

UNA Education Abroad Participant Acknowledgment

This document serves as a formal acknowledgment of the responsibilities and expectations associated with participation in the University of North Alabama's (UNA) Education Abroad Programs. By signing this acknowledgment, participants affirm their understanding and commitment to uphold the standards and fulfill the requirements set forth herein.

Information and Eligibility

- **Accuracy of Information:** I affirm that the information I have provided in my application and accompanying documents is correct to the best of my knowledge. I commit to maintaining the accuracy of this information, which will be used for administrative purposes as well as for emergency and safety management across all UNA Education Abroad programs.
- **Eligibility Criteria:** I understand that my eligibility to participate in an education abroad program is contingent upon good academic and conduct standing at UNA. I acknowledge that any pending academic or disciplinary probation issues will render me ineligible to participate.

Communication and Documentation

- **Primary Communication:** I recognize that email is the primary means of communication with program leaders and advisors. I confirm that I have provided a personal email address, which I check regularly, to ensure I receive all program-related communications.
- **Document Submission Responsibility:** I am aware that submitting all required documentation by the specified deadlines is my responsibility. Failure to meet these deadlines may render me ineligible to participate.

Program Participation

- **Preparation and Orientation:** I agree to thoroughly read all program materials provided and to attend all mandatory pre-departure orientations.
- **Active Participation:** I commit to fully engage in the program by attending all scheduled activities, including classes and required field trips, as mandated by the program coordinators and instructors.
- **Course Approval and Credits:** I understand the importance of obtaining written approval for all courses from non-UNA institutions prior to departure. I agree to abide by the credit transfer agreements negotiated with the appropriate academic advisors and UNA administrative offices.

Conduct and Compliance

- **Adherence to Laws and Guidelines:** As a visitor in my host country, I am subject to its laws. I agree to conduct myself in accordance with these laws as well as the policies of UNA, ISEP, and the host institution. I understand that any violation of these laws or

policies may lead to disciplinary action, including potential expulsion from the program and/or UNA.

- **Respect for Community:** I acknowledge that my behavior must not interfere with or inhibit the experiences of others, including both participants and non-participants, in residential settings, classrooms, or any public areas, including during independent travels. Engaging in such disruptive behavior could result in my expulsion from the Education Abroad Program.
- **Impact on University Record:** I understand that any misconduct while abroad will be recorded in my permanent disciplinary record at UNA.
- **Consequences of Expulsion:** I understand that being expelled from an Education Abroad Program will result in failing the courses taken during the program, regardless of the expulsion date or whether it occurs before UNA's official drop date. If expelled, I will be required to return home immediately at my own expense, irrespective of any visa stipulations or grace periods provided by the host country.
- **Prohibition of Intoxicants:** I acknowledge that intoxication and the use of illegal substances are prohibited. I understand that any infringement of this policy will lead to my immediate expulsion from the program and may adversely affect my academic standing.

Financial and Legal Responsibility

- **Financial Obligations:** Should I choose to withdraw from the program for any reason, I am responsible for all associated costs, including those arising from illness or disciplinary actions.
- **Handling of Legal Issues:** I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for addressing any legal issues that arise with local nationals or the government of the host country. UNA will not provide legal assistance or cover associated costs.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** I will ensure that I am aware of the location of the nearest U.S. Consulate throughout the duration of my program and understand it is my first point of contact in case of emergency.

General Provisions

- **Severability:** If any provision of this acknowledgment is found to be unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect.
- **Voluntary Acknowledgment:** I voluntarily agree to the terms outlined in this document and understand my right to consult with an advisor, counselor, or attorney before signing.
- **Complete Understanding:** This document represents the full and entire agreement between the participant and UNA concerning participation in an Education Abroad Program. It replaces any prior agreements or understandings, be they written or spoken, and may only be modified through a written amendment signed by both parties.

Signatures

Participant's Name (Printed): _____

Signature (if age 19 or older): _____

Date: _____

If Participant is Under the Age of 19:

Guardian's Name (Printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment: I am the parent or legal guardian of the participant and have read and agree to the terms of this acknowledgment, including assuming responsibility for the participant's financial and legal obligations.

Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____