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| **STATE OF TEXAS**  **COUNTY OF WASHINGTON** |

**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION**

I, Click here to enter text., being of lawful age 18 or older and of sound mind, have applied for and been accepted into a study abroad program to Click here to enter text. hereinafter referred to as “study abroad program.” I understand that Blinn College recognizes the benefit of study abroad program. I also understand and recognize that there are certain inherent and various risks associated with participation in a study abroad program which risks could result in personal injury, damages, etc. to me. I understand that Blinn College does not and cannot control these risks and cannot guarantee my safety while participating in the study abroad program.

In consideration for my participation in the study abroad program I understand and agree to the following terms:

Attached to this document as Exhibit A is a description of the travel information including travel arrangements and daily schedules. However, I understand that the study abroad trip schedule is subject to change.

I understand that my participation in this study abroad program is entirely voluntary.

I have been informed of and understand of the costs associated with this study abroad trip. I guarantee that I am able to and will comply with the financial obligations associated with the program. I also understand that I will be required to purchase individually some items not included in the group travel packet. Including but not limited to the following:

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I understand that when I participate in the study abroad program I may not have all of the conveniences I have while attending Blinn College.

I understand that Blinn College does not make any guarantee or representations concerning my health and safety while participating in the study abroad program.

I personally assume all of the responsibilities and risks, including those risks not specifically foreseeable at this time, in any way associated with the study abroad program.

I further understand that I must have adequate health, accident, disability, and hospitalization insurance that will provide for coverage for the study abroad program, including emergency medical evacuation and repatriation. I understand that as a condition of participating in the study abroad program, I am required to and I agree to purchase the required insurance from the insurance company providing insurance for the study abroad program in which I am participating. I hereby assume full responsibility for all medical expenses I may incur while participating in the study abroad program.

I understand and agree that I am required to comply with the Blinn College classroom policy and procedures, including but not limited to the attendance policy, conduct policies, and incivility protocol. I understand that these policies/ procedures apply at all times while I am participating in the study abroad program, (including free activity time) and that I am subject to the consequences listed in Blinn College policies/procedures for any violation of the rules applicable to Blinn College students.

I hereby agree to comply with the laws and regulations of the host country. Failing to do so, could result in my immediate termination from the Blinn College study abroad program, and I will be responsible for any and all expenses associated with my return to the United States.

I understand that if my participation in the study abroad program is terminated by the program/faculty leader I will be sent home with no refund of fees. I agree that I will be responsible for any and all costs and expenses associated with my return home. I also understand that if I leave the program voluntarily for any reason, including illness, I will be responsible for any and all costs and expenses associated with my return home and that there will be no refund of any fees.

I understand that if I violate program rules I may be subject to the sanctions listed in Blinn College policies/ procedures. Additionally, serious misconduct such as, but not limited to, consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs, serious disruptive behavior, breaking the law of the host country, may result in my immediate termination from the Blinn College study abroad program and I will be responsible for any and all expenses associated with my return to the United States.

I understand if I choose to travel independently during my free time while participating in the study abroad program, the travel will be unsupervised by Blinn College. I understand that I am responsible for all costs associated with individual travel, and I will notify the program leader with details of my itinerary.

In consideration for my participation in this study abroad program, which may include receipt of credit by Blinn College, which is good and valuable consideration, on behalf of myself, my agents, heirs and any and all parties to whom my rights may transfer, I do hereby release, acquit and forever discharge Blinn College, a political subdivision and junior college district of the State of Texas, its trustees, officers, agents and employees, their successors, assigns, for any and all known or unknown causes of action, damages, liabilities, costs, expenses and claims and demands of whatever kind or nature which arose or could have arisen against any party arising out of my participation in the travel abroad program I also agree to indemnify Blinn College, its agents, trustees, employees, or officers, including their successors and assigns for all costs associated with any claim made by me or on my behalf against Blinn College, its agents, trustees, employees, officers, successors, or assigns, arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in the travel abroad program.

For Blinn College to be able to perform all of its required obligations herein, Blinn College will process personal data in compliance with all laws including, but not limited to, the laws of the United States of America, the laws of the State of Texas, and the laws of the European Union.

I have read and fully understand the above provisions and agree to be legally bound by them. I understand that failure to comply with the behavior and other rules that apply while I am participating in the study abroad program, will result in disciplinary action, which could include expulsion from the study abroad program and may also include other disciplinary consequences as set out in policies, rules, and regulations of Blinn College including the student handbook. I also understand that if I am expelled from the study abroad program, I will assume the cost of transportation to return to the United States and I will not receive a refund of any money paid for the study abroad program, and may not receive credit for the course and/or a failing grade in the course. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and the terms of this Agreement are contractual and not a mere recital.

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Signature of Participant:

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Printed Name of Participant:

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