



STUDENT INFORMATION FOR STUDY ABROAD TRAVEL PROGRAMS WEBSITE:

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INTRODUCTION

The Mission U *Handbook for Study Abroad Travel Programs* is intended for students, interns, as well as faculty who lead programs and teach students while traveling. It is designed to assist faculty with developing and executing any short-term travel course and serve as an organizational and travel guide for students.. The handbook outlines the responsibilities of faculty, and other designated administrative offices for program design, recruitment, pre-departure, travel, and return guidelines. The handbook also contains suggestions for students, procedures to follow in the event of an emergency, and other relevant topics.

The *Handbook for Study Abroad Travel Programs* serves as Mission U institutional policy. The policy protects the students, faculty members, and the college when sponsoring a travel course. All participants are expected to follow the guidelines in the handbook.

EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

1. In the event of an emergency, **TALK DIRECTLY TO** any of the Mission U contacts listed below by calling: +1.513.540.1399 (24/7/365)

• **Mission U during business hours (8:30 am. – 5:00 p.m.)**

Director of Operations and Compliance
Associate Dean
Director of Student Affairs
Campus Security

- **Before or after Mission U business hours**

Security

2. Should you receive a voicemail, **CALL ADDITIONAL CONTACTS** until you make person-to-person contact.
3. **DO NOT JUST LEAVE A MESSAGE.**
4. The faculty leader **MUST CARRY A CELL PHONE AT ALL TIMES** while traveling.

OVERVIEW OF FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES

This section explains faculty members' responsibilities in developing and leading short-term travel programs and the College Operations (CO) responsibilities. A general timeline is provided to help structure the process from pre-departure through return to Mission U.

General Timeline of Faculty Responsibilities

Pre-Departure

9-12 months before departure:

- Develop the Course
 1. If necessary, allow additional time (minimum of one year) to visit and investigate the site. Consult with CO for potential external grants and Academic Affairs for potential summer grant funds to subsidize the cost of a site visit. Within one month of return, provide a report on the outcomes of the visit to Academic Affairs and travel publicity photos to CO.
 2. If necessary, submit a new course proposal or modification form to the Curriculum Committee through the proper approval process.
 3. Establish a minimum and maximum enrollment cap for purposes of student-to-faculty ratio and economy group rates.
 4. Plan a budget, travel agenda, and excursions. CO serves as a resource in developing contacts, locating travel agencies and suggesting excursions. (See budget checklist in this section.)
 5. Publicize physical and academic criteria for the trip. Include expectations for student conduct, safety and health criteria.
 6. Determine student interest.

- Submit “Intent to Offer Approved Study Abroad Travel Program Form” to Academic Dean’s Office
- Initiate recruitment and student application process with the assistance and support of CO
- Establish and distribute deadlines for students

1. Application
2. Deposits/Fees
3. Passport/Visa/Insurance
4. Immunizations

3-4 months before departure:

- Orient participants as to the academic, safety, and physical criteria for the program.
- Establish or confirm an existing Business Office account number for the program.
- Notify students when deposits are due to the Business Office; timing will vary by travel agency and airline.
- Request a supplemental budget from CO to help with faculty/trip expenses.

2 weeks before departure:

- Submit the final itinerary to CO and a contingency plan in the event of an emergency that disables the faculty leader or a student.
- Submit Faculty Information Form to CO containing: Release of Information, Disability Disclosure, Medical Release, Liability Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement.
- Hold pre-departure orientation with students.
- Submit the following completed Student Information Forms to CO:
 1. Student Information Form for Study Abroad Travel Program
 2. Student Release of Information
 3. Disability Disclosure

4. Medical Release, Community Standards and Academic Integrity Pledge, Liability Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement

Travel – The FUN Part

While traveling, the faculty leader serves as an **instructor** and a **positive role model**, as well as **resident director** for the course. The faculty member has the following responsibilities:

Instructional

- Deliver course content
- Coordinate class activities and communicate the students' academic responsibilities clearly
- Maintain the course's academic integrity
- Cooperate with other on-site faculty members regarding course objectives
- Evaluate student work

Enhancing Positive Student Experiences

- Provide initial on-site orientation to introduce the students to their host site and culture
- Be aware of possible indicators of culture shock, such as feelings of loneliness, alienation, depression, physical ailments, including possible eating and/or sleeping issues, inability to concentrate, and uncontrollable crying. Be aware that indicators of culture shock may vary greatly from individual to individual.
- Act as a liaison between the students and any individuals providing services to the course
- Meet with the students regularly throughout the course to discuss on-site academic issues such as personal activities, cross-cultural adjustment, and disciplinary consequences of inappropriate behavior

In case of emergency

- Respond to any emergency situations which may arise
- Assist students who are ill or who may have other emergencies
- Notify Mission U of an emergency as soon as possible (see pages 2 and 18)

Logistics

- Maintain fiscal records

- Itemize expenses and collect receipts
- Collect photos, copies of projects and research for campus display and future recruitment efforts

Important Notes for Faculty

- Never loan students program or personal funds unless it is an extreme emergency
- While traveling, faculty are expected to follow all guidelines in both the *Mission U Faculty Handbook* and the *Handbook for Study Abroad Travel Programs*

After Returning to Campus

- Collect photos, copies of projects and research for campus display and future recruitment efforts
- Encourage participating students to complete a course evaluation on The College LMS
- Submit student grades to the Registrar's Office within 48 hours of the last day of the semester/session
- Settle program/travel account with the Business Office within one month of return
- Forward trip photos to the CO for possible web posting and other use
- Organize a reunion party/meeting with participating students to discuss the program with hindsight and the goal of fine-tuning the program for the future

Typical Travel Course Expenses

In developing the program budget and participant costs, expenses may include, but are not limited to, the following items:

- Start-up costs (i.e., development site visits)
- On-site faculty salaries or tuition at the host institution
- Honoraria to lecturers, guides
- Classroom rental
- Educational materials for students
- Airfare
- Ground transportation costs

- Guides at museums and sites
- Admission costs at museums and sites on excursions
- Tips to van drivers, guides
- Student housing and meals, including pre- and post-departure arrangements
- Faculty leader course compensation
- Faculty leader travel including air and ground transportation
- Faculty leader housing and meals
- Faculty leader insurance
- Faculty leader participation in program activities
- Satellite/Cell Phone (also available through CO)
- Business and entertainment expenses to maintain relationships with collaborating institutions and individuals (Mission U will not permit reimbursement for the purchase of alcohol or tobacco)
- Contingency fund

II. PUBLICITY AND RECRUITMENT RESOURCES

Recruiting participants for a Study Abroad travel program is one of the faculty's primary responsibilities. A minimum number of participants must be enrolled to run the program. The minimum number will be determined by the program budget. Because of the enrollment needs of Study Abroad programs, the most successful programs are those that are supported by an entire academic department, not just by a single faculty member. CO suggests these ideas for marketing a Study Abroad travel program: program flyers, a website, class visits, the study while traveling fair, recruitment tables, contacting past participants, e-mail, interest meetings, and Fbook. CO is available to assist with these activities.

III. PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

Program Application

CO has a standard application form for students who wish to participate in a Study Abroad travel program. Additional supporting documents include a current transcript, a personal statement of interest in the program, or academic reference. Each faculty leader can decide in consultation with CO what kind of supporting documents he or she would like to require of students.

Student Approval and Registration Process

CO does not screen or select applicants. CO will, however, collect applications and maintain the applicant list.

It is highly recommended that the faculty leader provide the Dean of Students with the list of students applying to the program to verify that each student adheres to *Mission U Community Standards* and *Academic Integrity Pledge*. This documentation helps the faculty leader determine each student's suitability for participating in the travel program. The faculty leader will then sign the form officially approving the student and maintain a copy for his/her records and provide a copy to CO.

After approval for the program

- The student should present the travel account number and the faculty leader's name to the Business Office to pay the non-refundable deposit. Checks or money orders are accepted and should be made payable to Mission U or cash. (Students' accounts must be in good standing.)
- The Business Office does not bill each student through the regular college billing process; students must post payments to the designated account number with the Cashier in the Business Office. All payments are posted to unpaid account balances prior to posting to the designated travel course. Students should be made fully aware that they are responsible for ensuring their accounts are in good standing and all deposits and payments are posted to the travel account. Should a student wish to withdraw from the Study Abroad travel program for any reason after the published application deadline, the request must be in writing and submitted directly to the faculty leader or the Business Office. The student will be responsible for total program costs unless the college can recover any costs.
- Recoverable costs are defined as those charges that the college can recover through reservation cancellations or another student replacing the one who withdrew. The college will make every effort to recover as much of the costs as possible. Recoverable costs will either reduce the current amount due or will be refunded to the student should they result in a credit balance.

IV. PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION AND COURSE EXPECTATIONS

The orientation for the Study Abroad travel program begins when students first read the program flyer or website and continues throughout the pre-departure process. Because of this – and also because all materials and oral presentations can constitute contractual agreements – all program information must be clear and accurate.

Orientation Meetings and Required Student Forms

The faculty leader, in conjunction with CO, should hold a pre-departure orientation meeting for participants soon after they have been selected. Address key items related to the program at the orientation meeting. The faculty leader should be prepared to discuss the course outline, academic expectations, program itinerary, safety, general health issues, and the host country's legal, environmental, cultural, and religious conditions. The CO representative can discuss logistical and administrative matters such as billing, registration, money, travel documentation, potential health and safety risks, emergency response measures, and travel arrangements.

Participants will also receive and complete the forms required by Mission U for all travel programs. Students must provide accurate and complete information on all forms; full disclosure of pre-existing medical conditions is critical. Please find the forms listed below in the appendix:

1. Student Information Form for Study Abroad Travel Program
2. Student Release of Information
3. Disability Disclosure
4. Medical Release
5. Community Standards and Academic Integrity Pledge
6. Liability Waiver
7. Release and Indemnification Agreement

Faculty leaders must also complete similar forms (found in the appendix) before traveling while traveling.

Setting Academic and Behavioral Expectations for the Group

On Study Abroad programs, students should be required to attend all classes and all excursions that are part of the program. The syllabus for every course should include an attendance policy that connects absences and tardiness to course grades.

Participants are also expected to serve as ambassadors for both Mission U and the United States.

It is often difficult for students to understand what is expected of them in this regard, so it is important to stress these issues in the pre-departure orientation. Students need to be aware that behaviors with minimal or no consequences in Kansas City may have major implications for all Study Abroad travel and study while traveling programs.

Topics to be included in these discussions might include: appropriate dress, local laws, local mobility (which neighborhoods in the area are safe), gender dynamics, youth/elder relationships, food and meal etiquette, and how to recognize signs of displeasure on the part of host country nationals. Present this information repeatedly to students, not just at the pre-departure orientation. It is always recommended that faculty leaders provide consistent models of positive student behavior. Faculty leaders should be careful not to dwell on the avoidance of negative behavior, but provide examples of excellent behavior. The overwhelming majority of students who participate in Study Abroad travel programs do so with the highest expectations and the most thoughtful commitment.

Health and Safety Issues

To support a healthy and safe experience, Mission U requires all students and faculty participating in a Study Abroad travel program to carry health and emergency insurance. The college is contracted for this coverage.

The cost of the insurance for students and the faculty leader must be included in the program budget. The insurance provides \$3M per incident and \$6 million lifetime health insurance coverage for sickness and injury. It also provides the following services: referral to the nearest, most appropriate medical facility and/or provider; direct payment where available; medical monitoring between attending physicians, family physician, and immediate family members; arranging and coordinating emergency medical evacuations; assisting in arranging emergency medical payments if a hospital demands a cash deposit or settlement prior to leaving and direct pay is unavailable; prescription assistance; emergency reunion; repatriation of remains; emergency travel arrangements for disrupted travel as the consequence of a medical emergency; referral to legal assistance; assistance in non-life threatening travel emergencies (lost passports, lost luggage). Students and faculty leaders should familiarize themselves with the coverage provided prior to the program.

Faculty leading programs should consult with CO for travel to countries that require visitors to document proof of inoculation for tropical diseases, or for which the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends shots or pharmaceuticals. Faculty leaders are advised not to offer medical advice to students.

The following outline offers basic information and recommendations for student health and safety while traveling:

STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY WHILE OVERSEAS OUTLINE

1. Drugs and Alcohol

a. You are subject to local laws. As an American citizen you have NO special legal rights or privileges in the host country. There is nothing your parents, Mission U, or the United States government can do for you. Read more about this topic at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/safety/safety_2836.html.

b. No ALCOHOL. You are still governed by the *Mission U Community Standards* and *Academic Integrity Pledge* while traveling in all matters including the alcohol policy.

c. DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ILLEGAL DRUGS.

