

**University of Connecticut  
Experiential Global Learning  
Student Contract**

**I understand and agree that this constitutes a binding contract between the University of Connecticut and myself (the undersigned student). By clicking the “Commit” button in my Accepted application, I confirm that I have had the opportunity to read the information below and agree to its terms. If I have any questions prior to signing, I will contact Experiential Global Learning.**

**I. COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE**

1. I understand that, to participate formally in this Experiential Global Learning Program (hereafter Program):

A. I must first digitally sign this Student Contract by clicking the button below marked “I agree”;

B. I must then complete the rest of my Pending application and pay a non-refundable Application Fee upon application submission;

C. Experiential Global Learning must change my application to Accepted (hereafter Accept, Accepted, or Acceptance); and

D. I must click the Commit button located in the Commitment to Participate section of my Accepted application. This constitutes Commitment to the Program (hereafter Commit, Committed, or Commitment).

2. I understand that I am responsible for participating in the mandatory Experiential Global Learning pre-departure orientation. I understand that, in the event I cannot participate, it is my responsibility to contact Experiential Global Learning about alternative pre-departure orientation options. I must participate in the pre-departure orientation in some fashion in order to participate in the Program.

3. I understand that my Program officially starts and ends on the dates listed on the Program brochure on the Experiential Global Learning website. I must participate in all mandatory aspects of my Program unless I Cancel, Withdraw, or am Separated from the Program or UConn or the host institution cancels the Program.

4. I agree to adhere to the Experiential Global Learning Cancellation, Withdrawal, and Refund Policy (see Section V) should I need to withdraw from my Program.

5. I understand that while I am participating in my Program, I remain subject to and bound by all currently existing UConn policies, including, but not limited to, the Policies and Procedures on the Experiential Global Learning website and the UConn’s Responsibilities of Community Life: The Student Code (hereafter “Student Code”).

6. I acknowledge that my Program will place me in another culture and may result in personal and academic challenges. I accept responsibility for dealing with those challenges resulting from my immersion in an intercultural space that may be very different from my primary culture of socialization.

7. I understand that I am ineligible to participate in any Program if I am on University Disciplinary Probation at any point during the application, after Experiential Global Learning has Accepted my application, or after I have Committed to my Program, until such case has been resolved or sanctions are no longer in place. If I have Committed to a Program but cannot participate because of University Disciplinary Probation, I understand that I am still responsible to pay the non-refundable Experiential Global Learning Fee and any other fees that UConn has incurred on my behalf.

## **II. ACADEMIC CREDIT**

1. I understand that I must remain a full-time student if I participate in a semester-long Program and that I must enroll in the equivalent of at least twelve (12) credit hours per semester term. I understand that if I participate in a summer, winter, or spring break program, I will enroll in a variable number of credits dependent on which Program I am participating in, and that the Program brochure indicates the number of credits awarded for such Programs.

2. I understand that the maximum number of credit hours that I am able to transfer to or from UConn is eighteen (18) credit hours per semester and thirty-six (36) credit hours per year, unless I obtain special permission to do otherwise; and eight (8) credit hours for each summer session, unless I obtain special permission, regardless of the number of credits accrued at UConn, the host organization, or institution.

3. I understand that I am responsible for obtaining course approvals from UConn or my home institution's faculty evaluators for all courses I take, unless the course has an equivalent, pre-approved UConn course number published on the Experiential Global Learning website. UConn courses that have not been pre-approved must go through the course alignment process to be assigned equivalent UConn course numbers and credits. I agree to complete this alignment process as soon as possible, and no later than the end of the semester after I return from my Program.. Until student transcripts are received from a Host Program, Experiential Global Learning cannot post any courses or grades for the term the student participated in their program. Experiential Global Learning will maintain a placeholder course on the student's UConn transcript until the Host Program transcript is received or for up to one year. If after one year, Experiential Global Learning still has not received a transcript from the Host Program, Experiential Global Learning may record 12 credits of UNIV 3993: Foreign Study with letter grades of "F" on the student's UConn transcript.

