DUE: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2014  
WHERE: OFFICE OF OVERSEAS STUDIES – THH 341 (unless otherwise indicated)

- RESPONSIBILITY FORM
- TRAVEL RELEASE FORM
- MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM
- KNOW BEFORE YOU GO/INFORMED CONSENT FORM
- WITHDRAWAL/REFUND POLICY AND FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENT FORM
- ELECTRONIC REFUND DEPOSIT AUTHORIZATION or eREFUNDS (formerly ACH/Direct Deposit Service)
  - Only students who wish to avail themselves of this service should submit this online form.
  - The form must be completed ONLINE on the USCe.pay website: [http://fbs.usc.edu/depts/epay/page/6029/erefunds/](http://fbs.usc.edu/depts/epay/page/6029/erefunds/)
- FINANCIAL SERVICES DISCLOSURE PERMISSION FORM (Buckley Waiver)
  - Only students who wish to avail themselves of this service should submit this online form.
  - This form must be completed ONLINE on the SFS website: [http://fbs.usc.edu/depts/sfs/page/2087/sfs-forms/](http://fbs.usc.edu/depts/sfs/page/2087/sfs-forms/)
- TRAVEL ITINERARY
  - Please email your travel information to: overseas@usc.edu
- PHOTOCOPY OF THE INFORMATION/SIGNATURE PAGE(S) OF YOUR PASSPORT
  - (If you already turned in a copy with your application, you do NOT have to turn in another passport copy.)
  - Submit hardcopy to Office of Overseas Studies or email to: overseas@usc.edu

Please make a photocopy of all SUBMITTED forms for your own records.
Responsibility for Reading Overseas Studies Handbook

I__________________________ (print name), have applied to study abroad on ________________________________ (program) in __________________ (location) in __________ (term/year).

I have received the USC Office of Overseas Studies Study Abroad Handbook and I agree to read the Handbook thoroughly and carefully.

___________________________________ (Signature)   ____________________________ (Date)

Responsibility for Obtaining a Student Visa

I understand that it is my sole responsibility to apply for and obtain a student visa for the country in which I intend to study. I will research the application details and deadlines for my visa application, including the appropriate consulate at which to apply and the requirements for that particular consulate. I will apply for my visa at the earliest possible time, which I understand to be as soon as I am accepted into my intended program of study and have received the appropriate documents. I am responsible for staying up-to-date regarding changes to the visa application process for the consulate at which I will apply for my student visa.

___________________________________ (Signature)   ____________________________ (Date)

Responsibility for Completing a Program Evaluation

I understand that completing a program evaluation at the end of my semester or year abroad is part of the study abroad program. I agree to complete a program evaluation.

___________________________________ (Signature)   ____________________________ (Date)

Responsibility for Health Insurance

While you are studying abroad you must have comprehensive health insurance that covers you in the U.S. and abroad. You will be billed for one of the following types of insurance: (1) **USC Student Health Insurance Plan** (coverage in the U.S. and abroad) or (2) **USC Overseas Insurance** (if you are covered by outside insurance – must be approved by the USC Health Insurance Office).

To assist the USC Health Insurance Office in properly billing you for one of the aforementioned insurance options, please indicate the name of the health insurance under which you are currently covered:

□  **USC Student Health Insurance Plan**

□  Other: My insurance provider is______________________________

___________________________________ (Signature)   ____________________________ (Date)
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

TRAVEL RELEASE

The parties to this Release are (Student), (Student's parents or legal guardian, if student is under 18) (both referred to hereafter jointly and severally as "Student"), and the University of Southern California (hereafter "USC").

The Student, with the consent of the Student's parents or legal guardian if necessary, has chosen to participate in the USC (hereafter "Program"), during the semester.

All students are considered adults and are expected to take responsibility for their actions while taking part in the Program. As adults, any activities that Student takes part in, whether as a part of a Program or separate from the Program, will be considered to have been done with their approval and understanding of any and all risks involved. Any students under 18 and/or considered dependents of their parents or guardians are responsible for giving all background or other relevant information about the Program to their parents or guardians.