2. Health and Diet

a. Be wary of food served by street vendors.

b. Drink lots of bottled water. Watch out for sodium content.

c. Keep taking your medications no matter how good you feel.

d. Practice good hygiene. Wash your hands often; don't chew your fingernails.

3. Personal Security

a. Use the same street senses you would in a comparable United States city. b. Stay close to campus/housing until you can learn from locals where you should and should not go at night.

c. Stay with a "buddy" at night; don't abandon a friend at a club or bar.

d. Always watch your drinks.

e. The #1 risk to a U.S. study while traveling student is a traffic accident, so:

i. Do not rent a car or moped.

ii. Be as smart about the cars/buses you get into as you would in the United States. iii. Be extremely attentive as a pedestrian. Rules of the road for pedestrians are different in every country.

iv. Always carry the following on you:

- Copy of the f-page of your passport. (Consult with your faculty leader. In most countries you will not need your original passport within the city. Lock your passport in your suitcase or a safe pl in your room).
- Address and phone number for your homestay family or student residence.
- Emergency contact number for your program's faculty leader. **IF YOU ARE IN ANY TROUBLE, YOUR PROGRAM FACULTY-LEADER IS YOUR BEST RESOURCE.**

Student Behavior

Seasoned travel faculty leaders report that their biggest challenge while traveling is student behavior problems. Those who have successfully traveled with students for many years advocate discussing appropriate student conduct in the pre-departure orientation and upon arrival.

Remember, faculty leaders should communicate clearly with students that they are governed by the *Mission U Community Standards* and *Academic Integrity Pledge* throughout their program. Faculty leaders should reinforce the message that travel programs:

- Are academic experiences, and academic responsibilities take priority over personal interests. Planting this idea helps to combat the occasional notion that a travel program is a “blow-off” opportunity. Also, faculty leaders should refrain from referring to the experience as “a trip.” Instead, use the word “program” as it denotes a difference between study while traveling and a vacation.
- Are opportunities for students to act as “cultural ambassadors.” Emphasize that their conduct will be seen as representative of the United States, their home school/organization, and Mission U. Faculty leaders should model good behavior, provide continuous positive input about former students and talk about the intellectual, social and cultural value of students engaging constructively and thoughtfully with foreigners.

As with all conversations about behavior, it is more important to emphasize what the students should do rather than what they should not do.

Mission U values family, and as such, family members of faculty, staff, or students *may be* permitted to travel on college sponsored trips at their own expense, if space is available, and with the approval of the course faculty and College Administration.

VI. PLANNING AND EXECUTION: ON-SITE

A. FACULTY DIRECTOR ON-SITE RESPONSIBILITIES CHECKLIST

The faculty director should fulfill the following duties on-site:

_____ Provide an initial on-site orientation to introduce the students to their host site and culture.

_____ Notify CO immediately if any students do not arrive by the first day of class. _____

Notify CO immediately if any student leaves the program.

_____ Maintain fiscal records.

_____ Ensure the academic integrity of the course.

_____ Coordinate class activities.

_____ Respond to any emergency situations.

_____ Act as liaison between the students and any individuals providing services to the program.

_____ Communicate clearly to students the academic and disciplinary roles of the faculty leader.

_____ Itemize usage of any fund advances or the program contingency fund and collect receipts that will be turned in to the Business Office at the program’s end.

_____ Meet with students regularly throughout the program to discuss non-academic issues.

Topics for discussion may include cross-cultural adjustment, personal activities, and

inappropriate behavior. These sessions build group cohesiveness and alleviate possible divisions.

_____ Be aware of possible indicators of culture shock. These can include: feelings of helplessness, loneliness, alienation, sleeping more than usual, depression, getting angry easily, decline in flexibility, stereotyping of host culture; increase of physical ailments, eating problems, inability to concentrate, and uncontrollable crying. The concrete indicators of culture shock vary greatly from individual to individual.

_____ Assist students who are ill and who may have emergencies while traveling. Report emergencies directly to Mission U emergency contacts as soon as possible.

_____ Cooperate with other on-site faculty members or staff regarding the program objectives.

_____ Never loan students program funds or personal funds unless it is an extreme emergency.

B. SAFETY AND SECURITY ISSUES

Safety is a prime concern of all who are involved in study while traveling ventures -- participants, their families, advisers, Mission U, the host institutions, faculty leaders, and CO staff. There are risks that are unique to settings while traveling, and when incidents occur, the impact on participants and their families is often more profound because of the unfamiliar environment and the distance that separates participants from their loved ones. The provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA/Buckley Amendment) often conflict with the college, faculty leader and CO's need to have full information about the participants and the desire of parents and Mission U administrators to be briefed fully when something goes wrong. This conflict is not unique to travel programs, but it does pose a more delicate challenge because of the heightened sensitivities and the distance. If students or parents should inquire about how Mission U deals with safety and security issues, faculty leaders may provide the following information:

- CO regularly and responsibly monitors safety issues in each of our program locations.
- A review of all programs is conducted, and safety, security, and overall quality are measured.
- All participants are required to attend one or more orientation sessions that stress safety issues and understanding cultural differences.
- Emergency procedures are in pl, including medical and general emergency evacuation procedures. In any emergency, the college has plans to be in contact with faculty and students while traveling.
- Mission U provides specific health insurance and assistance planning information.

- All participants are encouraged to register with the U.S. Department of State Consulate in the host country. (See <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>)

A U.S. Department of State Consular Information Sheet for the country/countries where the program is offered is available at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html>. The faculty leader should consult the site periodically for updates between the orientation and the departure. CO will notify the faculty leader of any updates while the program is being carried out while traveling. Students should be advised to avoid travel to or through any location where tensions exist and travel may be dangerous. CO strongly discourages travel to any region where the U.S. State Department has issued a warning against travel.

Check <http://www.countrycodes.com> to determine the access code when calling from your host country. Make sure you know how to use a calling card or collect calls outside the United States.

On-site Safety

In the event of U.S. State Department public announcements, 1+202-659-7777 cautions, and travel warnings, CO will send e-mails to faculty and students while traveling. Faculty leaders should relay any applicable information to students. In the event of a local, regional or global crisis, a faculty leader should maintain contact with the local U.S. Embassy or Consulate for updated security information. Faculty leaders should review precautions with students so they can better secure their safety. For example, faculty leaders should:

- Brief students on the desirability of blending with the local culture, including, when possible, speaking the host country language.