4. I understand that substitutions for major, minor, and related course requirements are at the discretion of individual UConn or home institution departments and schools.

5. I understand that UConn cannot guarantee my enrollment in a given course or courses at a host Program. If I am unable to enroll in the courses that I intend to take, I am responsible for finding

alternative courses and aligning them with UConn or home institution courses to ensure that I maintain my full-time status, if necessary. UConn is not responsible if I choose to cancel or withdraw my participation in a Program because of such enrollment changes.

6. I understand that, if I am a UConn student, all academic coursework I take as a part of my Program eventually will appear on my official UConn transcript with UConn course numbers, grades, and credits. I understand that the grades I earn on my program may convert to UConn's grade system based on a consistent scale from another academic culture, but that I otherwise cannot appeal or contest a grade that I receive from my Program. Approved courses and credit will appear directly on my UConn transcript only after Experiential Global Learning has received an official transcript from my host Program, as well as course approvals for all my courses. I acknowledge that failure to follow these instructions may result in delays in my credit transfer.

7. I understand that, in order to enroll properly in coursework in my host Program, I must satisfy all prerequisites that my host Program mandates for those courses. In addition, I only may receive UConn credit for coursework taken if I have satisfied all UConn prerequisites for those course approvals.

8. I agree to adhere to the academic calendar and regulations of my host Program, as well as those of UConn and my home institution, if applicable.

### **III. PROGRAM FEES AND OTHER FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

1. I agree to pay for tuition, fees, housing, food, transportation, activities, and/or other expenses (hereafter "Program Fees") according to the terms designated by Experiential Global Learning for this Program. I further understand that should I withdraw from this program, these charges to my student account are subject to the terms and conditions of the Cancellation, Withdrawal, and Refund Policy (see Section V). I understand that these costs may be subject to change in the event that 1) fees are increased/decreased by the host Program; 2) for UConn Semester Programs, tuition and fees increase at UConn; and/or 3) currency exchange rate fluctuations cause an increase in the equivalent U.S. dollars needed to pay tuition and other educational expenses in other currencies.

2. If I am participating in a UConn Affiliated Program, I agree to pay the Program Fees to the Affiliate according to the terms it designates, including any housing charges, security deposits, damage fees, material purchases, or other direct expenses. If I choose to dispute the charges or seek a refund, I understand that I must work directly with the Affiliate and that UConn Experiential Global Learning may not be able to act on my behalf nor be involved in the dispute.

3. I understand that my digital signature below and subsequent Commitment to this Program authorizes Experiential Global Learning to bill all fees listed as billable items on my Program's Budget Sheet (found on the Program's online brochure) to my Student Administration account (hereafter "fee bill"), which are subject to change without notice.

4. I understand that, if I am not currently a University of Connecticut student, I agree to either

enroll as a non-degree student at UConn and pay the non-refundable Experiential Global Learning Fee and/or Baden-Wuerttemberg-Connecticut Exchange Fee once posted on my student account, if applicable; or, if not enrolled as such, pay that fee to UConn Experiential Global Learning within ten days of receiving my Acceptance from Experiential Global Learning to secure my place in the Program.

5. I understand that UConn Tuition Remission Grants, tuition waivers, and academic scholarships (such as Day of Pride, Nutmeg, Presidential, Leadership and Academic Excellence Scholarship) are only applicable to programs charging UConn Tuition (UConn Semester programs).

#### **IV. FLIGHTS**

1. I understand that, for most Programs, I am responsible personally for booking and purchasing my round-trip flight. I acknowledge that, in limited cases, Experiential Global Learning may book a mandatory group flight on my behalf for my Program.

A. I understand that I can determine if my Program includes round-trip flight by checking the Program's Budget Sheet. If my Program includes round-trip flight, the Program budget sheet may indicate this expense as a billable item.

B. I understand that if my Program includes round-trip flight, Experiential Global Learning may purchase tickets for the entire group participating in the Program. Experiential Global Learning arranges group flights for Programs based on specific factors and needs.

C. I verify that, if I am a participant of a Program that provides group flight, I must partake in this mandatory student group flight.

