

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**International Programs and Services Office**  
**Study Abroad Agreement Release Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (please print) being of sound mind and body,  
hereby have chosen to participate in the following program(s) [KIIS CCSA MTSU INDEPENDENT]  
in \_\_\_\_\_ during the dates of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Please circle one)  
Name of Country (mm/dd/yy – mm/dd/yy)

**AGREEMENT**

*This agreement is between the above-named student and Middle Tennessee State University.* The MTSU program or affiliated program agrees to:

1. Provide the student with information regarding the program of his/her choice;
2. Assist the student with preparation for the program by providing written materials and a pre-departure orientation;
3. Make rules and regulations concerning student conduct that are designed to safeguard his/her health and well-being;
4. Provide a program director and faculty to administer the program abroad and oversee the student's welfare at the foreign site;
5. Upon successful completion of the program by the student, assign grades for academic courses, and effect the process of transfer of credits to the student's home institution if appropriate;
6. Exercise reasonable care in planning the itinerary and selecting the program facilities. (NOTE: The program may not be able to duplicate standards of safety and accessibility found in the U.S.)

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

*By accepting a place on an MTSU program or an MTSU affiliated consortium program abroad, the student understands that being the age of legal majority, he/she must accept full responsibility for his/her own choices, decisions and behavior in the program setting.* The student understands and agrees that foreign travel presents risks to the student and his/her property. These can include, among others: unfamiliar or different terrain, climate, food and drink, customs, laws, social and sexual mores, safety practices and regulations, communications, criminal and law enforcement activities, disability access, traffic patterns, disease risks, and health care. The above-named student agrees to:

1. Inform himself/herself fully about the program, its activities and the expected risks involved in participation;
2. Participate fully in the program by attending the mandatory student orientation, all required academic classes and excursions, remaining with the program for the full academic term, and enrolling in at least one course (four courses for semester programs) for academic credit. Failure to participate fully in the academic program may result in the reduction of grade, the possibility of course failure, and/or expulsion from the program.
3. Be responsible for all program charges as stated in the MTSU brochure and optional added charges as necessary;
4. Assume full financial responsibility for the stay abroad;
5. Recognize that participation in the program is voluntary and assume the inherent risks of the program;
6. Reimburse MTSU for all unrecoverable costs made on his/her behalf if he/she withdraws from the program at any time;
7. Reimburse MTSU for any emergency expenses paid on his/her behalf during the program;
8. Supply the name, address, telephone number, and relationship of an individual or individuals who will be Responsible to make health care decisions for the undersigned in the event of absence of decisional capacity. If such person cannot be reached, then the undersigned authorizes the program director or his/her representative in country to act on his/her behalf in the event of a medical emergency;
9. Be subject to the laws of the host country and accept responsibility for informing himself/herself with respect to those laws;
10. Adhere to all standards of conduct as defined in the MTSU program contract, and cooperate with all directives and precautions issued by the program administrator(s);
11. Refrain from the misuse of alcohol and any use of controlled substances or drugs of any type;

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12. Disclose any current or past medical condition (failure to disclose may result in removal from the program);
13. Agree to indemnify, hold harmless, release and discharge MTSU, its affiliated consortiums (CCSA & KIIS) and the Tennessee Board of Regents and individual regents, its employees, agents and consortium partners from any and all claims and expenses, including attorney's fees, for any injury, loss, or damage in any way related to or arising from the program abroad, including those related to travel to and from the program site, even if such injury, loss or damage is due to the negligence, whether ordinary or gross, of MTSU, its consortium affiliates (CCSA & KIIS), its employees, agents and consortium partners;
14. Agree that the released parties assume no responsibility for any liability, damage, or injury that may be caused by the student's negligence or willful acts committed prior to, during, or after participation in the program;
15. Accept termination of participation in the program abroad should his/her conduct be determined to be detrimental to the best interest of the program or MTSU. Termination is a decision left to the sole discretion of the program director, with the concurrence of the Director of International Programs and Services Office. The student is expected to bear the expense of transportation to return to the United States, and will receive no refund of fees in the event of dismissal, nor will academic credit be granted.
16. Accept termination of the program operation should MTSU deem it unsafe for students to remain in the host country due to political instability, potential or actual terrorist acts, war or any other circumstance. Termination of program operation is a decision left to the sole discretion of the program director and the Director of the International Programs and Services Office.

***I have read, understand and agree to comply with the above.***

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_