University of Connecticut
Education Abroad Student Contract

I understand and agree that this constitutes a binding contract between myself, the undersigned student, and the University of Connecticut. By clicking the “Commit” button in my Accepted application, I am confirming that I have had the opportunity to read the information below and agree to its terms. If I have any questions prior to signing, I will contact UConn Education Abroad.

I. COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE

1. I understand that, to participate formally in this UConn Education Abroad Program (hereafter “Program”):
   a. I must first digitally sign this Student Contract by clicking “I agree”;
   b. I must then complete the rest of my Pending application;
   c. UConn Education Abroad must change my application to “Accepted” (hereafter “Accepts” or “Accepted”); and
   d. I must click the “Commit” button located in the Commitment to Participate section of my Accepted application. This constitutes by “Commitment” to the Program (hereafter “Commit”, “Committed,” or “Commitment”).

2. I understand that I am responsible for attending the UConn Education Abroad pre-departure orientation. I understand that in the event I cannot attend this meeting, it is my responsibility to contact UConn Education Abroad about alternative pre-departure orientation viewing options. I must attend or view the pre-departure orientation in order to participate in the Program.

3. I understand that my Program officially starts and ends on the dates listed on the Program brochure on the UConn Education Abroad website.

4. I agree to adhere to the UConn Education Abroad Withdrawal and Refund Policy (see Section V) should I need to withdraw from my Program.

5. I understand that while I am participating in my Program, I remain subject to and bound by all currently existing University policies, including, but not limited to, the UConn Education Abroad Student Guide and the UConn’s Responsibilities of Community Life: The Student Code (hereafter “Student Code”).

6. I acknowledge that my Program is intended to immerse me in a foreign culture that will result in challenges, both personally and academically. I accept responsibility for dealing with those challenges that will result in my immersion in an intercultural space that may be very different from my prior point of reference.

7. I understand that I am ineligible to participate in any Program if I am on University Probation at any point during the application, after UConn Education Abroad has Accepted my application, or after I have Committed to
my Program. If I am placed on University Probation after I have Committed
to my Program, I understand that I am still responsible to pay the non-
refundable $475 Study Abroad Fee and any other fees incurred on my behalf.

II. ACADEMIC CREDIT

1. I understand that I must remain a full-time student while participating in this
Program. I will enroll in the equivalent of at least twelve (12) credit hours per
semester term or six (6) credit hours per summer term, unless otherwise
indicated on the Program brochure.

2. I understand that the maximum number of credit hours that I am able to
transfer back to UConn is eighteen (18) credit hours per semester and thirty-
six (36) credit hours per year, unless I obtain special permission to do
otherwise, and eight (8) credit hours for each summer session, unless I
obtain special permission, regardless of the number of credits accrued at the
host organization or institution.

3. I understand that I am responsible for obtaining course approvals from
departmental faculty evaluators for all courses I take abroad (unless the
course has an equivalent, pre-approved UConn course number published on
the UConn Education Abroad website). Courses that have not been pre-
approved must go through the course alignment process to be assigned
equivalent UConn course numbers and credits. I agree to complete this
alignment process by the end of the semester after I return from my
Program. I acknowledge that courses that I do not submit on time for
alignment will be listed as UNIV foreign study courses (with grades) on my
UConn transcript, which may not count toward major/minor requirements. If
no foreign transcript is received, UConn will record F grades.

4. I understand that substitutions for major, minor, and related course
requirements are at the discretion of the individual academic
departments/schools.

5. I understand that all academic coursework I take as a part of my Program
will appear on my official UConn transcript with UConn course numbers,
grades, and credits, including UNIV assignment if I do not obtain timely
course approvals. Approved courses and credit will appear directly on my
UConn transcript only after UConn Education Abroad has received an official
transcript from my Program provider, as well as course approvals for all my
courses abroad. I acknowledge that failure to follow these instructions will
result in delays in my credit transfer.

6. I agree to adhere to the academic calendar and regulations of my host
institution or organization, as well as those of UConn (and my home
institution if applicable).

III. PROGRAM FEES AND OTHER FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. I agree to pay for tuition, fees, housing, food, transportation, activities,
and/or other expenses (hereafter “Program Fees”) according to the terms
designated by UConn Education Abroad for this Program. I further
understand that should I withdraw from this program, these charges to my
student account are subject to the terms and conditions of the UConn Education Abroad Withdrawal and Refund Policy (see Section V). I understand that these costs may be subject to change in the event that 1) fees are raised by the host organization or institution, 2) for exchange programs, tuition and fees or room costs increase at UConn, and/or 3) currency exchange rate fluctuations cause an increase in the equivalent US dollars needed to pay tuition and other educational expenses in foreign currencies.