- Advise students to maintain a low profile, avoid crowds and protest groups, restaurants, and discos/nightclubs where Americans, especially U.S. service people, are known to frequent.

Students should keep up with local news through newspapers, radio, and television and, in the event of disturbances or protests, NOT get involved. Faculty leaders should ask students to use common sense and caution when divulging information to strangers, the program and their fellow students. In cases of serious health problems, injuries, or other significant health and safety circumstances, faculty leaders should follow the emergency procedures in this handbook.

On longer programs, there might be a weekend that students will be free to travel independently. It is important that students inform the faculty director of the details of their independent travel, and that students officially sign out of the program for the duration of the trip.

Transportation and Vehicle Safety

Faculty and students should avoid driving. All risks associated with travel in the U.S. are

present, as well as difficulties involving cars, roads, laws and traffic, all of which will be governed by customs and rules different from those in the United States. While these risks may be managed with experience, obtaining effective insurance may be problematic, and the College typically does not secure such insurance. When traveling on program-related activities, students should be transported via public transportation or vehicles rented by Mission U and driven by professional, hired drivers. Specific rules may govern securing foreign transportation, including having the transportation company providing any necessary insurance. CO will help faculty leaders to make foreign travel arrangements.

EMERGENCIES WHILE TRAVELING

Students and faculty's safety and wellbeing are of highest concern. A faculty leader of a short-term program while traveling may face an emergency involving one or more of the students or his or her own emergency. Participants can and do become ill, suffer accidents, are the victims of muggings, thefts, and assaults, find themselves caught up in potentially violent political situations, or fail to return on time after a weekend. While it is impossible to plan for all contingencies, we need to follow procedures that will allow us to react in a responsible and level-headed way. We need to provide for the safety and well-being of our students in a consistent and predictable way. We also need to take reasonable and prudent measures to limit the college's legal liabilities.

CO coordinates the college's management of emergencies affecting Mission U travel program participants. As the faculty leader, it will be your responsibility to follow the procedures outlined below. Inform the students in your group about these procedures when you arrive on-site.

What Is An Emergency?

An emergency is any circumstance that poses a genuine risk to, or that has already disturbed, the safety and well-being of the program participants. Emergencies include, though are not limited to, the following:

- physical assault
- disappearance or kidnapping of a student
- robbery
- sexual assault or rape
- serious illness, physical or emotional
- significant accident and/or injury
- hospitalization for any reason
- terrorist threat or attack
- local political crisis that could affect the students' safety and well-being
- arrests or questioning by police or other security forces
- any legal action involving a student

How to Prepare For Emergencies

All students and faculty leaders on travel programs are encouraged to register with the U.S. Department of State which serves as the central point for all embassies prior to departure. As part of pre-departure orientations, faculty leaders should inform the students of the exact location of the U.S. Embassy.

Health and medical care are important topics to be discussed with the students. Although faculty leaders are encouraged NOT to offer direct medical advice to student participants, they should incorporate general health and medical care topics into the orientations and discuss them at other points throughout the program.

Students should be reminded to notify the faculty leader immediately about any health problems. Hospitalization can often be prevented by prompt treatment.

Students should be instructed as to the emergency procedures to follow if a faculty leader should be injured, become ill, suffer an emergency, or otherwise become incapacitated. If a faculty leader requires assistance and is not able to personally secure that assistance, students should be instructed to call College Administration using the contact information provided in this handbook. Students should use the faculty leader's cell phone if necessary. The representative will help the student obtain immediate emergency assistance for the faculty leader.

If the students are housed with local families, the faculty leader must tell the families to notify him or her of an emergency immediately. If the students are housed in a residence system or rented house, the faculty leader must tell the local housing supervisor of this requirement. If the faculty leader is not being housed with the students, the students must be given the address and phone number where he or she is staying. They should always carry this with them.

On-Site Briefing for Students

Faculty leaders should tell the students that they are required to inform them of any emergency, and that faculty leaders are required to then contact Mission U. The faculty leaders should inform the students that this information will be treated with the strictest confidentiality, and that it will be shared by the faculty leaders only on a "need to know" basis.

Students should also know that if a crisis is grave enough to jeopardize his or her safety or well-being, Mission U will inform the emergency contact given on the student's application.

Faculty leaders should discuss traffic patterns, pub and drinking culture, drug laws, unsafe swimming, and dangers students can face walking down a street alone at night in a foreign city. Likewise, faculty leaders should get specific about safe and unsafe behavior, such as certain types of sexual behavior and how to dress and behave to avoid unwanted attention. Faculty leaders should include information as to how students should respond if the faculty leader suffers an emergency or requires assistance.

Finally, students should be instructed as to where to go in case of a terrorist attack, political instability, or natural disaster. Unless movement will jeopardize their safety, it is suggested that all students meet at their place of residence to be accounted for and to receive further instructions.

Responding To Emergencies

Emergencies range from the irritating but benign (i.e., a lost or stolen passport) to the imminently dangerous (i.e., motor vehicle accidents, political coups). Each situation must be assessed in its own context. Faculty leaders should maintain daily contact with college administrators (including CO) and with host country informants. Locals may be best at assessing the seriousness of any situation and giving advice.

In an emergency, the faculty leader's first responsibility is to safeguard the participants. The faculty leader should do whatever is necessary to ensure this, whether this means obtaining prompt and appropriate medical attention, U.S. Embassy intervention, or police protection. All expenses relating to emergency management will be reimbursed.

Liability Insurance is provided to each registered student and faculty member. A copy of the policy and individual cards will be provided two weeks prior to departure. (A copy of this Emergency Assistance card is available in the appendix).

During an on-going crisis, the faculty leaders should keep the college informed on a regular basis through telephone or e-mail. If appropriate, faculty leaders should notify the local U.S. Embassy or Consulate about the crisis, and follow whatever procedures they require. If there is a continuing risk to the students (i.e., during a terrorist threat), the faculty leader should ask the appropriate Embassy or Consulate official for advice on a regular basis about the evolution of the crisis. In any other sort of emergency, notify the local police, if you and the Embassy feel it is appropriate; then follow the procedures the police may require of you and the student. Registering your travel itinerary with the State Department will ensure that they are aware of your location and that you are notified of any natural or political situations that may require evacuation. (See <https://step.state.gov/step/>)

Medical Emergencies

In case of a medical emergency, if the faculty leader is not available, students should be instructed to call the College Administration.

