Foreign Travel Waiver
Assumption of Risk & Release Form

THIS IS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS. READ AND UNDERSTAND BEFORE SIGNING.

Name of Applicant (First and Last): ____________________________________________

Date of Birth: ________________________________________________________________
(If applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must also read and sign this form)

Risks of Study Abroad
I understand that participation in the GTCC Study Abroad Program (hereafter “the Program”) specified above involves risks not found in study at Guilford Technical Community College. These include risks involved in traveling to and within, and returning from, one or more foreign countries; foreign political, legal, social, and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances; local medical and weather conditions. I have made my own investigation and am willing to accept the risks.

__ Yes __ No

Institutional Arrangements
I understand that Guilford Technical Community College does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any host institution, host family, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer or other provider of goods or services involved in the Program. I understand that Guilford Technical Community College is not responsible for matters that are beyond its control. I hereby release Guilford Technical Community College from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense arising out of such matters.

__ Yes __ No

Independent Activity
I understand that Guilford Technical Community College is not responsible for any injury or loss I may suffer when I am traveling independently or am otherwise separated or absent from any College-sponsored activity.

__ Yes __ No

Health and Safety
I have consulted with a medical doctor with regard to my personal medical needs. There are no health-related reasons or problems that preclude or restrict my participation in the program.

__ Yes __ No

I am aware of all applicable personal medical needs. I have arranged through insurance or otherwise, to meet any and all needs of payment of medical costs while I participate in the Program. I recognize that Guilford Technical Community College is not obligated to attend to any of my medical or medication needs, and I assume all risk and responsibility therefore. If I require medical treatment of hospital care in a foreign country or in the United States during the Program Guilford Technical Community College is not responsible for the costs or quality of such treatment or care.

__ Yes __ No
Guilford Technical Community College may (but is not obligated to) take any actions it considers to be warranted under the circumstances regarding health and safety. I agree to pay all expenses relating thereto and release Guilford Technical Community College from any liability for any actions.

__ Yes __ No

Standards of Conduct
I understand that each foreign country has its own laws and standards of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, morals, politics, drug use and behavior. I recognize that behavior which violates those laws or standards could harm Guilford Technical Community College’s relations with those countries and the institutions therein, as well as my own health and safety. I will become informed of, and will abide by, such laws and standards for each country to or through which I will travel during the Program.

__ Yes __ No

I also will comply with Guilford Technical Community College’s rules, standards, and instructions for student behavior. I waive and release all claims against Guilford Technical Community College that arise at a time when I am not under the direct supervision of Guilford Technical Community College or that are caused by my failure to remain under such supervision or to comply with such rules, standards, and instructions.

__ Yes __ No

I agree that Guilford Technical Community College has the right to enforce the standards of conduct described above, in its sole judgment, and that it will impose sanctions up to and including expulsion from the Program for violating these standards of any behavior detrimental to or incompatible with the interest, harmony, and welfare of Guilford Technical Community College, the Program, or other participants. I recognize that due to the circumstances of foreign study programs, the procedure for notice, hearing and appeal applicable to student disciplinary proceedings at Guilford Technical Community College do not apply. If I am expelled, I consent to being sent home at my own expense with no refund of fees.

__ Yes __ No

I will attend to any legal problems I encounter with any foreign nationals or government of the host country. Guilford Technical Community College is not responsible for providing any assistance under such circumstances.

__ Yes __ No

Program Changes
Guilford Technical Community College has the right to make cancellations, substitutions, or changes in case of emergency or changed conditions or in the interest of the Program. I understand that Guilford Technical Community College’s fee and program charges are based on current lodging rates, and travel costs, which are subject to change. I 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. If I become detached from the Program group, fail to meet a departure bus, airplane, or train, or become sick or injured, I will, at my own expense, seek out, contact, and reach the Program group at its next available destination.

__ Yes __ No
Assumption of Risk and Release of Claims

Knowing the risks described above, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Program, I agree, on behalf of my family, heirs, and personal representative(s), to assume all risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the Program. To the maximum extent permitted by law, I release and indemnify Guilford Technical Community College and their officers, employees and agents, from and against any present of future claim, loss, or liability for injury to person or property which I may suffer, or for which I may be liable to any other person, during my participation in the Program (including periods in transit to or from any country where the Program is being conducted).

__ Yes __ No

Consent

I have carefully read the Release Form before signing it. No representations, statements, or inducements, oral or written, apart from the foregoing written statement, have been made. This agreement shall become effective only upon receipts of my application by Guilford Technical Community College and shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to the agreement of to the Program.

__ Yes __ No

Signature of Applicant: ____________________________________________

Signature of Parent of Legal Guardian: _________________________________
(For applicants under the age of 18)

Date of Signing: ____________________________________________________

Please return signed form to:

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Or scan and email it to: mlmaley@gtcc.edu