

**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY, RELEASE AND
AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY-LED PROGRAM**

I, _____, am a student at Youngstown State University (YSU). I have agreed to participate in one of YSU's Faculty-Led Programs. My participation in this Program is wholly voluntary. In consideration of being allowed to participate in this Program, I hereby agree as follows:

1) I understand that there are certain dangers, hazards and risks inherent in international travel and in the activities included in the Faculty-Led Program, which could include property damage, serious personal injury or illness. I understand that YSU does not assume responsibility for any such personal injuries, illness or property damage. I understand that YSU will purchase an insurance policy of comprehensive health and accident insurance for participants which provides coverage for repatriation and evacuation and injuries and illnesses I sustain or experience overseas, and, more specifically, in the countries in which I will be living and/or traveling while in the Program. I understand that this insurance does not cover any medical treatment in the United States. I absolve YSU of all responsibility and liability for any injuries, illnesses, claims, damages, charges, bills and/or expenses I may incur while I am abroad. I agree to report to YSU any physical or mental condition I have which may require special medical attention or accommodation during the Program at least ninety (90) days prior to departure.

In consideration of my permission to participate in the Faculty-Led Program, I hereby release, discharge, hold harmless, and indemnify YSU, its officers, employees and agents from all liability, as defined herein, arising out of, or in connection with my participation in the Faculty-Led Program. Liability means all claims, demands, losses, causes of action, suits, or judgments of any and every kind that the student or student's heirs, executors, administrators or assignees may have against YSU, its officers, employees and agents, because of any death, personal injury or illness, or because of any loss or damage to property, that occurs during the student's participation in the Faculty-Led Program.

2) I understand that YSU reserves the right to make changes to the Program itinerary at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and YSU shall not be liable for any loss whatsoever to participants by reason of any such cancellation or change. YSU is not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers that may result due to operational and/or itinerary changes, regardless of whether the participant or YSU makes a flight arrangement. Any additional expense resulting from the above will be paid by the participant. YSU reserves the right to substitute hotels or accommodations or housing of a similar category at any time. Specific room and housing assignments are within the sole discretion of YSU.

3) I understand and acknowledge that YSU assumes no responsibility or liability, in whole or in part, for any delays, delayed or changed departure or arrival times, fare changes, dishonors of hotel, airline or vehicle rental reservations, missed carrier connections, sickness, disease, injuries (including death), losses, damages, weather, strikes, acts of God, circumstances beyond the control of YSU, force majeure, war, quarantine, civil unrest, public health risks, criminal activity, terrorism, expense, accident, injuries or damage to property, bankruptcies of airlines or other service providers, inconveniences, cessation of operations, mechanical defects, failure or negligence of any nature howsoever caused in connection with any accommodations, restaurant, transportation, or other service or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier beyond YSU's control, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned by any of the foregoing. If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors I am required to spend additional nights, YSU will not be responsible for my hotel, transfers, meal costs or other expenses. My baggage and personal property are transported at my risk entirely. YSU reserves the right to decline to accept or retain me in the Program at any time should my actions or general behavior impede the operation of the Program or the rights or welfare of any person. Similarly, if my conduct violates any policy or procedure of YSU, I understand that I may be required to leave the Program in the sole discretion of YSU's agents and representatives, and may be referred to the appropriate University officials for further disciplinary or other action. In such an event, no refund will be made for any unused portion of the Program. The right is reserved by YSU, in its sole discretion, to cancel the Program or any aspect thereof prior to departure; and, in YSU's sole discretion, to cancel the Program or any aspect thereof after departure, requiring that all participants return to the United States, if YSU determines or believes that any person is or will be in danger if the Program or any aspect thereof is continued.

I, the undersigned, am above the age of 18 and I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand and will abide by each of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Name (printed)

Signature

Date