

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS FORM

Student's Name

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Participating in a Study Abroad program offers you an exciting opportunity to learn and develop in a foreign environment. However, a certain amount of stress due to cultural shock or change in living conditions and facilities is also a normal part of a study abroad experience. In some cases, such stress and adjustment may aggravate disabilities or illnesses which you have under control at home.

Through advising, our pre-departure orientation meeting, and information in our Pre-Departure Handbook, Study Abroad seeks to provide you with information and additional sources of information for you to consult, on the potential risks and hazards of living and traveling in a foreign country, and on how these may impact your health and safety. In compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), EWU, and the Study Abroad Office will work with you to accommodate any disabilities to the extent required by the law.

Upon being accepted to your program, regardless of destination, Study Abroad recommends that you make an appointment to visit the Student Health and Wellness Office. Should you require immunizations or other treatments, you may need to visit a physician for up to three months before your date of departure. Please do not neglect this important feature of travel preparation.

In addition, we expect all participants to purchase the ISIC (International Student Identity Card). This can be purchased from our office or via their web site (<http://www.MyISIC.com>). It is also strongly recommended to purchase additional international travelers insurance from HTH Worldwide or from the EWU Student Accident & Health Insurance Plan. You can find further information in our office.

I have read the above statement and acknowledge that foreign study and travel may present health and safety problems and risks. I further acknowledge that the EWU Study Abroad Office strongly recommends having a physical exam, making any special arrangements for continuing medical care, obtaining specified immunizations, and/or notifying others of dietary restrictions as deemed necessary, prior to my departure for any overseas program.

I have read the above statement. I understand that if I do not purchase travel insurance or the ISIC prior to my departure, EWU will not be responsible for my negligence.

I have read and understand the:

Consular Information Sheet at the Department of State web site (<http://travel.state.gov>) and the Travelers' Health Information at the Center for Disease Control web site (<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinat.htm>) for _____ (specify country). I understand the risks and safety concerns associated with my Study Abroad.

Signature

Date

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