2. In the event that I am unable to participate in the Program's mandatory student group flight, I understand that I must provide Experiential Global Learning with a written explanation prior to my Commitment to the program that details why I cannot join it. I understand that Experiential Global Learning will review my statement and determine if the reason identifies an extenuating circumstance giving sound justification to release me from the Program's mandatory student group flight.

3. I understand that, if Experiential Global Learning does not list airfare as a billable expense on my Program's Budget Sheet, then I am responsible for booking my own flight. Experiential Global Learning may recommend a flight on which I may travel with other Program participants. If I participate in this flight, I may have access to an airport transfer if my Program provides it. If I do not participate in this recommended flight, I realize that I am responsible for my own airport transfer and ground transportation. I acknowledge that I may need to arrange my flight in advance of acquiring my visa or other legal status documents and take responsibility for arranging these tasks in a timely manner.

#### **V. CANCELLATION, WITHDRAWAL, AND REFUND POLICY**

1. I understand that, after I Commit to this Program, UConn will post the Experiential Global Learning Fee on my UConn fee bill, if applicable.

2. I further understand that:

A. As soon as I Commit to my Program, Experiential Global Learning will immediately begin to pay for my Program expenses or encumber funds on my behalf for that purpose. As a result, I am undertaking a financial obligation to Experiential Global Learning and any third parties to pay my Program Fees in full regardless of whether I participate in the Program.

B. If non-recoverable Program Fees have been incurred on my behalf, these Program Fees will be posted to my UConn fee bill as an “EGL Cancellation Fee”. The EGL Cancellation Fee will be charged in addition to any UConn Tuition charges incurred by re-enrolling in courses on a UConn campus after I cancel, withdraw, or am separated from my Program.

C. If I cancel, withdraw, or am separated from my Program at any time or for any reason after I have Committed, Experiential Global Learning may not be able to refund any of my Program Fees, including the following: Experiential Global Learning Fee, Application Fee, Registration Fee, or other UConn fees. I acknowledge that UConn will require substantial time, up to and including the Program end date, to calculate and disburse any potential refund due to me.

D. If I am participating in a UConn Affiliated program, I understand that if I cancel, withdraw, or am separated from the Program I must work directly with the host program to determine if there are any recoverable Program Fees and that UConn Experiential Global Learning may not be able to act on my behalf nor be involved in the dispute.

D. The Experiential Global Learning Fee is non-refundable unless (a) the host does not accept me into its Program or (b) UConn or the host cancels the Program. If I cancel, withdraw, or am separated from my Program, UConn cannot refund me the Experiential Global Learning Fee.

E. If I am participating in a UConn Summer, Winter, or Spring Break program, I understand that if I cancel, withdraw, or am separated from the Program, Experiential Global Learning will work with the host program and/or other onsite partners to determine if there are any recoverable Program Fees.

F. I understand that, if I cancel or withdraw from the Program as a result of my failure to comply with passport, visa, or legal status requirements within my control in a timely manner, Experiential Global Learning may not be able to refund any of my Program Fees.

G. I understand that any airline tickets I purchase are my own personal financial responsibility and will not affect whether Experiential Global Learning Accepts me into a Program. I acknowledge that Experiential Global Learning advises I should purchase affordable and refundable airline tickets and/or travel or trip cancellation insurance to help safeguard me against losses or penalties should my Program be canceled or Program dates change. I acknowledge that Experiential Global Learning assumes no responsibility for such losses or penalties connected to airline tickets I purchase on my own.

H. I understand that, if I am using federal financial aid and cancel, withdraw, or am separated from my Program, it is my responsibility to contact the Office of Student Financial Aid Services, as my cancellation, withdrawal, or separation may affect my financial aid package.

I. I understand that if I am participating in an Academic Year, Fall, or Spring Program and either the Program is cancelled or I Withdraw or am Separated from my Program after the start of the UConn term, I may need to withdraw from the University of Connecticut for that term. I understand that I must contact the UConn Dean of Students Office to determine my status as a student and/or initiate the processes for a Leave of Absence, withdrawal, or readmission to the University of Connecticut.

