

VITERBO UNIVERSITY – STUDY ABROAD OFFICE
Study Abroad and/or Study Away Agreement, Code of Conduct and Release and Waiver of Liability

-STUDY ABROAD AND/OR STUDY AWAY AGREEMENT-

I, _____, a student or participant at Viterbo University (Viterbo), have agreed to participate in Viterbo's study abroad and/or study away program in _____ (program location) from _____ (program dates) until _____ ("the Program"). In consideration for being allowed to participate in the Program, I hereby agree and represent that:

1. ***On-Campus Policies and Code of Conduct.*** I understand that I am to adhere to the Viterbo policy on alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, as outlined in the Viterbo University Student Handbook, regardless of local country laws. I also understand that I am to adhere to the Viterbo on-campus Code of Student Conduct, in addition to the Study Abroad and/or Study Away Code of Conduct.
2. ***Viterbo's Right to Alter Program.*** I understand that, although Viterbo will attempt to maintain the Program as described in its publications and brochures, it reserves the right to change the Program, including the duration, curriculum, itinerary, travel arrangements, vendors or accommodations, at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and that Viterbo, its Board, or its employees and agents, shall not be responsible or liable for any expenses or losses that I may incur because of these changes.

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3. ***Personal and Academic Conduct.*** The policies and procedures of Viterbo, including but not limited to the Viterbo Student Code of Conduct, shall govern my participation in the Program. I agree to obey such policies and procedures at all times. Should the Faculty or any other official representative of Viterbo decide that I must be separated from the Program because of a violation of stated rules, for disruptive behavior, or for any conduct that might bring the Program into disrepute or its participants into legal or physical jeopardy; I recognize that this decision will be final. I accept that separation from the Program will result in the loss of all academic credits. If I am separated from the Program, I remain responsible for all Program costs incurred on my behalf. I acknowledge that it is Viterbo's expectation that my conduct will be appropriate to the culture and country I am visiting.
 - I will strive to understand and respect the cultures that I encounter.

- I will observe the laws of the country or countries in which the Program is located and all academic and disciplinary regulations in effect at the host institution.
- As a student at Viterbo or participant in a Viterbo program, I will also continue to adhere to Viterbo's Student Code of Conduct.
- I will attend all program activities and classes or make specific alternate arrangements with on-site program directors. I recognize that unauthorized absences are grounds for disciplinary action and possible dismissal from the program.

4. Host Country and Institution Laws. I understand that I will be subject to and I agree to obey the laws, regulations and policies of the host countries and institutions where the Program is located.

5. Ejection from Country and/or Separation from Program. I acknowledge that violation of any policy, law, or regulation of the host or home country, countries or institutions may subject me to penalties, including ejection from the country, Program, institution or such other disciplinary action as may be applicable. I understand that Viterbo reserves the right to separate me from the Program at any time should my actions or general behavior, in the sole discretion of Viterbo, be determined to impede or obstruct the progress of the Program in any way, or in any fashion undermine the credibility and reputation of the Program or Viterbo.

6. Faculty and Program Leader Authority. I hereby agree that I shall be subject to the authority of the Viterbo faculty and staff in charge of the Program. I further acknowledge that Viterbo faculty and staff have the sole authority to make decisions regarding the continued participation of any individual in the Program whose conduct may necessitate disciplinary action, including but not limited to, separation from the Program.

7. Severability. I agree that, should any provision or aspect of this agreement be found to be unenforceable, that all remaining provisions of the agreement will remain in full force and effect.

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8. Release of liability. I understand that, although Viterbo has made every reasonable effort to assure my safety while participating in the Program, there are unavoidable risks in international travel. For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Program involving travel and study outside the United States of America, I, being of lawful age and under no legal disability, on my own behalf, as well as on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, do hereby release Viterbo, the Board and their employees, officers and agents, from any liability, cause of action, demand for damages, expenses, compensation and claim on account of or in any way growing out of personal injuries, death or property damage which may result from my participation in the Program. I further expressly waive my right to bring a legal action of any kind for any of the claims released. I

realize that travel and study outside the United States of America involves risk of personal injury, death, or property damage. Some of the risks which I specifically acknowledge are the risk of travel mishaps, such as motor vehicle collisions and plane crashes; natural disasters, such as earthquakes and floods; contagious disease; animal attack; insect and animal bites; acts of civil disobedience or terrorism; criminal acts, such as assault, kidnapping and theft; observation of and participation in sports and recreational activities. I assume personal responsibility for the consequences of the exemplar risks and all other potential hazards, which may arise in connection with my travel or study abroad, which may result in injury, death, or damage to property.

9. Medical agreement and release. If an emergency develops which requires immediate medical care, I authorize representatives of the program to secure any necessary treatment, including hospitalization and/or the administration of an anesthetic and surgery.

10. Use of photos and testimonials. I agree that Viterbo may use photographs taken during the education abroad experience and statements made in written program evaluations in study abroad promotional literature, websites, or posters. Viterbo reserves copyright of all photos and promotional literature used by the university.

11. Independent travel. I agree to exempt Viterbo from any responsibility should I engage in any independent travel during the program (including, but not limited to, recreational travel before, during, or after the program, or other activities not directly related to program participation). I assume responsibility for my own health, safety, and responsibility for all of my luggage and valuables when undertaking in independent travel. I furthermore agree to inform the Viterbo program lead so that in case of emergency I may be contacted.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand and will abide by each of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. I understand it fully and execute it voluntarily.

Signature of Applicant

Date