The following services are included in the program: referral to the nearest, most appropriate medical facility and/or provider; direct payment where available, medical monitoring between attending physicians, family physician, and immediate family members; arranging and coordinating emergency medical evacuations; assisting in arranging emergency medical payments if a hospital demands a cash deposit or settlement prior to leaving and direct pay is unavailable; prescription assistance, emergency reunions, repatriation of remains, emergency travel arrangements for disrupted travel as the consequence of a medical emergency; referral

to legal assistance; assistance in non-life threatening travel emergencies (lost passports, lost luggage).

Evacuation of Student(s) or Cancellation of Program

The faculty leader, in consultation with college administrators and CO, may decide to recommend the evacuation of a student in response to:

- An emotional crisis that greatly affects the individual, such as the death of a program participant or death or serious illness in the family
- Serious illness, either physical or psychological

The faculty leader, in consultation with college administrators and CO, may decide to cancel the program in response to:

- Death of a program participant
- Kidnapping of a program participant
- An outbreak of highly infectious disease at the host site
- A natural disaster
- A political or civic emergency
- Serious illness or injury suffered by the faculty leader

The decision to evacuate students or cancel a program, even when made for the best reasons, may result in negative responses, including lawsuits instigated by the students or their families, and difficulty in re-establishing the program in future. It is therefore essential, when contemplating an individual evacuation or program cancellation, to consult immediately with CO, who will in turn consult with other appropriate Mission U administrators.

FERPA/Buckley Amendment

FERPA (the Buckley Amendment), which addresses the privacy of student records, may conflict with the desire of parents and others to be fully briefed on both student progress and on-site emergencies. Students participating in Mission U programs are required to sign the release forms, described above as Medical Information, Rules of Conduct, Liability Waiver, and the Release and Indemnification Agreement that notes that program staff will disclose information to their families in case of a medical emergency. If a faculty leader believes that certain information must be disclosed for a participant's well being without his or her consent, he or she should first contact the director of CO, who will seek the advice of College counsel.

In rare cases when that is not possible (i.e., in cases of a serious and urgent medical emergency), the best guideline is to act in the way that will be of most benefit to the student. Remember to document all emergencies thoroughly and to communicate with the college and CO about the situation. It is inappropriate to communicate with parents about a particular student's grades, personal relationships, or cultural adaptation without prior permission from

the student.

In summary, ALL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS should be handled using the following order of priority:

- 1. Stabilize the situation and seek medical care, if necessary**
- 2. Contact Mission U administrators listed on page 2 of handbook**
- 3. Mission U administrators will contact the student's listed emergency contacts, parents and/or guardians**

STUDENT CONDUCT

The faculty leader does not need to suffer poor behavior by students on a travel program. Students are expected to adhere to the *Mission U Community Standards* and *Academic Integrity Pledge* while studying while traveling. During pre-departure orientation, students and faculty will review the Standards and Pledges and will receive a copy of the *Mission U Student Handbook and Planner*.

Should there be an infraction of the Pledge or Standards by a student, the faculty member will determine whether or not the student's actions warrant immediate dismissal from the program. Infractions of the Pledge and Standards, whether they warrant dismissal from the Study While traveling Program or not, should be referred to the Dean for appropriate disciplinary review.

In rare instances, problems may warrant dismissal from the travel program due to the disruption of the program's academic integrity. The decision to dismiss a student from a program, even when made for the best reasons, may result in negative responses, including lawsuits instigated by the students or their families. Therefore, it is critical that complete documentation be included as part of the dismissal process. It is essential that the faculty leader file an incident report with the Academic Dean and consult with CO before contemplating or threatening dismissal of a student from a program.

The assumption of risk form signed by each student allows dismissal at the expense of the student should such a situation occur.

In cases of arrest, Mission U assumes no financial responsibility for legal aid to students. However, it is appropriate for the faculty leader, with CO, to assist students in contacting their families and appropriate government offices.

E. ALCOHOL

Travel Abroad is an official College-sponsored event, thus faculty, staff, students, or guest/family's use of alcohol is prohibited.

F. FACULTY LEADER STANDARDS

While traveling, faculty leaders are expected to adhere to the standards set forth in the *Mission U College Faculty Handbook*.

VII. PLANNING AND EXECUTING: POST-PROGRAM

A. PROGRAM EVALUATION

The College LMS evaluations should be completed by all participants at the end of the travel program.

B. SUBMITTING GRADES

As soon as the program returns, the faculty leader should submit grades to the Registrar. If students are submitting papers after their return, or if the program extends beyond the semester session, the faculty leader must award all students an initial grade of Incomplete. Upon return, the faculty leader will have to file a Change of Grade form for each student. CO can facilitate communication with the Registrar's Office for awarding Incompletes and for filing Change of Grade forms.

C. PROGRAM FINANCES

Expense Account

The faculty leader should keep a record of expenses while traveling with the program. CO can provide an Expense Account Form for the faculty leader. For longer programs, the faculty leader will want several copies of the form. The faculty leader should list all expenses and include receipts for submission to CO within one month of return. This includes all expenses other than those paid for in advance as part of the group (i.e., airline tickets). Expenses for which there are no receipts may not be reimbursed, with the exceptions of tips and taxi fares.

The Expense Account Form must break down the meal per diem by breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Meals paid for by other components of the budget (breakfasts included with the hotel, program-sponsored dinners) should not be submitted.

If a faculty leader submits receipts totaling less than the amount of the advance check, he or she will need to pay back the difference with a personal check made out to Mission U. The Department Coordinator will be responsible for approving the Expense Account Form and submitting it to the Business Office. In the event the department coordinator is the faculty leader, CO or the Academic Dean's office may approve the expenses. Faculty leaders are encouraged to meet with CO to discuss any questions about the Expense Account Form.

Final Program Financial Audit

CO will conduct a financial audit of each program once all financial activity has been completed. Each program's audit will be shared with the faculty leader, the Department Chair, and the Academic Dean. Providing a detailed accounting of expenses will assist CO with future funding to support Study Abroad program travels.