J. I understand that UConn or the host institution may cancel my Program if it deems that local, regional, or global conditions become hazardous and are a threat to me, Program participants, and other travelers. Under such circumstances, Experiential Global Learning may not be able to refund my Program Fees. I acknowledge that UConn will require substantial time, up to and including the Program end date, to calculate and disburse a potential refund due to me, if any.

K. In the event that some of the Program Fees are determined to be recoverable after I cancel, withdraw, or am separated from the Program, I understand and agree that Experiential Global Learning will provide a refund in accordance with the following refund schedule will apply:

<b>Cancellation, Withdrawal, or Separation Date</b>	<b>Fee</b>
90 days prior to the start of the program	No fee
89-75 days prior to the start of the program	25% fee
74-61 days prior to the start of the program	50% fee
60-31 days prior to the start of the program	75% fee
After 30 days prior to the start state of the program	No refund

3. I understand and agree that while I will continue to be responsible for the financial obligations set forth in the above Section V.2., I shall have the right to withdraw from the Program in accordance with the terms set forth in this Section V.3.

A. I understand and agree that, from the date I Commit to my Program to the Program start date, I may cancel my Commitment to the Program even though I will be responsible for the financial obligations set forth in the above section. To do so, I must notify Experiential Global Learning in writing about my desire to cancel my Commitment. I also understand that my cancellation is effective only upon the date of receipt of written notification to Experiential Global Learning.

B. I understand that, from the Program start date to Program end date, I may withdraw from the Program. To do so, I must notify Experiential Global Learning in writing, via a

Withdrawal Form or email. This written notification must include my reasons for withdrawal. I also understand that my withdrawal is effective only upon that the date of receipt of written notification to Experiential Global Learning.

C. In the event of my cancellation or withdrawal, I understand that I am responsible for informing all other relevant officials of my Program, including but not limited to the Program leader, the host institution, UConn, and my home institution.

D. I acknowledge that, if awarded a Global Citizenship, Regional Campus, Veterans, or Global Affairs Foundation Scholarship, I must renounce that award if I cancel, withdraw, or am separated from the Program. Experiential Global Learning will bill my UConn fee bill any outstanding expenses as a result.

E. I understand that, if I cancel or withdraw from the Program as a result of my failure to comply with passport, visa, or legal status requirements within my control in a timely manner, Experiential Global Learning may not be able to refund any of my Program Fees.

4. I acknowledge that UConn reserves the right to cancel or make changes or substitutions to the entire Program, fees, courses, faculty, agenda, field trips, itinerary, flight arrangements, and other services as deemed necessary by UConn, the host Program, or their agents or employees. I understand that, even after I Commit to my Program, such changes may occur, and that all fees and expenses are non-refundable unless I am not accepted by the host Program (e.g., a university or Affiliate provider) or if UConn or the host institution cancels the Program outright and is able to recover any potential funds.

## **VI. STUDENT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE AND PRIVACY PROVISION**

1. I understand that Experiential Global Learning advises that I should discuss my Program with my parents or guardians and share with them any academic and financial materials as well as information related to health and safety, including the elements of risk associated with this Program.

2. I have provided emergency contact information to Experiential Global Learning and agree to update that information as necessary.

3. I understand that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) protects my education records as a student. (For more information about FERPA, I can access UConn's website at <http://ferpa.uconn.edu>.) If I wish to grant a specific individual access to my Experiential Global Learning records, I can complete a FERPA waiver request on the UConn FERPA website or with Experiential Global Learning. During my Program, I may contact Experiential Global Learning in writing (from my uconn.edu email address) with the individual grantee's name and the phrase, "I consent." This consent will allow Experiential Global Learning to discuss freely my Experiential Global Learning records with this person for the duration of my Program and the following UConn semester.

4. I understand that, in order for me to participate in this Program, Experiential Global Learning must be able to share my student records with the Program to which I am applying (e.g. exchange partner universities or international partner institutions) and related third parties. Records may include official and/or unofficial transcripts that may be required in accordance with the Program's nomination and/or application requirements and any Experiential Global Learning records essential to conduct the Program. By clicking "Commit", I am authorizing UConn to share such records as required for my Program.

