UMass Short-term Study Abroad Programs: Contract for Behavior

Program Name:________________________________________
Faculty Director Name:_________________________________
Program Dates:________________________________________

I understand that while abroad, I am part of a community of University of Massachusetts students. I also represent the University of Massachusetts and the United States of America in the eyes of my foreign hosts. Therefore, I promise to adhere to the following rules specific to this study/tour:

• Be on time for classes, excursions, plane or bus departures; I will have a watch.
• Attend all class meetings, participate in group excursions, etc.
• Be attentive and respectful in class which may include class during bus/van rides or visits to cultural sites, places of worship
• Behave appropriately (no unruly, rude, violent, drunken or disruptive behavior) in class, on the plane or bus, in the hotels/guest houses, homestays, residences, or on class excursions; this includes no large gatherings in your hotel room
• Limit the use of my phone and other technology to appropriate times and not let it affect my ability to interact with the group or to the experience my surroundings in-country
• Observe the laws and standards of acceptable conduct regarding dress, manners, drug/alcohol use in the country or countries through which I am traveling
• If a smoker, I will smoke only in designated places in-country; I am aware that many of our accommodations are Non-smoking.
• I will not go out alone especially at night or accept rides from strangers, and will make every effort to stay in small groups when not participating in program activities.
• I will not engage in risky behaviors that will endanger myself or that could, potentially, severely disrupt the entire program.
• If I know of a serious situation that could jeopardize a fellow student or the program and I do not report it to the Faculty Director, I am part of the problem.
• I will watch out for my traveling companions and do what I can to help keep them safe.
• I understand that if I am expelled from this program it will negatively affect my ability to participate in any future UMass approved or sponsored study abroad programs.

I understand that if I violate any of these rules, I will be warned once verbally and in writing by the course instructor.

If the behavior occurs again, I understand that I will be withdrawn from the course and the trip. It will then be my responsibility to make my own way home. My parents/guardians will be informed of this action and I will be responsible for covering the cost of the emergency plane ticket back to the United States.

I understand that neither the UMass Faculty Director nor the US Embassy in-country can obtain release from jail if I am jailed for any reason.

If I am in a program which takes place predominantly in one location, and it is possible to take weekend trips, I understand that I am responsible for submitting to the instructor a written travel plan for my weekend travel, including dates, method of travel and name/location of expected accommodation. Further, I understand that neither the University of Massachusetts, nor its faculty/staff, are responsible for any non-program sponsored travel by myself.

Name (Please print): _______________________________________
Signature:________________________________________________
Date:____________________________________________________

Name of Faculty Director (Please print):_______________________
Signature:______________________________________________
Date:___________________________________________________