2. If I am participating in a third party Program, I agree to pay the Program Fees to the third party according to the terms designated by the third party. If I choose to dispute the charges or seek a refund, I understand that I must work directly with the third party organization and that UConn Education Abroad cannot act on my behalf nor be involved in the dispute.

3. I understand that my digital signature below and subsequent Commitment to this Program authorizes UConn Education Abroad to bill all fees listed as billable items on my Program’s Budget Sheet (found on the Program’s online brochure) to my Student Administration account (hereafter “fee bill”).

4. I understand that if I am not currently a University of Connecticut student I agree to send the non-refundable Study Abroad Fee of $475.00 directly to the UConn Education Abroad within ten days of receiving my Acceptance from UConn Education Abroad to secure my place in the program.

5. I understand that UConn Tuition Remission Grants, tuition waivers, and academic scholarships (such as Day of Pride, Nutmeg, Presidential, Leadership and Academic Excellence Scholarship) are only applicable to programs charging UConn Tuition (such as exchange programs).

IV. FLIGHTS

1. A. I understand that I can determine if my Program includes round-trip flight travel by checking the Program’s Budget Sheet. If my Program includes round-trip flight travel, “Airfare” or “Round Trip Airline Ticket” will be listed as a billable item.
   B. I understand that if my Program includes round-trip flight travel, UConn Education Abroad will purchase tickets for the entire group participating on the program. Student group flight travel arrangements are made for Programs based on specific factors and needs.
   C. By signing this document I verify that, if I am a participant of a Program that provides group flight travel, I am expected to partake in this mandatory student group flight.

2. In the event that I am unable or choose not to participate in the Program’s mandatory student group flight, I understand that I will provide UConn Education Abroad with a written explanation detailing why I cannot join the mandatory student group flight. I understand that UConn Education Abroad will review my statement and determine if the reason identifies an extenuating circumstance giving sound justification to release me from the Program’s mandatory student group flight.

3. I understand that, if airfare is not listed as a billable expense on my Program’s Budget Sheet, then I am responsible for booking my own flight.
UConn Education Abroad may recommend a flight on which I may travel with other Program participants. If I participate in this flight, I may have access to an airport transfer if my Program provides it. If I do not participate in this recommended flight, I realize that I am responsible for my own airport transfer and ground transportation. I acknowledge that I may need to arrange my flight in advance of acquiring my visa or other legal status documents and take responsibility for arranging these tasks in a timely manner.

V. WITHDRAWAL AND REFUND POLICY

1. I understand that, after I Commit to this Program, the $475 Study Abroad Fee will be placed on my UConn fee bill. I understand that this fee is non-refundable unless I am not also accepted by the host institution (e.g., a foreign university or third-party provider) or if UConn Education Abroad cancels the Program.

2. I understand and agree that if I withdraw from my Program, I must submit a Withdrawal Form to UConn Education Abroad in order to formalize my withdrawal. This written notification must include my reasons for withdrawal. I also understand that my withdrawal is effective only upon that the date of receipt of written notification by UConn Education Abroad.

3. In the event of a withdrawal, I understand that I am responsible for informing all other relevant officials of my Program (e.g. faculty leader, host institution, etc.) about my withdrawal.

4. I understand that, as soon as I Commit to my Program, UConn Education Abroad immediately may begin to pay for my Program expenses or encumber funds on my behalf for that purpose. As a result, I am undertaking a financial obligation to UConn Education Abroad and any third parties to pay my Program Fees in full regardless of whether I participate in the Program. If I withdraw from my Program at any time or for any reason after I have Committed, UConn Education Abroad may not be able to refund any of my Program Fees, above and beyond the non-refundable Study Abroad Fee or the Application Fee.

5. I acknowledge that, if awarded a Global Citizenship, Regional Campus, or Veterans Scholarship, I must renounce that award if I withdraw from the Program, and UConn Education Abroad will bill my UConn fee bill any outstanding expenses as a result.

6. I understand that, if I withdraw from the Program as a result of my failure to comply with passport, visa, or legal status requirements within my control in a timely manner, UConn Education Abroad will not refund any of my Program Fees.
7. I understand that any airline tickets I purchase are my own personal financial responsibility and will not impact whether I am Accepted into my Program. I acknowledge that UConn Education Abroad advises I should purchase affordable and refundable airline tickets and/or trip cancellation insurance to help safeguard me against losses or penalties should my Program be canceled or Program dates change. I acknowledge that UConn Education Abroad assumes no responsibility for such losses or penalties connected to airline tickets I purchase on my own.

