

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE FORM

WELLESLEY-IN-AIX

*THIS IS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS -
READ AND UNDERSTAND BEFORE SIGNING*

I have agreed to participate in an overseas program (the "Program") sponsored by Wellesley College during the _____ semester of _____. I am not required to participate in this program. My participation is wholly voluntary. In consideration of Wellesley College's and my program's agreement to permit me to participate in this program, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I agree as follows:

1. Risks of Study Abroad. I understand that participation in my program abroad involves risks not found on my home campus. These include risks involved in traveling to and within, and returning from, international locations; foreign political, legal, social and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances; and local medical and weather conditions. The country(ies) which my program may involve may have health and safety standards substantially below those enjoyed in the United States and I recognize that I may be subjected to potential risks, illnesses, injuries and even death. I have made my own investigation of these risks, understand these risks and assume them knowingly and willingly.

I also acknowledge that in living and traveling in cities abroad, I may experience problems associated with urban living, including increased crime, pollution, high population density or standards of living and health standards that are not equivalent to life in the United States. I must take every precaution to safeguard my health and to protect my personal belongings from damage or theft. I acknowledge that Wellesley College recommends that I never travel alone, particularly at night. Being alone, particularly at night, may present additional danger to my safety and well-being.

2. Health Insurance; Medical Care. I agree to enroll in such medical insurance coverage program as is recommended by Wellesley College for the duration of my program abroad. I carry valid and current medical insurance and have a valid insurance identity card to bring. I have determined that this insurance is adequate to cover injuries or illnesses that I may sustain while participating in the Program, including the expenses of returning me to the United States in the event that such action is necessary.

I certify that I am free of any conditions that would endanger my life, health, or well-being while traveling or living abroad, or that would impede my ability to fully participate in all aspects of my program abroad. I recognize that Wellesley College is not obligated to attend to any of my medical or medication needs, and I assume all risk and responsibility therefor. If I require medical treatment or hospital care during the

Program, Wellesley College is not responsible for the cost or quality of such treatment or care. Should the need arise, Wellesley College is authorized to provide any personal information about me to any health care provider.

3. Standards of Conduct. I understand that I will be responsible for my personal safety at all times, especially when not in class and not on Program-related trips. I recognize that I assume an important personal obligation to conduct myself in a manner compatible with my program abroad and its reputation, with local laws and regulations, and with Wellesley College regulations for student conduct. I promise to act responsibly and to take the advice of the Program director or advisor regarding my personal conduct. I will become informed of, and will abide by, all such laws, regulations and standards. I also will comply with Wellesley College's rules, standards and instructions for student behavior. I also recognize that due to the circumstances of foreign study programs, procedures for notice, hearing and appeal applicable to student disciplinary proceedings at Wellesley College do not apply.
4. Institutional Arrangements. I understand that Wellesley College does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any host institution, host family, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer or other provider of food, goods or services involved in my program abroad. I understand that Wellesley College is not responsible for matters that are beyond its control. I hereby release Wellesley College from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense arising out of any such matters.
5. Independent Activity. I understand that Wellesley College is not responsible for any injury or loss I may suffer when I am traveling independently or am otherwise separated or absent from any activities sponsored by my program abroad.
6. Program Changes. Wellesley College has no role in program changes, in cancellations, substitutions, or changes in case of emergency or changed conditions or in the interest of the Program. I agree to notify Wellesley College promptly of any changes to my program. I accept all responsibility for loss or additional expense due to delays or other changes in the means of transportation, other services, or sickness, weather, strikes or other unforeseen causes. If I leave for any purpose other than a medical emergency, or am expelled from the Program for any reason, I recognize that I may have to repay my grant to Wellesley College.
7. Miscellaneous. I further agree that:
 - (a) I have a valid passport; if I do not have a U.S. passport, I have made sure that I either do not need a visa in connection with my program abroad or I have obtained an entry visa; and
 - (b) I am responsible for any legal problems I encounter with any foreign nationals or government of the host country. I acknowledge that (i) Wellesley College is not able to assist students who break the law in a foreign country and is not responsible for legal fees or other costs while attempting to secure my release from foreign custody, and (ii)