Although USC may offer information to Student on aspects of foreign travel and particular destinations, Student agrees that he/she is responsible for determining the potential dangers of particular destinations, and the Student acknowledges that USC is under no duty to warn the Student of any particular danger or potential injury. Before deciding whether to visit a site under a travel warning, USC recommends that Student check with the U.S. Department of State website (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control website (http://www.cdc.gov/travel/) and read carefully the current travel warning/advisory, public announcements, and consular information sheet for the site in which Student seeks to study. Notwithstanding the foregoing, USC recommends that Student elects not to study in a site under a travel warning. Student acknowledges that Student has been made aware of the risks of foreign travel and more specifically, the risks of travel to the subject destination, and further acknowledges reading and understanding any applicable U.S. Department of State travel warnings. Student is participating in the Program with full knowledge of the risks inherent in such participation, including possible physical injury or other loss or damage and agrees to accept and assume any and all risks associated with participation in the Program. In consideration of USC's accepting Student into the Program, Student, her/his heirs, executors, administrators, employers, agents, representatives, insurers and attorneys, hereby releases and discharges USC, its officers, trustees, facility, employees, agents and representatives (hereafter "released parties") from any and all claims which may arise from any cause whatsoever, regardless of the source. The Student further releases and discharges the released parties from responsibility for any accident, illness, negligence, passive or active, or injury or any other consequences arising or resulting directly or indirectly from Student's participation in the Program.

Travel Release, June 2013
The Student also acknowledges that the USC assumes no responsibility in whole or in part, for any delays, delayed or changed departure or arrival times, fare changes, dishonors of hotel, airline or vehicle rental reservations, missed carrier connections, sickness, disease, injuries (including death), losses, damages, weather, strikes, acts of God, circumstances beyond the control of the USC, force majeure, war quarantine, civil unrest, public health risks, criminal activity, terrorism, expense, accident, injuries or damage to property, bankruptcies of airlines or other service providers, inconveniences, cessation of operations, mechanical defects, failure or negligence of any nature howsoever caused in connection with any accommodations, restaurant, transportation, or other service or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier beyond USC's control, with or without notice, for any additional expenses occasioned by any of the foregoing. If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors Student is required to spend additional nights, USC will not be responsible for Student's hotel, transfers, meal costs or other expenses. Student's baggage and personal property are completely at the Student's own risk.

Student hereby represents and warrants that he/she is and will be covered throughout the Program by a policy of comprehensive health and accident insurance which provides coverage for injuries and illnesses that Student sustains or experiences overseas, and, more specifically, in the countries in which Student will be living and/or traveling while on the Program. By Student's signature below, the Student certifies that his/her health insurance policy will adequately cover Student while outside the United States; and, Student absolves USC of all responsibility and liability for any charges, bills and/or expenses Student may incur while he/she is abroad. Student agrees to report to USC's Program directors any physical or mental condition that he/she has which may require special medical attention or accommodation during the Program at least ninety (90) days prior to departure.

Student hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the released parties from any loss or liability whatsoever including reasonable attorneys' fees, caused by any act or omission of Student resulting from Student's participation in the Program.

Student understands and agrees that Student will obey all rules, regulations, and laws of the respective countries to be visited, and all travel regulations, any rules or precautions issued by USC, its representatives or by any associated institutions or organizations or the United States government. Student also understands that in the sole discretion of the Program representative, a violation of the above may result in an immediate expulsion from the Program. USC reserves the right to decline to accept or retain student in the Program at any time should Student's actions or general behavior impede the operation of the Program or the rights or welfare of any person. In such an event, no refund will be made for any remaining portion of the Program.

Student understands and agrees to attend and participate in all excursions that are a part of the Program. Student understands that failure to do so will result in a reduction of grade including the possibility of course failure.

It is understood and agreed that should Student elect to remain overseas at the location of the Program or elsewhere after participation in the Program, Student will cease to be part of the Program. Should Student drop out of the Program voluntarily or involuntarily, Student
understands that any relationship between Student and the Program will be terminated thereafter. In both of the foregoing events, this release shall remain in full force and effect.