8. I understand that, if I am using federal financial aid and withdraw from my Program, it is my responsibility to contact the Office of Student Financial Aid Services, as my withdrawal may affect my financial aid package.

9. I understand that if I am participating in an academic year, Fall, or Spring Program and I withdraw or am dismissed from my Program after the start of the UConn semester, I will also be withdrawn from the University of Connecticut for that semester. I understand that I must contact the UConn Dean of Students Office to determine my status as a student and/or the process for readmission to the University of Connecticut.

VI. CHANGES / CANCELLATIONS

I acknowledge that UConn reserves the right to cancel or make changes or substitutions to the entire Program, courses, faculty, agenda, field trips, itinerary, flight arrangements, and other services as deemed necessary by UConn, the host institution, or their agents or employees. I understand that, even after I Commit to my Program, such changes may occur, and that all fees and expenses are non-refundable unless I am not also accepted by the host institution (e.g., a foreign university or third-party provider) or if UConn Education Abroad cancels the Program outright.

VII. STUDENT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE AND PRIVACY PROVISION

1. I understand that UConn Education Abroad advises that I should discuss my Program with my parents/guardians and share with them any academic and financial materials as well as information related to health and safety, including the elements of risk associated with this Program.

2. I have provided emergency contact information to UConn Education Abroad and agree to update that information as necessary.

3. I understand that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) protects my education records as a student. (For more information about FERPA, I can access UConn’s website at http://ferpa.uconn.edu.) If I so choose, I may grant a waiver to specific individuals through the UConn Registrar to access certain education records. That said, the Registrar's waiver does not cover my Education Abroad records. If I wish to allow a specific individual to have such access, I can complete an Education Abroad FERPA Waiver Request with Education Abroad. During my Program while I
am abroad, I may contact UConn Education Abroad in writing (from my uconn.edu email address) with the individual’s name and the phrase, "I consent." This consent will allow UConn Education Abroad to discuss freely my education abroad records with this person for the duration of my Program and the following UConn semester.

4. I understand that, in order for me to participate in this Program, UConn Education Abroad must be able to share my student records with the Program to which I am applying (e.g. exchange partner universities or international partner institutions) and related third parties. Records may include official and/or unofficial transcripts that may be required in accordance with the Program’s nomination and/or application requirements and any education abroad records essential to conduct the Program. By clicking “Commit” I am authorizing UConn to share such records as required for my Program.

5. I further understand that the Program, including exchange party universities or international partner institutions, likewise may share my education, conduct, medical and/or financial records with UConn Education Abroad that are necessary and essential to complete the Program. By clicking “Commit” I am authorizing UConn and the Program to share such records as required for my Program.

   a. NOTE: For Programs taking place in European countries subject to the EU General Data Protection Regulation, personal data protection laws permit me to withdraw my consent to sharing my personal information while I am in that European country. By withdrawing my consent to share my personal records between UConn and the Program, however, I may be unable to participate in or complete the Program or transfer credit back to UConn. I understand that if I withdraw my consent to share records, it could result in my being forced to withdraw from the Program. For example, UConn Education Abroad cannot award me academic credit for my Program if I prevent my Program provider from sharing my official transcript with UConn. In order to withdraw such consent, I must provide notice to UConn Education Abroad in writing from my uconn.edu email address.

6. I understand that if I am under the age of eighteen (18), I do not have the capacity to sign this contract and I cannot undertake a Program without the written permission of my parents/guardians.

7. I understand that UConn retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact my parents/guardians, roommates, emergency contacts, school officials, or other individuals associated with this Program with regard to health, risk, and
behavioral issues which relate to my participation in this Program. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply.

