



Study Abroad Programs
Participant Consent and Release Agreement

I, _____, am a student at _____.
(Print Full Name) (Home Institution)

I am/will be participating in a CSU-affiliated Study Abroad Program (_____) through California
(Program Name)
State University, East Bay, which requires international travel. My participation in this program is voluntary. I hereby understand and voluntarily agree to the following conditions of participation in the CSUEB Study Abroad Programs:

Conditions of Placement:

Host Country: _____ Host Institution: _____

Program Dates: _____

I understand that I must participate in all aspects of the program, including: pre-departure orientation and classes; on-site lectures, excursions, events and projects; and program evaluation after returning.

Program Fees: I will pay the designated program fees and tuition covering the full period of my placement as indicated in the payment schedule. If payment is not received prior to the official payment deadlines, I am aware that CSUEB may drop me from the program and offer my placement to another student on the waiting list.

I am aware of and consent to the university refund policy and schedule contained in the CSUEB Catalog.

Health Insurance: I will carry health insurance coverage as required by CSUEB. I understand that CSUEB cannot guarantee my health and safety while I am studying abroad. I am solely responsible for acting prudently and exercising caution and common sense at all times.

Orientation: Guidance will be provided to participants by the Center for International Education (CIE) in the form of a general pre-departure orientation. Students are encouraged to address questions to CIE, as well as to do independent research on the host country. I am aware that I am required to attend the pre-departure orientation and that I am responsible for understanding the content of all pre-departure and orientation materials.

Code of Conduct: CIE requires that all students participating in the CSUEB Study Abroad Programs read and abide by the *Student Conduct Code* as established by the California State University. A summary of the text can be found at the CSUEB Office of Student Judicial Affairs. The full text of the code is contained in Title V, Section 41301 of the California Code of Regulations and also in the appendix of the University Course Catalog. Students who participate in a certified CSUEB study abroad program are responsible for knowing and obeying the applicable rules, policies, and regulations that govern CSUEB, even when they are abroad. It is the student's responsibility to contact CIE if they have any further questions related to the Student Conduct Code or the expectations and responsibilities of program participants.

Host Country Laws: I understand that I am subject to the laws of the host country where I will study as well as the rules and regulations of my host campus. I also understand that it is solely my responsibility to be informed about the laws of the host country and to conduct myself in a manner that complies with those laws.

Academic Policy: This is an academic program and I acknowledge that I am responsible for attending all classes and scheduled trips, and for completing assigned homework. Failure to participate fully in the program may constitute academic misconduct and result in dismissal from the program. I also understand that I must follow all CSUEB policies regarding academic integrity and dishonesty.

Behavior in Host Country: As a study abroad participant, I understand that I am a guest in a host country. It is essential that all participants respect the norms of conduct and patterns of behavior that may be different from standards at home in

the U.S. I also understand that I am expected to display a sense of maturity, respect and responsibility as a representative of CSUEB, the CSU and the United States of America.

Violent behavior, sexual harassment, or other conduct that is disruptive to the program or offensive to the host culture may result in dismissal of participants from the program.

Demonstrations: Students should avoid any demonstrations, protest marches or civil disturbances, which could unexpectedly turn violent or anti-American.

Drugs/Alcohol: CSUEB forbids the manufacturing, delivery, sale, use, possession, or distribution of narcotics or drugs, except as permitted by law (U.S. and host country) and University regulations. Students who take prescription medications should obtain and bring a copy of their prescription and a letter from their physician. Students should be aware that over-the-counter medications may not be legal in the host country and it is the responsibility of the student to know the laws in the host country regarding drugs. CSUEB also forbids the possession, consumption, or distribution of alcoholic beverages on University property or at University sponsored activities, except in accordance with University policies. Participants in the Study Abroad Programs will be governed by these prohibitions and are also required to be aware of local laws concerning these substances. Although U.S. nationals abroad are under the protection of the United States government, certain acts will place them beyond this protection and the government may not be able to intervene.

Disciplinary Action: Students participating in CSUEB sponsored study abroad programs who disrupt the program, become drunk and disorderly, or buy, sell, possess, and/or take illegal narcotics or drugs, will be dismissed from the program and sent home at their own expense. There is no appeal process and no money will be refunded or reimbursed to the student.