USC reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel or suspend the Program for any events or circumstances that may, in USC’s determination, place Student at risk of mental, emotional or physical harm or bodily injury, including but not limited to war, political upheaval, riots or other events in or around the location of the Program. USC may rely on travel advisories issued by the U.S. State Department in determining whether to cancel or suspend the Program. USC may cancel or suspend the Program or substitute classes due to low enrollments or unavailability of faculty or facilities.

By signing below, Student represents that he/she is a student in good standing at USC and has never had charges brought against him/her before Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards (SJACS). Student hereby gives Student Affairs the right to access student's records maintained by the Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards (SJACS), and to provide relevant information from such records to the Faculty/Program Coordinator.

It is understood and agreed that if any provision of this Release or the application thereof is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Release which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications and to this end the provisions of this Release are declared severable.

This Release shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of California. Subject to approval from USC's insurance carrier, any dispute arising from this Release shall be submitted for full and final resolution to arbitration in accordance with the rules promulgated by the American Arbitration Association. The arbitration shall take place in Los Angeles, California.

This Release is the only, sole, entire and complete agreement of the parties relating in any way to the subject matter hereof. No statements, promises or representations have been made by any party to any other, or relied upon, and no consideration has been offered, promised other than as may be expressly provided herein. This Release supersedes any earlier written or oral understanding or agreements between the parties.

Student acknowledges that she/he has read this Release and that she/he understands its meaning and effect.

________________________________________________________________________
Student Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

________________________________________________________________________
Parent or Guardian Signature, if under 18 __________________________ Date __________________________

President of the University of Southern California
I ____________________________ am a willing participant in the USC sponsored overseas study program called _____________________________. I understand that I am financially responsible for any injury or illness I may sustain while overseas. I understand that the University of Southern California is not in any way responsible to pay for medical treatment on my behalf. In the event I am incapacitated due to a medical emergency, and am unable to authorize treatment to alleviate my condition, I authorize the University of Southern California’s employees, faculty or agents to act on my behalf and authorize such emergency treatment.

I acknowledge that this authorization does not create a duty on the part of the University, and I hereby release the University of Southern California and its trustees, employees, agents and representatives from any and all claims, causes of action, losses, liabilities, costs, fees and expenses arising or resulting from any injury or damage I may incur in the course of receiving medical care overseas.

_________________________________________  _________________________
Signature of Student/Participant                  Date

_________________________________________  _________________________
Parent/Guardian (if student is under 18)                  Date

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Studying abroad may be a stressful event and we would like to assist you in better preparing you for your experience. It is important to note that studying away from home can be risky for those with medical or psychological health conditions that are not managed properly before departure. Therefore, students should take into consideration any special medical, physical, or psychological needs that may impact their participation in the program prior to departure. Please keep in mind that study abroad sites may not be able to accommodate all reported individual needs or circumstances.

**Pre-departure Checkups:**
You are strongly encouraged to schedule a medical exam at the Engemann Student Health Center (http://engemannshc.usc.edu/) or with your family physician prior to departure. A thorough dental exam is also strongly recommended.

For information on necessary or suggested vaccination for travel abroad, consult your family physician or the Engemann Student Health Center (http://engemannshc.usc.edu/)

**Students Using Medications:**
If you use medication/s, including asthma inhalers, on a regular basis you should take a supply to last throughout your stay and carry a letter from your physician explaining the medical necessity and treatment. Any medications taken overseas should be left in their original containers and be clearly labeled.

Prescription medication for legitimate health conditions may be scrutinized by foreign officials when going through Customs. In some countries drugs that are legal and readily available in the United States will be considered illegal, require a prescription, or a host country authorization to be allowed in the country.

If you are being treated for a psychological health condition work closely with your physician or mental health professional to understand possible triggers and how to reach out for help. It is in your best interest, if you are taking psychotropic medications, to be stable in your medication before starting your overseas experience. Discuss proper medication management with your doctor or mental health professional prior to your departure.

Mailing medication abroad: Most countries have very strict regulations on having medications shipped abroad. Students regularly find that refills of regularly taken medications in the U.S. get stopped by the host country’s Customs. Decisions on what medications may be mailed legally into some foreign countries are made by the host country government, not the U.S. Post Office. Students should call the host country government office in the U.S.