**VIII. HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS**

1. I certify that I do not have any physical or mental condition which will create a danger or hazard to me, to other participants, or to hosts in the Program.
2. I understand that I am solely responsible for my pre-Program, Program, and post-Program medical care in all respects, including, but not limited to, obtaining and taking necessary medication(s), vaccinations, and any other medical care and treatment. I acknowledge that I am advised to consult a physician qualified in travel medicine, immunizations and infectious/tropical diseases prior to my trip departure.
3. I acknowledge that I may face challenges in managing chronic medical or mental health conditions or accessing medical or mental health care that is not comparable to the standard of care routinely available in the United States. Mild physical or psychological disorders can become serious under the stresses of life while abroad.
4. I know that I have a right to participate in my Program without disclosure of any health information. UConn Education Abroad cannot decide whether I may participate in my Program as a result of any such disclosure. If I provide any health information voluntarily to UConn Education Abroad, it will remain private and will only be shared with any necessary program staff, faculty, or appropriate professionals on an as-needed basis.
5. I acknowledge that UConn Education Abroad will work with my Program to accommodate my health needs as feasibly as possible. I also acknowledge that it is ultimately my personal responsibility to take care of my health and well-being while abroad. UConn Education Abroad cannot guarantee that UConn or my Program abroad will be able to accommodate any or all of the health needs that I disclose.
6. I understand that as a participant in a UConn Education Abroad Program, I am required to purchase the supplementary UConn-approved medical insurance policy, which includes overseas coverage for medical services, emergency medical evacuation, and repatriation of remains, unless comparable insurance coverage is already provided by the host institution or third-party provider. I understand the international medical insurance policy I am required to purchase only covers the duration of the Program, and therefore I will not cancel my student health insurance or other medical insurance policy that covers me in the United States. Further, I understand that, though covered by the UConn-approved policy or other comparable policy, I may be required to pay or show proof of ability to pay in advance for most medical expenses, and that I must file claims directly with the insurance company myself. I understand and acknowledge that, if I am required to be hospitalized while in another country or in the United States during this Program, I will be legally responsible for the payment of such hospitalization and that UConn does not assume any legal responsibility for such payment.
7. In the event of illness or injury, I hereby authorize the Program director or other agents to obtain emergency or other medical treatment as deemed necessary, including administration of an anesthetic or other medication and surgery, and I hereby assume the cost of such treatment. I understand that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power on the part of UConn to give specific consent to the diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which is deemed advisable in the best judgment of a licensed medical care provider.

IX. CONDITIONS RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

1. I acknowledge that I am fully aware that risks and hazards associated with off-campus travel and residence may include personal injury; death; property theft; robbery and other violent crimes; political or civil unrest; and natural and environmental hazards, including unsanitary conditions, disease, dangerous animals, and hazardous natural geographic features. I further understand that other countries have different laws, regulations or standards; may have few or no laws, regulations or standards; or may not enforce their existing laws, regulations or standards, including, but not limited to, those related to health, welfare, safety, crime, regulation of businesses and transportation in any form (including travel by sea, land or air).

2. I understand and acknowledge that it is my responsibility to register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at https://step.state.gov/step/, a free service provided by the US State Department to keep US citizens updated on any crisis in the area in which they are traveling. I also will look for country-specific, travel alerts, and travel warnings on the State Department website. I further understand and acknowledge that it is my responsibility to obtain current health information, including recommended precautions for the area in which I am traveling, at http://www.cdc.gov/travel/index.htm the website of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

3. I understand that, prior to commencement of any travel, I must inform the faculty leader (if applicable) of any travel outside of the city hosting my Program. I understand that I am solely responsible for all independent travel throughout the duration of the Program. I confirm that I have discussed my plans with my parent or guardian and have consulted University policies. I understand that UConn may be unable to intervene or assist on my behalf once I have left the Program site. In certain locations, I understand that UConn Education Abroad may not be able to render any assistance whatsoever.

4. I understand that local driving laws and practices are unlike those in the U.S. UConn strongly discourages students from driving, renting, leasing or owning a motor vehicle while participating on the Program. I understand that UConn will not assist students with any personal motor vehicle-related issues, including problems resulting from the use of vehicles or accidents before,
during, or after the Program. I understand that if I own / lease / rent / drive that I do so at my own risk.

X. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO STUDENT CONDUCT

1. I understand that if I currently have an unresolved Student Code allegation or an active sanction resulting in University Probation or higher at UConn or a similar pending allegation or sanction at my home institution, I am not eligible to participate in a Program through UConn until such case has been resolved or sanctions are no longer in place.

2. I understand that if I have a significant conduct history with the Office of Community Standards, UConn Education Abroad and Community Standards reserve the right to discuss my record as it pertains to my Program, as well as make a determination in regard to my eligibility to participate in it.

3. I understand that my conduct during the Program inside and outside the classroom reflects upon UConn and the host institution, and I agree that I shall abide by and am subject to the Student Code, as well as by the policies, rules and regulations of the specific Program, host institution and the host country. I understand that examples of misconduct include, but are not limited to: violation of laws of my host country; abuse of alcohol, or use or abuse of illegal drugs; disturbing the peace or disrupting the community; repeated failure to control noise levels in student housing facilities; disruption of the academic environment of the Program, including repeated failure to participate in class assignments or to attend mandatory excursions; academic misconduct, including plagiarism and cheating; vandalism perpetrated against public or private property; assault or sexual assault.

