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COVID-19 Acknowledgement Form

The public health risk from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic is real. It is known to spread very quickly via person-to-person transmission, and may spread without any obvious symptoms. As UMass Amherst continues to respond to this pandemic, we are adhering to federal, state and local regulations and guidelines to minimize the spread of the virus. However, this is a collective and unified effort, with everyone sharing in the obligation to do their part to be, and stay, safe.

Participation in UMass study abroad involves a real and potential risk of personal injury including contracting COVID-19, as well as the loss of academic credits and financial repercussions resulting from the disruption of a program.

As a participant in a study abroad program, I have been advised and I acknowledge that:

- UMass will not be financially liable for unrecoverable program fees, return travel costs, or other personal expenditures lost as a result of my program's cancellation.
- UMass will not be able to provide academic accommodations if my program is cancelled or otherwise interrupted. I understand and acknowledge that cancellation of a study abroad program after the add/drop date may result in the loss of an entire semester's worth of credit, and that any academic accommodations provided by the study-abroad program, if offered, may not be accepted by UMass.
- I understand and acknowledge that my study-abroad program or host university may modify or interrupt in-person teaching and move to remote or online instruction with little or no notice to respond to surges in COVID-19 infection rates or in response to local government instructions.
- UMass will not be able to provide residential accommodations or quarantine arrangements, on campus in Amherst or elsewhere in the world, in the event of the cancellation or interruption of my program. I understand and acknowledge that I am solely responsible for making my own residential accommodations should I be ordered to quarantine or self-isolate while attending my study-abroad program, unless such arrangements are provided by my host program or university.
- Insurance coverage provided by UMass does not cover evacuation or other accommodations due to disruption to travel plans resulting from a pandemic. Coverage does include medical expenses resulting from the treatment of COVID-19, but does not extend to losses for travel and accommodation expenses. I understand and acknowledge that I am solely responsible for these expenses.



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- A study abroad program, host institution, or local government entity may require me to self-quarantine upon arrival to their destination, and that this quarantine accommodation will be at my own expense. The terms, costs and enforcement of such quarantine(s) is outside the purview of UMass.
- I understand and acknowledge that upon return from my time abroad I may be required to self-quarantine, and the details and costs of such arrangements are solely my responsibility.
- I understand and acknowledge that a study abroad program, host institution, or local government entity may require me to submit to testing regimes, provide reports on body-temperature readings, share travel and contact information upon request, and submit to self-isolation and/or quarantine at any point during my program.
- I understand and acknowledge that arrangements for continuity of care and/or treatment of any existing medical or mental health conditions are my responsibility and should be made prior to the start of my program, and should account for possible travel restrictions and/or lockdowns.
- I understand and acknowledge that US Consular Services and American Citizen Services may be unavailable, restricted, or cancelled without notice, in my program's destination.
- I understand and acknowledge that cancellations and disruptions to travel arrangements, as well as local and national lockdowns may limit or adversely impact my ability to arrive to – or depart from – my program, as well as possibly inhibit my movement within my program's country.
- I understand and acknowledge that it is in my best interest to plan one or more contingencies for early departure, pack accordingly, and monitor local news and reliable and reputable information sources to ensure that I am fully informed and aware of the situation in my program's location.

By digitally signing, I confirm that I have read the above COVID-19 Acknowledgement Form, fully understand the terms, and agree to be legally bound by them.