Mission U
STUDY ABROAD TRAVEL PROGRAM
FACULTY INFORMATION FORM

Travel Program Title: _____

Travel Dates: _____

Faculty Leader

Name: _____

Cell Phone

(REQUIRED): _____

Submit to Office of Programs TWO WEEKS PRIOR to departure:

___ Completed and signed Faculty Information Form

___ Photocopy of Passport; No faxed copies will be accepted

___ Travel Itinerary and Emergency Plan

___ Individual faculty register with U.S. Consulate of the Department of State:
(<https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>)

You must register yourself with the U.S. Consulate of the Department of State before leaving to study while traveling. Registering will provide pertinent information about you to the Department of State in case there is an emergency while studying while traveling. You will need to create an individual account and register yourself. To register please go to the following website:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/list-of-posts.html>

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of Person to Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Numbers: (home) _____

(Cell) _____

Designated Leader to Assume Responsibility in Event of Becoming Incapacitated:

Name _____

Satellite/Cell Number: _____

FACULTY RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

Mission U respects and maintains the privacy of its employees, faculty and staff. Mission U does not release personally identifiable employee/faculty/staff information, medical information, or any other information contained in a record without expressed written consent.

As faculty leader for a travel program, I hereby authorize Mission U to share the following information with my family member(s) listed below:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

a. General information concerning my leadership in the Study Abroad Travel Program, including, but not limited to, my travel dates, travel arrangements, my whereabouts at any given time during travel, and my contact information: Yes _____ No _____

b. Information concerning my medical condition during my leadership in the Program: Yes _____ No _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

FACULTY DISABILITY DISCLOSURE:

Mission U is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All employees, faculty, and staff are considered on the basis of skills, experience, and qualifications without regard to race, religion, color, Pledge, gender, national and ethnic origin, age, marital status, covered veteran status, sexual orientation, or the presence of non-job-related medical disability or any other legally protected status. The following questions are asked to support you during your travels.

Do you have a disability that would affect your ability to carry out your duties while traveling with students? Yes _____ No _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

If you marked YES above, please specify any special consideration or services* you are requesting while you are traveling during the duration of the course:

* Note: additional fees for trip services may become the responsibility of the faculty member.

MEDICAL RELEASE, AND WAIVER, RELEASE, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT:

My participation is wholly voluntary. In consideration of the College's agreement to permit me to lead this program, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I agree as follows:

MEDICAL INSURANCE AND HEALTH INFORMATION

I understand that I will be covered throughout the program and throughout my absence from the United States by a policy of comprehensive health and accident insurance, provided through which provides coverage for illnesses or injuries that I sustain or experience while traveling, and specifically in the country(ies) where I will be living and traveling during the program. This insurance coverage includes coverage for medical evacuation, repatriation, and carriage of remains. Coverage under this insurance policy is mandatory for all faculty participants and will be provided automatically. Applicable policy and coverage information will be provided to me. I understand that I will remain solely responsible for any medical expenses that I incur while traveling that are not covered by this insurance. I hereby release and discharge the College of all responsibility and liability for any injuries, illnesses, medical bills, charges or similar expenses I incur while traveling or in transit. I understand that on rare occasions an emergency may develop while I am overseas leading a Mission U program that necessitates the administration of medical care, hospitalization, or surgery.

Therefore, in the event of injury or illness and if I am unable to grant permission at the time emergency treatment is required, I hereby authorize Mission U, by and through its authorized representative(s) or agent(s) to secure any necessary treatment, including the administration of an anesthetic and surgery. It is understood that such treatment shall be solely at my expense and I agree to reimburse Mission U for any expenses that it might suffer on account of said injury or treatment thereof. I understand that Mission U is not responsible for such costs, which are to be borne by me or my representative.

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE MEDICAL INFORMATION

I hereby authorize the College to disclose/release the medical information I have provided herein to any College employees, agents and/or representatives who may need such information relative to my leading the program (i.e., a program director, advisor and/or chaperone). I further authorize the College and its employees, agents and representatives who receive my medical information to disclose the same to third parties for the purpose of obtaining or facilitating any medical care I may need while leading the program and/or for health insurance coverage purposes.

This authorization shall remain in effect throughout my participation in the program and throughout any subsequent insurance coverage process. I hereby waive any right to privacy that I may have in the medical information provided herein. I also hereby release and forever discharge the College, their employees, agents, officers, trustees and representatives from any and all liability for any disclosures made pursuant to this authorization.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

I will provide the following medical information to my Emergency Contact prior to my departure:

Any known reactions to medications, insect bites, food or plants Initial _____

Any known mental and/or physical conditions Initial _____

Specific medications I will be taking Initial _____

Blood type (if known) Initial _____

I understand that not providing the above medical information to Mission U, as the primary contact, may delay medical care. Initial _____

I certify that I will be traveling with the medications in their original containers. Initial _____

If I become ill or injured, I will inform the College immediately. Initial _____

I certify that I am physically and mentally able to lead the program and that (1) I am unaware of any impediments to my participation or (2) I have disclosed any potential impediments to Mission U. Initial _____

Note: The College recommends that you have your physician give you copies of all of your prescriptions. If you wear glasses or contact lenses, you should consider bringing an extra pair.

It is strongly recommended that you consult the State Department and Centers for Disease Control and/or your personal physician for their suggestions on any necessary vaccinations and/or preventative medications for the area of the world in which you will be traveling.

WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION

I, individually, and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives, hereby release and forever discharge the College and their employees, agents, officers, trustees and representatives (in their official and individual capacities) from any and all liability whatsoever for any and all damages, losses or injuries (including death) I sustain to my person or property or both, including but not limited to any claims, demands, actions, causes of action, judgments, damages, expenses and costs, including attorney's fees, which arise out of, result from, occur during or are connected in any manner with my participation in this program and/or any travel incident thereto, except for such damages as may be caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the College.

I, individually, and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the College, their employees, agents, officers, trustees and representatives (in their official and individual capacities) from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, judgments, damages, expenses and costs, including attorney's fees, which arise out of, result from, occur during or are connected in any manner with my participation in this program and/or any travel incident thereto.

I agree that, should there be any dispute concerning my participation in the program that would require the adjudication of a court of law, such adjudication will occur in a court of, and be determined by the laws of, the State of Ohio; I agree that if any portion of this Medical Release, Rules of Conduct and Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement is held invalid, the balance hereof shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand and will comply with the items as outlined in the Mission U Medical Release, Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement.

