Trinidad and Tobago SEMESTER Program

STUDENT AGREEMENT

PLU Trinidad and Tobago Program adopts the following standards, which form the basis for sensible and responsible behavior and promote a healthy and safe learning community. It is expected that all program members will comply with, and actively support these standards. In addition, PLU’s student conduct policies and other university policies apply.

MUTUAL RESPECT: All members of the T&T Program community are expected to respect the rights and integrity of others. Conduct which is detrimental to students, faculty, staff, or the program, or which violates local or national laws, is grounds for sanctions or dismissal.

VISITORS: Students are expected to follow the visitor rules as set by PLU (after 6pm sign in your visitors and have them sign out). In addition, students must observe evening quiet times (after 10:00 p.m.), when only quiet conversation and music is allowed out of consideration for those who may be studying, resting, or sleeping.

INFORMED OF WHEREABOUTS: Everyone is expected to sign out from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. or at any time when leaving the Caribbean Lodge. Upon leaving, you should indicate time of departure, destination, and expected time of return and sign in upon return (indicating time of return). If your plans change significantly, call one of the students to adjust your destination and/or expected time of return. If you plan to stay away overnight, please complete an “Independent Travel Release Form” (available from the Site Coordinator) and give to the On-Site Coordinator before your planned visit.

TRAVEL VEHICLES: Travel in authorized vehicles only – maxi-taxis, taxicabs, and private cars driven by program participants (i.e. home stay family members and program faculty). Avoid using maxi-taxis at night, especially when alone. Students can use the UWI shuttle bus at night in the vicinity of UWI

ILLEGAL DRUGS, AND ALCOHOL: Any illegal drug use or involvement with others possessing or using illegal drugs is grounds for dismissal from the program and immediate return home. Neither the program nor the U.S. Embassy will help you if you are arrested for possession of illegal drugs. Over use or abuse of alcohol results in disruptive behavior, presents a safety risk, or interferes with participation in, or performance of program activities; it is ground for sanction or dismissal.

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR: Trinidad and Tobago has high rates of HIV/AIDS. Students should be extremely careful not to engage in unprotected sexual activity. Moreover, any sexual behavior that is disruptive to the program will also be grounds for sanction or dismissal.

MUTUAL SUPPORT: It is expected that group members will take care of each other.

Around the Lodge this means:

* Cleaning up after yourself in public areas and the student kitchen
* Respecting others’ property
* Consideration in using community property such as: the TV, washing machine, and clotheslines
* Being considerate of others who are studying by keeping noise levels down

Away from the Lodge this means:

* Traveling in groups and keeping tabs on each other
* Monitoring your own and others’ alcohol consumption
* Not leaving anybody alone or behind
* Speaking up and confronting risky or unsafe behavior
* Putting others’ safety and wellbeing above “having a good time”
* Being respectful and considerate of local customs and people

I understand and agree to uphold these community standards:

Name (print):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Students who do not comply with these community standards may be invited to sign a Letter of Mutual Understanding. PLU reserves the right to dismiss any participant from off-campus study for reasons of unacceptable behavior or academic performance at any time.