**Students with Different Abilities**
Passage of legislation such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act has spurred schools in the U.S. to accommodate students with varying abilities. It is important to know that other countries are not bound by U.S. legislation, and physical facilities and academic resources vary significantly from one overseas site to another. If you are currently receiving disability-related accommodations at USC or anticipate needing them at your program site, please contact Disability Services and Programs (DSP) located in the Student Union 301 or call (213) 740-0776, to discuss appropriate responses to your needs.

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Informed Consent for Study Abroad Programs

Students are expected to consider their physical and mental health and any special needs when deciding whether or not to study abroad and when choosing a program. Studying abroad involves challenges related to differences in facilities and physical conditions, cultural norms and expectations, and types of stress. Students studying abroad are also separated by distance from their familiar support networks and healthcare providers. All students—especially those with different physical or learning abilities, those with medical conditions, and those with psychological issues—are strongly encouraged to consider all potential challenges and consider whether studying abroad at the selected location is appropriate for them. Student may then take necessary steps to have a healthy experience abroad.

Examples of psychological issues that can be exacerbated or triggered while studying abroad include depression, anxiety, body image and eating disorders, panic attacks, and addictive behaviors. Examples of challenges for students with physical and learning disabilities include lack of wheelchair access, pedestrian-unfriendly infrastructures, and little or no accommodation for alternate testing situations.

Students are strongly encouraged to take the following measures to help increase the likelihood of a healthy and successful study abroad experience:
- Get a thorough medical exam and explain to the physician the location and nature of the study abroad program.
- Get any immunizations or take any medications (e.g. anti-malarial) necessary or suggested for the study abroad location and locations in which you plan to travel extensively.
- Bring a sufficient supply of needed medications, including asthma inhalers, along with prescriptions. Don't respond to the stresses of adjusting to a new culture by taking more than the prescribed doses of your medication, discontinuing medication without advice from a doctor, or taking medication prescribed to another student.
- In the case of a history of any psychological issues, consult with a physician or mental health professional and explain to the practitioner the location and nature of the study abroad program.
- In the case of disabilities (e.g. learning disabilities, physical disabilities), consult with Disability Services and Programs (DSP), Student Union 301, 213-740-0776.

Student acknowledges that she/he has read this informed consent and the attached “Know Before You Go” document and that she/he understands their meaning and effect.

Date: __________________________  Student: ________________________________

Date: __________________________  Parents or Legal Guardian: __________________
(If Student is under 18)

Date: __________________________  USC: ________________________________

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Withdrawal/Refund Policy Acknowledgement

I __________________________________________ (print name) acknowledge that I have read and understand the USC Withdrawal and Refund Policy, and that I have read and understand the Withdrawal and Refund Policy of my study abroad program: ________________________________.

I understand that if I withdraw from my study abroad program, the more stringent of the two policies applies. The USC administrative fee of $2,100 for semester-long programs and $3,200 for yearlong programs will not be refunded unless the withdrawal is medically-related.

___________________________________ (Signature)   ____________________________ (Date)

_______________________________________________    ____________________________ (Date)
(Signature of legal guardian if student is under 18 years of age)

FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENT

I, __________________________________________ (name), hereby acknowledge that I am responsible for completing the following procedures for my financial aid for 2014-2015 while I am abroad on ________________________________ (program) in __________________________ (location) during __________ (term/year):

1. I will arrange for all important financial aid correspondence to be forwarded to me abroad.

2. It is my responsibility to meet all 2014-15 financial aid deadlines, including those set for:
   a. CSS Profile
   b. FAFSA
   c. Copies of Tax Forms/Non-filing Statement

   (PLEASE CHECK THE USC FINANCIAL AID WEBSITE REGULARLY!)

3. It is my responsibility to notify Overseas Studies of special circumstances or problems relating to my financial aid, including the following:
   a. Loan processing
   b. Loan disbursement
   c. Scholarship applications
   d. Scholarship checks

________________________________________ (Signature)   ____________________________ (Date)