FACULTY NAME (Please print):

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Mission U
STUDY ABROAD TRAVEL PROGRAM PACKET
CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS

In order to comply with the Federal Education Records Privacy Act (FERPA), the College asks students to complete the Student Release of Information Form so that College officials may discuss the student's travel plans with parents, guardians, and/or other family members.

Student Information Form

Student Release of Information

Disability Disclosure

Medical Release, Academic Integrity Pledge and Community Standards, Liability Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement

This entire packet must be collected and reviewed by the Director of College Operations.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUIRED BEFORE YOU LEAVE

____ Photocopy of Passport - You must provide a legible copy of your passport to CO. No faxed copies will be accepted

____ Individual student register with US Consulate of the Department of State:

You must register yourself with the U.S. Consulate of the Department of State before leaving to study while traveling. Registering will provide pertinent information about you to the Department of State in case there is an emergency while studying while traveling. You will need to create an individual account and register yourself. To register please visit the following website:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/list-of-posts.html>

CELL PHONE OPTION

Students interested in purchasing or renting a cell phone for Travel, please visit: www.telestial.com, or check with your current cell phone provider.

All forms included in this packet and a copy of your passport **must** be turned in to CO, **no later than** two weeks prior to departure.

Mission U
STUDY ABROAD Travel Program
Student Information Form

Name: _____
(Name Exactly as it appears on your Passport)

Passport #: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Billing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Academic Year: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ Grad Student ___ Alumni ___ Other: (_____)

Academic Advisor: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

*Mission U has a strong institutional commitment to diversity and is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, providing equal employment and educational opportunities to all those qualified, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, or sexual orientation. The College adheres to the EEO/AA policies set forth by federal and state governments. Mission U values diversity among our students, faculty, and staff and believes that interactions with those holding varying perspectives, backgrounds, and beliefs contribute to a well-rounded educational experience and promotes personal and professional development.

STUDENT RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM

Mission U, in accordance with its Statement of Rights and Responsibilities and Federal Law, does not release personally identifiable student information, student medical information, or any other information contained in a student's educational record without a student's expressed written consent. During my participation in a Study Abroad Travel Program, I hereby authorize Mission U to share the following information with the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or other family member(s) listed below:

Name _____ Relationship to student _____

Phone _____

Name _____ Relationship to student _____

Phone _____

a. General information concerning my participation in the Program, including, but not limited to, my travel dates, travel arrangements, my whereabouts at any given time during my participation in the Program, and my contact information;

_____ Yes _____ No

b. Information concerning my academic performance, including grades, notification of academic warning, academic probation, and required academic withdrawal;

_____ Yes _____ No

c. Information concerning disciplinary actions I am involved in during my participation in the Program;

_____ Yes _____ No

d. Financial information concerning my participation in the program, including, but not limited to, Program charges and fees, payments made, and any outstanding charges; and _____ Yes

_____ No

e. Information concerning my medical condition during my participation in the Program. _____ Yes _____ No

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

DISABILITY DISCLOSURE FORM

Students with a documented disability covered under the American Disability Act and who have registered such a disability with the appropriate College office may request special consideration/services while taking the course and on the trip.

Do you have a disability registered with the appropriate College office? Yes _____ No _____

Name (print): _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

If you marked YES above, please specify any special consideration or services* you are requesting while on the trip and taking the course:

*** note additional trip services may require additional trip costs.**

**MEDICAL RELEASE, RULES OF CONDUCT AND WAIVER, RELEASE,
AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

Participant Name:

Last Name, First Name, MI

Address:

Number, Street, City, State, Zip, Country

I have been accepted to and have agreed to participate in the following Mission U (hereinafter referred to as the “College”) Study Abroad Program:

Program Name:

My participation is wholly voluntary. In consideration of the College’s agreement to permit me to participate in this program, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I agree as follows:

MEDICAL INSURANCE AND HEALTH INFORMATION

I understand that I will be covered throughout the program and throughout my absence from the United States by a policy of comprehensive health and accident insurance, provided through which provides coverage for illnesses or injuries that I sustain or experience while traveling, and specifically in the country(ies) where I will be living and traveling during the program. This insurance coverage includes coverage for medical evacuation, repatriation, and carriage of remains. Coverage under this insurance policy is mandatory for all student participants and will be provided automatically after I enroll in the study while traveling program. Fees for program participation include amounts to cover the premiums for this insurance coverage. Applicable policy and coverage information will be provided to me. I understand that I will remain solely responsible for any medical expenses that I incur during my study while traveling experience that are not covered by this insurance. I hereby release and discharge the College of all responsibility and liability for any injuries, illnesses, medical bills, charges or similar expenses I incur while I am traveling or in transit. I understand that on rare occasions an emergency may develop while I am overseas on a Mission U program that necessitates the administration of medical care, hospitalization, or surgery. Therefore, in the event of injury or illness and if I am unable to grant permission at the time emergency treatment is required, I hereby authorize Mission U, by and through its authorized representative(s) or agent(s) in charge of said program, to secure any necessary treatment, including the administration of an anesthetic and surgery. It is understood that such treatment shall be solely at my expense and I agree to reimburse Mission U for any expenses that it might suffer on account of said injury or treatment thereof. I understand that Mission U is not responsible for such costs, which are to be borne by me or my representative.

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE MEDICAL INFORMATION

I hereby authorize the College to disclose/release the medical information I have provided herein to any College employees, agents and/or representatives who may need such information relative to my participation in the program (i.e., a program director, advisor and/or chaperone). I further authorize the College and its employees, agents and representatives who receive my medical information to disclose the same to third parties for the purpose of obtaining or facilitating any medical care I may need while participating in the program and/or for health insurance coverage purposes. This authorization shall remain in effect throughout my participation in the program and throughout any subsequent insurance coverage process. I hereby waive any right to privacy that I may have in the medical information provided herein. I also hereby release and forever discharge the College, their employees, agents, officers, trustees and representatives from any and all liability for any disclosures made pursuant to this authorization.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Do you have any known reactions to:

MEDICATIONS Yes ___ No ___

INSECT BITES Yes ___ No ___

FOOD Yes ___ No ___

PLANTS Yes ___ No ___

If yes to any of the above, please list:

Mental and/or physical health conditions of which the director(s) should be aware:

Conditions: _____

Reactions: _____

Specific medications I will be taking during the program are:

Medication: _____

Purpose: _____

Dosage: _____

How Often: _____

I certify that I will be traveling with the medications in their original containers.