5. I further understand that the Program, including exchange partner universities or international partner institutions, likewise may share my education, conduct, medical and/or financial records with Experiential Global Learning that are necessary and essential to complete the Program. By clicking "Commit", I am authorizing UConn and the Program to share such records as required for my Program.

NOTE: For Programs taking place in European countries subject to the EU General Data Protection Regulation, as well as some other countries depending upon the host country's local laws, personal data protection laws permit me to withdraw my consent to sharing my personal information while I am in the host country. By withdrawing my consent to share my personal records between UConn and the Program, however, I may be unable to participate in or complete the Program or transfer credit back to UConn. I understand that if I withdraw my consent to share records, it could result in my being forced to withdraw from the Program. For example, Experiential Global Learning cannot award me academic credit for my Program if I prevent my Program provider from sharing my official transcript with UConn. In order to withdraw such consent, I must provide notice to Experiential Global Learning in writing from my uconn.edu email address.

6. I understand that if I am under the age of eighteen (18), I do not have the capacity to sign this contract and I cannot undertake a Program without the written permission of my parents or guardians.

7. I acknowledge and agree that UConn may, in its sole discretion, contact my parents or guardians, roommates, emergency contacts, school officials, or other individuals associated with this Program with regard to health, risk, and behavioral issues which relate to my participation in this Program. This acknowledgement shall serve as my consent and, to the extent permitted by law, transcend any privacy law or regulations that may apply.

## **VII. HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS**

1. I certify that I do not have any physical or mental conditions that will create a danger or hazard to me, to other participants, or to hosts in the Program.

2. I understand that I am solely responsible for my pre-Program, Program, and post-Program medical care in all respects, including, but not limited to, obtaining and taking necessary medication(s), vaccinations, and any other medical care and treatment. I acknowledge that I am advised to consult a physician qualified in travel medicine, immunizations, and infectious or



tropical diseases prior to my trip departure.

3. I acknowledge that I may face challenges in managing chronic medical or mental health conditions or accessing medical or mental health care that is not comparable to the standard of care routinely available in my home environment. Mild physical or psychological disorders can become serious under the stresses of life while traveling.

4. I know that I have a right to participate in my Program without disclosure of any health information. Experiential Global Learning cannot decide whether I may participate in my Program as a result of any such disclosure. If I provide any health information voluntarily to Experiential Global Learning, it will remain private. UConn will only share this information with any necessary program staff, faculty, or appropriate professionals on an as-needed basis. If I do not provide this information to UConn before I depart on my Program, I will hold UConn harmless for any losses, damages and injuries that may arise as a result of my non-disclosure. I also understand that UConn's ability to facilitate accommodations with my Program is greatly reduced if I do not disclose prior to departure from my Program.

5. I acknowledge that Experiential Global Learning will work with my Program to accommodate my disability and health needs that I disclose as feasibly as possible. I am responsible for contacting either the Center for Students with Disabilities and/or Experiential Global Learning as soon as possible to assess the availability of such accommodation in this Program. I also acknowledge that it is ultimately my personal responsibility to take care of my health and well-being. Experiential Global Learning cannot guarantee that UConn or my Program will be able to accommodate any or all of the needs that I disclose.

6. I understand that as a participant in a Program, I may be required to purchase the UConn-approved international insurance policy, which includes overseas coverage for medical services, emergency medical evacuation, and repatriation of remains, unless comparable insurance coverage is already provided by the host Program. I also may need to purchase insurance policies as required by my host Program or country. I understand the international insurance policy only covers the duration of the Program, and therefore I will not cancel my student health insurance or other medical insurance policy that covers me in the United States. Further, I understand that, though covered by the UConn-approved policy or other comparable policy, I may be required to pay or show proof of ability to pay in advance for most medical expenses, and that I must file claims directly with the insurance company myself. I understand and acknowledge that if I am required to be hospitalized while in another country or in the United States during this Program, I will be legally responsible for the payment of such hospitalization and that UConn does not assume any legal responsibility for such payment.

7. In the event of illness or injury, I hereby authorize UConn, the Program leader or other agents to obtain emergency or other medical treatment as deemed necessary, including administration of an anesthetic or other medication and surgery, and I hereby assume the cost of such treatment. I understand that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power on the part of UConn to give specific consent to the diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which is deemed advisable in the best judgment of a licensed medical care provider.

## **VIII. CONDITIONS RELATED TO DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

1. I acknowledge that I am fully aware that risks and hazards associated with off-campus travel and residence may include personal injury; death; property theft; robbery and other violent crimes; political or civil unrest; quarantines and other public health restrictions; and natural and environmental hazards, including unsanitary conditions, infestations, dangerous animals, disease, and hazardous natural geographic features. I further understand that other legal jurisdictions and countries have different laws, regulations or standards; may change those laws, regulations, or standards while I am traveling; may have few or no laws, regulations or standards; or may not enforce their existing laws, regulations or standards, including, but not limited to, those related to health, welfare, safety, crime, regulation of businesses and transportation in any form (including travel by sea, land or air).

2. I understand and acknowledge that, if I am a U.S. citizen who intends to travel outside the U.S., it is my responsibility to register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at <https://step.state.gov/step/>, a free service provided by the U.S. Department of State to keep U.S. citizens updated on any crisis in the area in which they are traveling. I also will look for country-specific travel advisories on the State Department website. I further understand and acknowledge that it is my responsibility to obtain current health information, including recommended precautions for the area in which I am traveling, at the [website](#) of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

3. I understand that, prior to commencement of any travel, I must inform the Program leader (if applicable) of any travel outside of the community hosting my Program. I understand that I am solely responsible for all independent travel throughout the duration of the Program. I confirm that I have discussed my plans with my parent or guardian and have consulted University policies. I understand that UConn may be unable to intervene or assist on my behalf once I have left the Program site. In certain locations, I understand that Experiential Global Learning may not be able to render any assistance whatsoever.

4. I understand that local driving laws and practices may differ from area to area. UConn strongly discourages me from driving, renting, leasing or owning a motor vehicle while participating in the Program. I understand that UConn cannot assist me with any personal motor vehicle-related issues, including problems resulting from the use of vehicles or accidents before, during, or after the Program. I understand that if I own, lease, rent, or drive a vehicle, I do so at my own risk.

## **IX. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO STUDENT CONDUCT**

1. I understand that if I currently have an unresolved Student Code allegation or an active sanction resulting in University Probation or higher at UConn or a similar pending allegation or sanction at my home institution, I am not eligible to participate in a Program through UConn until such case has been resolved or sanctions are no longer in place.

2. I understand that if I have a significant conduct history with the Office of Community

Standards, Experiential Global Learning and Community Standards reserve the right to discuss my record as it pertains to my Program, as well as make a determination with regard to my eligibility to participate in it, with or without consultation with the host Program.

3. I understand that my conduct during the Program inside and outside the classroom reflects upon UConn and the host Program, and I agree that I shall abide by and am subject to the Student Code; as well as by the policies, rules, regulations, and laws of the host Program and country. I understand that examples of misconduct include, but are not limited to: violation of laws of my host country or rules of my host Program; abuse of alcohol or use or abuse of illegal drugs; disturbing the peace or disrupting the community; repeated failure to control noise levels in student housing facilities; disruption of the academic environment of the Program, including repeated failure to participate in class assignments or to attend mandatory excursions; academic misconduct, including plagiarism and cheating; vandalism perpetrated against public or private property; and assault or sexual assault.

4. I am also aware that in other areas and countries, certain behaviors (including, but not limited to dress, manners, sexual conduct, different standards of morality, expression of political views, use of vulgar language, and drug use) are unacceptable and/or illegal and could lead to possible disruption of my participation in the Program. I understand that I am solely responsible and have an affirmative responsibility to seek information about cultural norms, particularly unacceptable behaviors in the areas where I am traveling prior to departure; and I agree to act in an appropriate manner at all times, both when I am in the company of other Program members and when I am physically separated from fellow Program members.

4. I also agree that I will abide by all terms and conditions of the host Program and any housing agreements associated with the Program, including payment of deposits, fees, check-in and check-out dates, and any other expectations as outlined by the proprietor or institution in charge of the housing accommodations.

5. I agree that the Program leader, the Director of Experiential Global Learning, and the Director of Community Standards may determine whether my conduct is in violation of the Student Code, the host Program's code of conduct or housing agreement, and/or this Contract. If they determine that I have violated these policies, UConn may Separate me from this Program. I understand that if Separated from the Program, I risk forfeiture of all course credit, Program Fees, and other associated fees and am responsible for any personal travel expenses that result.

6. I acknowledge and understand that, if I should encounter or cause any legal problem with others, including any foreign nationals or with the government of a host country, I shall be personally and financially responsible for its resolution and that UConn is not responsible for assisting and may be unable to assist me under these circumstances.

7. Should my behavior result in damages that place a financial burden upon Experiential Global Learning, such as but not limited to housing damages or loss of security deposits, UConn reserves the right to bill me directly or to seek reimbursement from me to cover the costs of such damages.

8. I acknowledge and understand that Experiential Global Learning will communicate with me primarily through email. I agree to monitor the email account on record with Experiential Global Learning before, during, and immediately after the dates of this Program to receive any messages sent to me by Experiential Global Learning or its agents.

## **X. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND LIABILITY RELEASE**

As part of the consideration for participating in this Program, it is my express intent to release and hold UConn and the State of Connecticut and its officers, agents and employees harmless, herein releasing UConn and the State of Connecticut and its officers, agents and employees from any and all liability, claims, demands and/or actions that may arise from injury or harm to me or my property or harm or injury to others or their property, including death, that may be sustained by me or by others while participating in this Program. Such losses, damages and injuries include, but are not limited to: a) expenses or losses due to my failure to obtain passport, visas or other legal status documents, traveler's checks, and tickets or my failure to safeguard properly these items or any other property of mine; b) losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, public health crises, legal or governmental changes, natural disasters or other such causes; c) any disruption of travel arrangements and any consequent additional expenses that may be incurred as a result; and d) any failure, due to bankruptcy or otherwise, of any of the companies providing transportation, hotel, food, tour services, or other goods or services. I am fully aware of the risks and hazards associated with this activity and with travel and residence. I understand that this release includes all transportation to and from the Program and all aspects of my time traveling, whether my activities are directly related to the Program or not. I understand that it is possible for me to complete my degree program without participating in an Experiential Global Learning Program, and I acknowledge that my participation in this activity is elected by me and not required. I also agree to assume all of the risks and responsibilities in any way associated with this Program and understand that this Acknowledgement of Risk and Liability Release shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, as well as my estate, family, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a "Release, Waiver, Discharge and Covenant" not to sue UConn or the State of Connecticut. I further agree to save and hold harmless, indemnify and defend UConn and the State of Connecticut from any claim by my family or me or by others arising out of my participation in this Program. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risk of loss, damage, or personal injury, including death, and for any property damage that may be sustained by me as a result of participation in this Program.

## **XI. CONTRACT PROVISIONS**

1. Not Agent: I acknowledge and understand that UConn in no way represents or acts as an agent for the host Program, Affiliate provider, the transportation carriers, hotels, or other suppliers of services connected with this Program. I understand that all services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided.

2. Governing Law: This contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this contract or this Program. The terms of this contract shall be severable, such that, if a court of competent

jurisdiction holds any term to be illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law governing this agreement, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby.

3. Claims: I agree that nothing herein waives UConn's sovereign immunity as a state entity and that the sole and exclusive means for the presentation of any claim against the State of Connecticut or UConn arising from this Contract shall be in accordance with Chapter 53 of the Connecticut General Statutes (Claims Against the State) and I further agree not to initiate any legal proceedings in any state or federal court in addition to, or in lieu of, said Chapter 53 proceedings.

4. Publicity and Publication: Experiential Global Learning reserves the right to take photographic or film records of any Program or Program participant. I understand that UConn may use such records for promotional and/or commercial purposes without limitation and without additional permission and/or liability.