4. I am also aware that in other countries, certain behaviors (including, but not limited to dress, manners, sexual conduct, different standards of morality, expression of political views, use of vulgar language, and drug use) are unacceptable and/or illegal and could lead to possible disruption of my participation in the Program. I understand that I am solely responsible and have an affirmative responsibility to seek information about cultural norms, particularly unacceptable behaviors in the countries where I am traveling prior to departure, and I agree to act in an appropriate manner at all times, both when I am in the company of other Program members and when I am physically separated from fellow Program members.

5. I also agree that I will abide by all terms and conditions of the housing agreement associated with the Program, including payment of deposit, check-in and check-out dates, and any other behavior expectations as outlined by the proprietor or institution in charge of the housing accommodations.

6. I agree that if the faculty leader, the Director of Education Abroad, and/or the Director of Community Standards believe my conduct is in violation of the Student Code, the institution’s housing agreement and/or this Contract, my participation in the Program may be terminated. I understand that if I am asked to leave the Program, I risk forfeiture of all course credit, Program Fees, and other associated fees.
7. I acknowledge and understand that, if I should encounter or cause any legal problem with any foreign nationals or with the government of a host country, I shall be personally and financially responsible for its resolution and that UConn is not responsible for assisting and may be unable to assist me under these circumstances.

8. I acknowledge and understand that UConn Education Abroad will communicate with me primarily through email and I agree to monitor the email account on record with UConn Education Abroad before, during, and immediately after the dates of this Program to receive any messages sent to me by UConn Education Abroad or its agents.

XI. DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

I understand that, if I am an individual with a disability that requires reasonable accommodation, I am responsible for contacting either the Center for Students with Disabilities and/or UConn Education Abroad as soon as possible to assess the availability of such accommodation on this Program. I further understand that U.S. disability laws do not apply overseas and that it is ultimately my personal responsibility to take care of my health and well-being while abroad. UConn Education Abroad cannot guarantee that UConn or my Program abroad will be able to accommodate the disabilities that I disclose.

XII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND LIABILITY RELEASE

As part of the consideration for participating in this Program, it is my express intent to release and hold UConn and the State of Connecticut and its officers, agents and employees harmless, herein releasing UConn and the State of Connecticut and its officers, agents and employees from any and all liability, claims, demands and/or actions that may arise from injury or harm to me or my property or harm or injury to others, including death, that may be sustained by me or by others while participating in this Program. Such losses, damages and injuries include, but are not limited to: a) expenses or losses due to my failure to obtain passport, visas or other legal status documents, traveler’s checks, and tickets or my failure to safeguard properly these items or any other property of mine; b) losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, natural disasters or other such causes; c) any disruption of travel arrangements and any consequent additional expenses that may be incurred as a result; and d) any failure, due to bankruptcy or otherwise, of any of the companies providing transportation, hotel, food, tour services, or other goods or services. I am fully aware of the risks and hazards associated with this activity and with foreign travel and residence. I understand that this release includes all transportation to and from the Program and all aspects of my time overseas, whether my activities are directly related to the Program or not. I understand that it is possible for me to complete my degree program without participating in an Education Abroad Program, and I acknowledge that my participation in this activity is elected by me and not required. I also agree to assume all of the risks and responsibilities in any way associated with this Program and understand that this Acknowledgement of Risk and Liability Release shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, as well as my
estate, family, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a "Release, Waiver, Discharge and Covenant" not to sue UConn or the State of Connecticut. I further agree to save and hold harmless, indemnify and defend UConn and the State of Connecticut from any claim by my family or me or by others arising out of my participation in this Program. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risk of loss, damage, or personal injury, including death, and for any property damage that may be sustained by me as a result of participation in this Program.

XIII. CONTRACT PROVISIONS

1. **Not Agent:** I acknowledge and understand that UConn in no way represents or acts as an agent for the host institution, the transportation carriers, hotels, or other suppliers of services connected with this Program. I understand that all services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided.

2. **Governing Law:** This contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this contract or this Program. The terms of this contract shall be severable, such that, if a court of competent jurisdiction holds any term to be illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law governing this agreement, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby.

3. **Claims:** I agree that the sole and exclusive means for the presentation of any claim against the State of Connecticut or UConn arising from this Contract shall be in accordance with Chapter 53 of the Connecticut General Statutes (Claims Against the State) and I further agree not to initiate any legal proceedings in any state or federal court in addition to, or in lieu of, said Chapter 53 proceedings.

4. **Publicity and Publication:** UConn Education Abroad reserves the right to take photographic or film records of any Program or Program participant. I understand that UConn may use such records for promotional and/or commercial purposes without limitation and without additional permission and/or liability.