STUDENT AGREEMENT FOR SHORT-TERM OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

Participants in PLU Off-Campus Study Programs/Classes are expected to maintain behavior consistent with the PLU Student Code of Conduct, academic performance consistent with PLU’s usual standards, observe rules and laws of the locality in which the Program/Class occurs, behave in a manner that protects their safety and that of others in the group, and reflects positively on PLU as a member of the international educational community.

Pacific Lutheran University considers all forms of PLU sponsored educational opportunities, which occur off the PLU campus to be subject to the same standards of conduct and academic performance as opportunities that occur on campus. In addition, PLU recognizes that off campus learning opportunities may present unique circumstances, which may require greater diligence on the part of students to maintain behavioral and academic excellence. Consistent with this approach, PLU reserves the right to dismiss any participant from off-campus study for reasons of unacceptable behavior or academic performance at any time.

Because every off-campus experience is unique and because it is impossible to anticipate every unique situation that may occur, PLU reserves the right to dismiss any participant from off-campus study for any reason which may, in PLU’s sole discretion, negatively impact PLU or the health, well-being or academic growth of participants. Such dismissal from off-campus study will be without refund of tuition or program fees. Return transportation, if applicable, will be at the student’s expense. Behaviors that violate PLU’s Student Code of Conduct will be reported to the Student Life Division and processed through the Student Conduct system.

There are some basic and inviolable rules of behavior related to every off-campus program or class, including:

1. Students must maintain an adequate standard of academic work in the program and behave responsibly in their living situation and on group excursions.

2. Students must comply with the PLU Student Code of Conduct and other applicable expectations as established by the university, the Wang Center, and/or the program leader(s).

3. For safety and security reasons, while participating in off-campus programs/classes, students must refrain from political activity of any sort, e.g., joining political parties or unions, demonstrations, soliciting political material, or picketing. Avoid activities not covered by international health insurance policy.

4. Illegal drugs in any form are not tolerated. Students must recognize that laws and judicial processes around the world relating to drug use and possession may vary significantly from, and be far more stringent than, those in the United States. Students found using or possessing illegal drugs in any form are subject to immediate dismissal from the program and referral to PLU Student Conduct.

5. Violent behavior results in automatic dismissal from the program and referral to PLU Student Conduct.

6. Sexual behavior that is or could be disruptive to the program will result in dismissal from the program and may be referred to PLU Student Conduct.

7. Breaches of the local law are referred to and handled by the appropriate law enforcement authorities and referred to PLU Student Conduct.

8. Students assume any and all risks involved in off-campus study and the activities they pursue in their free time while on the program. Students remain subject, however, to the behavioral rules and standards identified in this Agreement even during free time while participating in Off-Campus programs/classes. Students may not travel independently to nations on the State Department travel warning list.

(SIGNATURE REQUIRED – SEE NEXT PAGE)
APPLICATION AND NOTIFICATION STATUS

We will begin accepting applications for J-Term 2014 programs on the first day of Spring Semester, February 6, 2013. The maximum number of applications accepted for any course is the course maximum plus 10 additional applications. At that time, the course is considered closed. All applicants will be notified of their application status promptly following the application deadlines, via their PLU student email accounts. The Wang Center must be notified in writing of any withdrawal from a course or cancellation of an application. Applications are not reviewed on a first-come basis.

Accepted Applications: Applicants who are accepted for a position in the class are required to sign an Acceptance Letter and return it to the Wang Center along with their $250 non-refundable program payment to confirm participation. This is due within 10 days of acceptance notification.

Not Accepted Applicants: A number of J-term courses are competitive. Those students who are not accepted into their first choice will automatically be considered for their second choice. Every effort will be made to place a student in an alternative course of their choosing. If a student has no second choice, the $50 application fee will be refunded to their student account. Students not accepted to their first choice program may be asked to revise personal statements.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Cancellation of a program/course: Pacific Lutheran University reserves the right to cancel a program/class at any time. Should circumstances require that PLU cancel a program/class, students will be notified immediately. The timing and cause of the cancellation will determine the exact amount of the refund; all efforts will be made for a full refund on behalf of the student.

Student withdrawal: All students issued Acceptance Letters will be enrolled in the course for which they have been accepted and will be responsible for paying the program fee. The Wang Center must be notified in writing of any withdrawal from a course or cancellation of an application. Withdrawals after August 31, 2013 for J-Term (or after April 1 for summer courses) will forfeit their initial payments ($50 deposit and $250 confirmation) AND will be charged an additional $300 cancellation fee plus charged for any funds already expended on their behalf (travel tickets, entrance fees, theater tickets, etc.). Students withdrawing after December 1 will be responsible for 100% of the program fee as billed to their student account.

Dismissal: Students who are dismissed from off-campus study because of unacceptable personal behavior and/or academic performance are responsible for all program fees and will not receive academic credit for the class.

INSURANCE CERTIFICATION

I understand that as a participant in off-campus programs I am required to have personal health, accident, disability and hospitalization insurance coverage for the duration of the program. I expect and recognize that none of the fees paid for this program go to insurance coverage. I understand that as a participant, I am required to have sufficient personal health, accident, disability and hospitalization insurance coverage for the duration of the program. I expect and recognize that none of the fees paid for this program go to insurance coverage.

STUDENT’S AGREEMENT

As an applicant for the Pacific Lutheran University Off-Campus Program indicated above, and in exchange for being given the opportunity to participate in PLU Off-Campus Study, I agree to the following:

1. I have read, understand and agree to the Student Agreement for Off-Campus Study. I understand and agree to the rules regarding my behavior and academic performance. I also understand that as a PLU student, I will be viewed as a representative of my country and my university. It is my intention to act as a good-will ambassador and conduct myself in a fitting manner. I agree to follow terms of this Agreement, and I understand that violation of this Agreement could lead to dismissal from the program or class, and additional sanctions which could be imposed through PLU’s Student Conduct System.

2. I have read the Refund Policy and agree to pay the program fee and understand my financial obligations in the event of withdrawal or dismissal from the program.

3. I understand that as a participant, I am required to have sufficient personal health, accident, disability and hospitalization insurance coverage.

4. I understand that if I cancel my participation, I am responsible for all cancellation fees incurred. I understand that PLU’s foreign travel insurance does not cover any trip cancellation costs and that I may elect to purchase trip cancellation insurance from an independent provider.

Student Signature _____________________________________ Date___________________________

Printed Name: ____________________________________________________________________________

Name of Course/Faculty Leader ________________________________________________________________________

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