Early Departure from the Program: Voluntary or involuntary departure from the program before its completion does not automatically result in academic withdrawal. While CIE may assist me, I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for resolving my enrollment status if I leave the program early. I further understand that I am solely responsible for any or all cost arising out of my own voluntary or involuntary withdrawal from the program prior to its completion, including withdrawal caused by illness or disciplinary action taken by CSUEB.

Photo Release

The purpose of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 is to protect the privacy of information concerning individual students by placing certain restrictions on the disclosure of information contained in a student's university record. Knowing my right to protect my privacy and to decline that CIE use photographs or videotapes of me in pictures, reproductions, copies, and negatives, I hereby voluntarily give CIE the right to use, sell, transfer, and exhibit in any medium photographs or videotapes of me in university publications or to other assignees of CIE I understand that this authorization remains in effect from today and for five years thereafter. I further understand that it will be necessary for me to send a written letter to revoke this authorization prior to the five year period indicated, should I wish to do so.

Please initial here for approval or write 'NO' if you do not consent: _____

Sharing Email Address with Other Students

Please initial here if you agree to allow CIE to release your email address to current study abroad participants and future program applicants so that they can contact you for more information about your experiences on the program _____

Air Travel Release & Hold-Harmless Statement

(California State University – Executive Order No. 590)

My placement is limited to the time period specified above and does not include independent travel before or after the program.

I have been informed and acknowledge that air travel involves risks that can result in damage, injury, or even death. With this knowledge and information, I agree to participate in the program, and the air travel, at my own risk.

I further agree to and hereby do release and hold harmless the State of California, the Trustees of the California State University, CSUEB and their officers, employees, representatives, volunteers, and agents from any and all claims and causes of action that I may have against any of these institutions or persons, by reason of any accident, illness, injury,

death, or other adverse consequences resulting directly or indirectly from or in any manner arising out of, or in connection with, my being a passenger on an airplane pursuant to my participation in the CSU-affiliated program.

Informed Consent and Release Statement

In consideration of my participation in the Study Abroad Programs, an educational endeavor to be conducted through CSUEB in the location stated above, I hereby covenant and agree as follows:

I understand and agree that neither the State of California, the Trustees of the California State University, CSUEB or any of their officers, employees, representatives, volunteers, and agents, nor any other educational institution associated in this endeavor, shall assume any liability for damage or loss of property or for any financial or other obligations incurred by me either in the United States or elsewhere.

I further specifically agree to waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage against CSUEB and CIE as a result of my participation in the Study Abroad Program.

This informed consent is intended to fully and completely discharge the State of California, the Trustees of the California State University, CSUEB and their officers, employees, representatives, agents and authorized volunteers, from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in this program, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of persons or agencies mentioned above. I further understand that accidents and injuries can arise out of transportation to and from, and participation in this program. Knowing the risks, nevertheless, I hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless all of the persons or agencies mentioned above who (through negligence or carelessness) might otherwise be liable to me for damages. I also release the CSUEB and its agents and agree to indemnify them with regard to any financial obligations or liabilities that I may personally incur or any damage or injury to the person or property of others that I may cause, while participating in the program. It is further understood and agreed that this informed consent, release and assumption of risk is to be binding on my heirs, assigns, successors and all other persons who may claim through me.

It is further understood and agreed that participants in CSUEB Study Abroad Programs are subject to the authority of CSUEB, its agents, officers and employees, including sole decision-making responsibility with respect to any participant whose conduct or academic standing may warrant expulsion or withdrawal from the program. Participants are expected to attend classes regularly unless otherwise indicated by illness or unavoidable circumstances. Likewise, as a guide for continued participation, it is understood and agreed that participants are expected to display a sense of maturity and responsibility as a representative of CSUEB, the CSU and the United States of America. I hereby acknowledge and agree that if I am required to withdraw from a CSUEB Study Abroad Program for failure to maintain appropriate standards of study or behavior, there will be no refund of tuition after the program departs, and I will no longer have access to any of the facilities arranged for me in the CSUEB Study Abroad Program.

I accept the placement offered to me on a certified CSUEB Study Abroad Program. I understand and voluntarily agree to abide by the conditions outlined above.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____