

ASSUMPTION OF RISK and CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Business, Culture and Education Study Tour in China, Summer 2010 Center for International Programs, Marshall University

Read CAREFULLY and initial on each line indicating that you understand and agree with the specified statement.

Travel Risks

_____ I realize that international travel and study, including participation in study abroad, involves significant inherent hazards and risks, both foreseeable, including travel in difficult terrain and inclement weather; inadequate or unhealthy food and water supplies; accidents or collisions involving planes, trains, buses, automobiles, or other modes of transportation; act of terrorism, vandalism, or war; storms, earthquakes, or other natural disasters; government restriction or regulation; theft or other criminal acts; and accident or illness in remote locations without access to appropriate medical facilities. These risks and hazards may result in serious physical injury, illness, death, and damage to or loss property, and I assume all such risk.

_____ In consideration of the Marshall University, Center for International Programs (MU-CIP) permitting me to participate in this experience, I hereby release and covenant not to sue and forever discharge MU_CIP, its Trustees, officers and employees from all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, and losses arising out of, or in any way related to my selection of or participation in, or in any way connected with my study abroad program.

Academic Policies and Procedures

_____ The Study in China program is first and foremost an academic experience. Participants are expected to participate to the fullest extent of the program (i.e., orientation, seminars, group trips and activities, standards of academic work and responsible conduct).

Code of Conduct

_____ The program arranged by MU-CIP is a supervised program and certain standards must be observed. All participants must at all times comply with MU-CIP rules, standards, and instructions for student conduct and behavior as well as any stated codes of conduct from the host institution/agency. MU-CIP reserves the right to enforce appropriate standards of conduct and specifically reserves the right to terminate the participation of any student for failure to maintain these standards or for any actions of conduct which MU-CIP considers to be incompatible with the interest, harmony, comfort or welfare of participants.

_____ In particular, either possession/consumption of controlled substances (by U.S. definition, or that of any other country visited) or alcohol impairment/abuse may result in immediate termination from the program. Participants are expected to act responsibly at all times.

_____ If any participant should have his or her participation terminated in accordance with conditions above, then MU-CIP shall have the right to require the participant to leave the program without refund of participation fees.

_____ I understand that during free time, my absence from group activities, and during my independent travel, neither MU-CIP nor my host staff is responsible for me and/or my actions.

_____ I understand that as an American citizen (or foreign citizen) in another country, I will be subject to the laws of that country. I agree to conduct myself in a manner that will comply with host country laws and with the regulations of my Host University and/or program. I understand that the program has the right to terminate my participation in the program if, in the judgment of my host, my conduct is unacceptable and/or disruptive.

Cost and Payments

_____ I understand that I am solely responsible for all costs incurred by and related to my voluntary participation in the program.

_____ I understand that I am solely responsible for any and all costs arising out of my own voluntary or involuntary withdrawal from the program prior to its completion, including withdrawal caused by illness or disciplinary action.

_____ I understand that I am required to have adequate health, accident, and evacuation insurance to cover myself during participation in the program, including travel before and after my program.

Authorization and Agreement:

- I certify that the information on application is true and accurate.
- I hereby waive my right of access to letters of reference, which may be submitted in support of my application.
- I understand that if any information is found to be false, my application will be terminated.

By signing this document, I hereby acknowledge that I understand and accept the above costs and conditions of this activity.

Signature of Participant

Date

Printed Name of Participant