

**WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE STUDIES**

**CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION
GENERAL RELEASE AND WAIVER FORM**

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

STUDENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

PROGRAM DATES: _____

Dear Cambridge Program Participant,

As with all academic programs, certain conditions must be adhered to in order to preserve program's integrity. As a necessary precaution to protect the State of New York, the State University of New York and Westchester Community College, the conditions are listed below. We ask that you read them carefully and indicate with your signature that you understand them and will comply.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Participation

Students must maintain an adequate standard of academic work in the program and behave responsibly in their living situation and on group excursions. The student agrees to participate fully in all portions of the program and further agrees that any deviation from the program design must be requested in advance and in writing by the student and must be approved by the Cambridge program director and WCC instructor.

Policy

The student agrees to read and abide by the materials provided by Westchester Community College, especially those relating to course requirements, financial obligations and other pertinent information.

Host Regulations

The student agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations as set out by the host institution and/or host country, and by all the laws pertaining to his/her student status. The student also acknowledges and understands that should he/she develop legal problems with any foreign nationals or government of the host country, the student will attend to the matter personally with his or her own personal funds. SUNY Westchester Community College is not responsible for providing any assistance under such circumstances.

While in the host country, students must refrain from any form of political activity for their own safety.

Breaches of local law of the host community or country are referred to and handled by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Medical Treatment

In the event of illness or injury to the student, the undersigned authorizes any official representative of SUNY Westchester Community College or the host institution overseas to secure medical treatment on the student's behalf, including surgery and the administration of an anesthetic, and the undersigned and student accept all financial responsibility for such treatment.

Payment

The student (and his/her parent/guardian, if financially dependent) is aware of the nature and the cost of the program and will guarantee that all financial obligations will be/have been met.

Dismissal from Program

SUNY Westchester Community College or its agent reserves the right to dismiss any student for reasons of unacceptable personal behavior and/or academic participation. Such dismissal will be without refund and return transportation to the point of origin will be at the student's expense. In addition, access to accommodations arranged by the College will be denied to students dismissed from the Program.

The student agrees that the program coordinator may terminate his/her participation in the program if:

- a) The student engages in action endangering himself/herself, or others;
- b) The student's acts or conduct are considered to be detrimental to, or incompatible with the best interest and welfare of the program.

There are some basic and inviolable rules of behavior related to every program.

1. **Illegal drugs in any form are not tolerated**, and students dependent on their use should not apply. Laws state that possession or use of illegal drugs is punishable by fines, imprisonment, and/or deportation. Students in a program found using or possession illegal drugs in any form are subject to immediate dismissal.
2. Violent behavior results in automatic dismissal.
3. Sexual behavior disruptive to the program or offensive to the host culture similarly merits dismissal.

Withdrawal from Program

The Undersigned acknowledges that, in the event of the student's withdrawal from the program while abroad, the SUNY Westchester Community College, in consultation with the foreign coordinators, will work to determine the amount of refund, if any. Final determination of refund, if any, may not be made until the Program ends.

Travel and Accommodation

The Undersigned acknowledges and agrees to accept all responsibility for loss or additional expenses due to delays or other changes in the means of transportation, other services, or sickness, weather, strikes, or other unforeseen causes. The Undersigned acknowledges and understands that SUNY Westchester Community College assumes no liability whatsoever for any loss, damage, destruction, theft or the like to the student's luggage or personal belongings, and certifies that the student has retained adequate insurance or has sufficient funds to replace such belongings.

The Undersigned acknowledges and understands that in the event the student becomes detached from the trip group, fails to meet a departure bus, airplane, or train, or becomes sick or injured, the student will bear all responsibility to seek out, contact, and research the trip group at its next available destination, and that the student shall bear all cost attendant to contact and reaching the trip group at its next available destination.

Student is solely responsible for securing all necessary immunizations prior to departure.

All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided.

Disclaimer of College's Responsibility

The Undersigned understands that SUNY Westchester Community College in no way represents, or acts as agent for the transportation carriers, hotels, and other suppliers of services connected with this program. The Undersigned further understands and agrees that SUNY Westchester Community College, its officers, employees, and agents are:

- Not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in providing or performing any of the services involved in this program;
- Not responsible for losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, natural disasters, or other such causes;
- Not responsible for any disruption of travel arrangements, or any consequent additional expenses that may be incurred therefrom.

GENERAL RELEASE AND WAIVER

The Undersigned understands that there are certain dangers, hazards, and risks inherent in international travel and the activities included in this program, which also could involve serious and even mortal injuries and property damage, and that the State University of New York and SUNY Westchester Community College do not assume responsibility for any such personal injuries or property damage. Understanding the dangers, hazards and risks of such activities, the Undersigned agrees to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding the student's participation in the program, the transportation and in any independent activities undertaken as an adjunct thereto, and hereby releases, discharges and holds harmless the State University of New York, SUNY Westchester Community College, and its officers, employees, and agents from any actions, claims or liability of any nature whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury that may be sustained by the student or by any property of the student arising by reason of any travel or other activity related to this program.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

DATE

BIRTH DATE OF STUDENT

CURRENT AGE

IF THE STUDENT SIGNING ABOVE IS NOT YET 18 YEARS OF AGE, THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT MUST ALSO SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM.

SIGNATURE OF ABOVE-NAMED
STUDENT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE