsible for providing me with legal representation.

   f. I agree that ACM has the right to enforce the standards of conduct described above in its sole judgment, and that it may impose sanctions up to and including removal from the program for violating these standards or for any behavior detrimental to or incompatible with the interest, harmony and welfare of the ACM, the program, or other participants at any time prior to or during participation in the program. I recognize that, due to the circumstances of the program, procedures for notice, hearing and appeal applicable to student disciplinary proceedings at my home college do not apply. If I am removed from the program, either before or during participation, I understand that I will be sent home at my own expense with no refund of fees.

**E. Financial Obligations.** I also understand that in paying my $400 non-refundable deposit to reserve a spot on the program, I am accepting the offer of admission and that ACM will begin to make program arrangements predicated on my participation. If I withdraw from the program subsequent to paying the deposit, I can expect not only to forfeit my deposit, but also to be billed for all non-recoverable expenses incurred on my behalf. Moreover, I understand that if I withdraw from the program once it has begun, the program fee cannot be refunded. Moreover, I understand that any refund of tuition and program fees will be subject to my home school’s policies, in the case of tuition, and according to the schedule outlined in the program payment information included with my acceptance materials.

**F. Program Changes.** ACM has the right to cancel the program at any time prior to departure, in which case all moneys paid will be refunded in full. It also reserves the right to cancel a program in progress and to require all participants to return to the United States if it determines that conditions pose a heightened risk of danger to students. I understand that ACM may alter the program’s itinerary, travel arrangements, or accommodations due to emergency or changed conditions, and agree to be responsible for additional costs. I understand that ACM’s fees and program charges are based on lodging rates and travel costs, which are subject to change. If I leave or am removed from the program, I will receive no refund of fees already paid. Understanding that ACM will make every reasonable effort to minimize the effect of same, I accept all responsibility for loss or additional expenses due to transportation delays, necessary program changes, sickness, weather, strikes, or other unforeseen causes. If I fail to meet a departure bus, airplane, or train, I will at my own expense seek out, contact, and reach the program group at its next available destination.

I have read this Study Abroad Contract carefully before signing it, and agree that it contains my entire agreement with Associated Colleges of the Midwest as to my participation in the program. This agreement shall become effective only upon acceptance by ACM of my application for the program.

___________________________________________________  ______________________________________
Signature of Student       Date

I am the parent or legal guardian of the Student above who is **under 18 years of age**, have read the foregoing Study Abroad Contract, am and will be legally responsible for the obligations and acts of the Student, and agree for myself and the Student to be bound by the terms of this Contract.

___________________________________________________  ______________________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian       Date
Appendix A

Comprehensive Release of Liability
And
Consent to Secure Medical Treatment

By signing below I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. I understand that this is a binding legal document the purpose of which is to minimize the legal liability of the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) in connection with my participation in its study abroad program (Program), and that I am encouraged to consult an attorney if I have any questions about its meaning or significance.

2. I warrant that I am at least 18 years of age and am competent to enter into this contract knowingly and voluntarily.

3. I have read, understand, and agree to the Study Abroad Contract, and in particular, the summary of the Program’s risks outlined in it.

4. I understand that my participation in the Program is voluntary.

5. In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Program, I agree to assume the risks of such participation. Further, for myself, and on behalf of my executors, administrators, heirs, and family members, I agree to release and hold harmless ACM, its trustees, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, assigns and successors, from any and all claims or suits that may result from my injury or death, or the loss of or damage to my personal property, whether accidental or through the negligence of the aforementioned, arising in any way from my participation in the Program.

6. In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Program, I, for myself, and on behalf of my executors, administrators, heirs, and family members, agree to release and hold harmless ACM, its trustees, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, assigns and successors, from any and all claims or suits that may result from the negligence of any other participant during my participation in the Program, including claims relating to injury to my person or my property.

7. I hereby consent in advance and authorize ACM, its officers, employees, volunteers, and agents to secure on my behalf any emergency medical treatment or services deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

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Participant Signature      Date

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Participant Name (Please print)     Program