Initial _____

NOTE: The College recommends that you have your physician give you copies of all of your prescriptions. If you wear glasses or contact lenses, you should consider bringing an extra pair.

If I become ill or injured, I will inform the director(s) immediately.

I certify that I am physically and mentally able to participate in the program and that (1) I am unaware of any impediments to my participation or (2) I have disclosed any potential impediments to Mission U.

Blood Type: _____ (if known)

It is strongly recommended that you consult the State Department and Centers for Disease

Control and/or your personal physician for their suggestions on any necessary vaccinations and/or preventative medications for the area of the world in which you will be traveling.

Mission U COMMUNITY STANDARDS

I understand that as a participant in this program, I am subject to the laws of the country where I am staying. I also understand that it is my responsibility to be informed about the laws of that country and to conduct myself in a manner that complies with those laws. I understand that the penalties associated with illegal activities may be unusually severe compared to those that might be imposed under the United States legal system. The Mission U representative shall not, under any circumstances, be responsible for any illegal activities that I may engage in. I understand that I will be participating in an official academic program sponsored by Mission U. Therefore, I will be subject to all policies and procedures contained in the Student Code of Conduct, Policies and Procedures Manual just as if I were on campus. The College reserves the right to take necessary and appropriate judicial action against any individual or group whose alleged conduct on or off campus impairs, interferes with, or obstructs the missions, processes or function of the College, or when the alleged conduct would, if true, endanger the health, safety or welfare of the student or others, would endanger any College property or adversely affect the College's integrity. Sanctions for violations of the Code of Conduct range from a warning to dismissal or expulsion from the study while traveling program and/or Mission U. In the event that my participation in the program is discontinued for any Code of Conduct violation or alleged violation, for example, if I receive an interim suspension, I understand that no refund will be made for any unused portion of the program and I will be required to personally pay for my return expenses. Although the atmosphere of the College program may be rather informal, it will be conducted in an academic manner; thus, I understand that attendance at all scheduled activities is required. It is expected that I will be punctual at all scheduled activities. Additionally, I understand that all facilities reserved for the group are to be used solely by the members of the group. We will be living and conducting our activities as a group. Group activity requires a certain amount of give and take on the part of all participants. It is necessary for each of us to be tolerant of individual differences and at the same time consider how our actions and attitudes affect others. If any problems arise, I understand that group members should discuss them, directly and privately with the director(s).

SAFETY

I understand that, although the College has made every reasonable effort to assure my safety while participating in the program, there are unavoidable risks in travel overseas and I have had an opportunity to learn about the inherent risks associated with travel to, from, and in a foreign country, including but not limited to the unforeseen events listed below, and knowingly and voluntarily assume those risks. If during my free time I wish to go somewhere alone, I will inform the director(s), know exactly where I am going and when I am planning to return. I know that I am advised not to go out alone, and that I am solely responsible for my independent activities and travel.

CHANGES TO PROGRAM

I understand that although the College will attempt to maintain the program as described in its publications and brochures, it reserves the right to make changes to the program, including the

itinerary, travel arrangements or accommodations, at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and that neither the College, nor the employees and agents of either, shall be responsible or liable for any loss whatsoever to participants by reason of any such cancellation or change. The College is not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers that may result due to operational and/or itinerary changes, regardless of whether the participant or the College makes the flight arrangements. The participant will pay any additional expense resulting from the above. The College reserves the right to substitute hotels or accommodations or housing of a similar category at any time.

DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS IN PROGRAM

I understand and acknowledge that the College, and the employees or agents of both, assume no responsibility or liability, in whole or in part, for any delays, delayed or changed departure or arrival times, fare changes, dishonors of hotel, airline or vehicle rental reservations, missed carrier connections, sickness, disease, injuries (including death), losses, damages, weather, strikes, acts of God, circumstances beyond the control of the College, war, quarantine, civil unrest, public health risks, criminal activity, terrorism, damage to property, inconveniences, failure or negligence of any nature caused in connection with any accommodations, meals, transportation, or other service or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier beyond the College's control, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned by any of the foregoing. If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors I am required to spend additional nights, the College will not be responsible for hotel, transfers, meal costs, or other expenses. Baggage and personal property are transported at my risk entirely. I shall pay any additional expenses incurred by the events listed above.

CANCELLATION OF PROGRAM

The right is reserved by the College, in its sole discretion, to cancel the program or any aspect thereof prior to departure; and, in the College's sole discretion, to cancel the program or any aspect thereof after departure, requiring that all participants return to the United States, if the College determines or believes that any person is or will be in danger if the program or any aspect thereof it is continued.

WITHDRAWAL FROM PROGRAM

I further understand that I am solely responsible for any and all costs arising out of my voluntary or involuntary withdrawal from the program prior to its completion, including withdrawal caused by illness or disciplinary action by Mission U or its representative(s). In the event that Mission U has committed expenses on my behalf prior to the start of the program, I understand that these funds may not be refundable.

WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION

I, individually, and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives, hereby release and forever discharge the College and their employees, agents, officers, trustees and representatives (in their official and individual capacities) from any and all liability whatsoever for any and all damages, losses or injuries (including death) I sustain to my person or property or both, including but not limited to any claims, demands, actions, causes of action, judgments, damages, expenses and costs, including attorney's fees, which arise out of, result from, occur during or are connected in any manner with my participation in this program and/or

any travel incident thereto, except for such damages as may be caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the College.

I, individually, and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the College, their employees, agents, officers, trustees and representatives (in their official and individual capacities) from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, judgments, damages, expenses and costs, including attorney's fees, which arise out of, result from, occur during or are connected in any manner with my participation in this program and/or any travel incident thereto.

I agree that, should there be any dispute concerning my participation in the program that would require the adjudication of a court of law, such adjudication will occur in a court of, and be determined by the laws of, the State of Ohio; I agree that if any portion of this Medical Release, Rules of Conduct and Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement is held invalid, the balance hereof shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

AGREEMENT AND REPRESENTATION OF AGE

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand and will comply with the items as outlined in the Mission U Medical Release, Rules of Conduct, Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement.

STUDENT NAME (Please print):

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Emergency Contact Card

Front

Mission U Main Contact Names/Numbers:

Medical or Political Emergency Contact:

Medical Plan #:

Travel/Liability Policy #:

Back

Emergency Contact Names/Numbers