

University of Southern Maine
(A Campus of the University of Maine System)

RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK
International Study

I, _____, of _____
(Name of Student) (Address)

a student from The University of Southern Maine (a campus of the University of Maine System), being of legal age (having been born on _____), acknowledge, declare and agree as follows:

1. That I have voluntarily agreed to participate in the _____
Exchange Program in _____ from _____
(Host Location)

20____, to _____, 20____, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in this program, do voluntarily execute this "Release and Assumption of Risk" on behalf of my self, my heirs and next-of-kin, my personal representatives and my estate.

2. That this program of academic study, which is elective and optional to me, will consist of course work which has been discussed with, and approved by the academic advisor in my major and college, and will involve my travel and living abroad from approximately _____, 20____, to _____, 20____.

3. That the University of Maine System and its University of Southern Maine (hereinafter referred to as the "University") has apprised me that there may be dangers and hazards inherent to participants in such programs living in foreign countries and because of the extensive travel involved, and that I personally recognize and appreciate that such dangers and hazards exist. I understand that the University is not a guardian of my safety and I accept and assume full responsibility for all harm and injury, of every nature, including death, which may occur to me or which I may suffer, and for all damages or loss to any personal property owned by me, while I am participating in this program and during all travel and transportation to and from _____, or any other location, and, in furtherance thereof, I agree to indemnify

(Host Location)

and hold harmless the University, its Trustees, faculty, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action, on account of damage or loss to my personal property, my personal injury, or death, which may occur or result directly or indirectly from my participation in this program, and not as a direct result of any negligent act of the University, its Trustees, faculty, employees or agents.

4. I declare that I am able to physically withstand and cope with the indicated rigors of this program, with or without an accommodation. If an accommodation is needed, I will contact the host location coordinator.

5. I request that this "Release and Assumption of Risk" be construed and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of Maine, and if any portion thereof is held invalid, I request the remainder continue in full force and effect.

I declare that I completely understand and have fully informed myself of the terms and conditions of this "Release and Assumption of Risk" by having read it, or having it read to me, before signing.

Assented and agreed to on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Parent or Guardian
(if under the age of 18 years)

Signature

Witness