

EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM

Acceptance, Release, Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability

I, the undersigned (“Participant”), have been approved to participate in a study abroad opportunity through Edison Community College to which I have applied.

1.0 Voluntary Participation

1.1 I hereby acknowledge my desire to participate in a study abroad program consisting of travel to China spring break 2011 with the potential of days before and days following the official dates for spring break, arranged through Edison Community College. I expressly acknowledge that I am not required to participate in this program pursuant to any course of study I am undertaking at Edison Community College. I understand that Edison Community College is offering academic credit for this program.

2.0 Personal Conduct

2.1 I understand that Edison Community College and the Seminar Leaders and Tour Leader have the authority to establish rules of personal conduct necessary for the operation of the program during the entire period of the program. Should an official representative of Edison Community College decide that I must be removed from the program because of a violation of the stated rules, for disruptive behavior, or for any conduct that might bring the program into disrepute or its participants into legal jeopardy; I recognize that this decision will be final. If I am separated from the program, I understand that I am responsible for all costs incurred on my behalf and any costs necessary to arrange for my return to the United States.

3.0 Insurance Coverage and Participant’s Responsibility for Medical Needs

3.1 I understand that Edison Community College recommends that I have adequate health, accident, and hospitalization insurance to cover myself during my participation in the program. I recognize and accept that such coverage is completely my responsibility and that Edison has no obligation to provide such insurance.

3.2 I understand and assume the risk that medical care may not be the same as can be expected in the United States and I further understand that if I sustain a serious or life threatening condition, it may necessitate evacuation by air to a hospital in the United States for treatment. I further understand and assume all financial responsibility for any such evacuation costs (which can run into the tens of thousands of dollars) and I expressly assume all financial responsibility for any and all medical care that is rendered to me during my participation in the program regardless of where it is rendered. I further understand and assume the risk that medical care facilities may require cash payment for any services rendered if not covered by insurance accepted at those facilities. I fully understand and accept that Edison Community College is not and will not be responsible for any payments for any medical service rendered to me as a participant.

3.3 I also assure Edison Community College that I have consulted with a medical doctor with regard to my personal medical needs such that I represent to Edison Community College that there is no health-related reason or problem, which precludes or restricts my participation.

3.4 I hereby certify by my signature below that I have disclosed all health and physical or psychological conditions known to me. I further accept responsibility for informing Edison Community College or its representative of any medical changes that may occur. I certify that I have received a copy of the Center for Disease control's "Health Information for Travelers" to the country to which I am going and I am aware of and understand the risks and dangers of travel to, in, and around this country, including but not limited to the dangers to my own health and life. I knowingly and voluntarily assume these risks.

3.5 By my signature below, I authorize any official or representative of Edison Community College to secure medical treatment on my behalf, including surgery and administration of anesthesia, and as noted above, I accept all risks of such treatment and financial responsibility for such treatment.

4.0 Participant's Responsibility for Program and Personal Travel and Activities

4.1 I understand that prior to and after the program, and during free time within the program, I may elect to travel independently at my own expense. I understand and acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the U.S. Consular Information on travel to, in, and around the country. I am aware of and understand the risks and dangers of travel and by the possibility that I may become the victim of crime and violence; including, but not limited to, the dangers to my personal safety posed by the use of public transportation. I hereby assume, knowingly and voluntarily, each of these risks and all of the other risks that could arise out of or occur during my travel to, from, and around our country of destination. I understand that neither Edison Community College nor its staff are responsible for me or my actions while I travel.

4.2 I understand and acknowledge that Edison Community College is not responsible if I have any legal problems with any foreign nationals or foreign governments. I understand and acknowledge that I will deal with any legal problems personally and that Edison Community College will not be responsible for providing any assistance, financial or otherwise.

5.0 Cancellation

5.1 I understand that I will be held accountable for the entire cost of the program. In the event that I should decide to cancel my participation or I am forced to withdraw for reasons beyond my control, I will remain accountable for all program costs incurred on my behalf prior to such cancellation. Following formal cancellation, any subsequent payment or potential refunds thereafter will be subject to Edison Community College's Cancellation/Refund Policy.

6.0 General Release, Assumption of Risk and Waiver

6.1 I agree to participate in the study abroad program consisting of group travel to Rome. I acknowledge that my participation is wholly and entirely voluntary. I acknowledge that my participation is wholly and entirely voluntary. I have been informed of the risks, understand the risks, and assume the risks associated with travel to and within the country of destination. I have been informed of, understand, and assume the risks associated with the activities in which I participate.

6.2 I acknowledge that I have received, reviewed and understand the Edison Community College Student Code of conduct, the Center for Disease Control Information, and U.S. Consular Information on Travel to Rome, as referenced above. I understand and appreciate the risks advised in those documents and I assume the possible risks to my own health and personal safety posed by the use of public transportation, political instability, terrorism, crime, violence, and disease. I knowingly and voluntarily assume each of these risks and all other risks that could arise out of or occur during my travel.

6.3 I agree to abide by the Edison community College Code of Conduct during my entire participation in this study abroad program.

6.4 I, individually, and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns, and personal representatives, hereby release and forever discharge Edison Community College and its employees, agents, officers, trustees and representatives (in their official and personal capacities) from liability for damage, attorney fees, loss of property, injury, illness, or death, that I sustain which arise out of, result from, occur during or are connected in any manner with my participation in the Program and/or travel incident thereto.

6.5 I expressly intend that this release bind my family, spouse, estate, heirs, administrators, personal representatives, or assigns.

7.0 Program Changes

7.1 I understand Edison Community College reserves the right to make changes to the program itinerary at any time for any reason, with or without notice, and Edison Community College shall not be liable for any loss whatsoever to me by any reason of any such cancellation or change. Edison Community College is not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers that may result due to operational or itinerary changes, regardless of whether Edison Community College or its representatives make a flight arrangement. Edison Community College reserves the right to substitute accommodations at any time. Specific room and housing assignments are within the sole discretion of Edison Community College. Similarly, if my conduct violates any policy or procedures of Edison Community College, I understand that I may be required to leave the Program in the sole discretion of Edison Community College's Seminar Leaders and/or Tour Leader, and I may be referred to the appropriate College officials for further

disciplinary or other action. In such an event, no refund will be made for unused portions of the program.

8.0 Travel Disruption

8.1 I understand and acknowledge that Edison Community College assumes no responsibility or liability, in whole or in part, for any delays, delayed or change departure or arrival times, fare changes, dishonors of hotel, airline or vehicle rental reservation, missed carrier connections, sickness, disease, injuries (including death), losses damages, weather, strikes, acts of God, circumstances beyond the control of Edison Community College, force majeure, war, quarantine, civil unrest, public health risks, criminal activity, terrorism, expense, accident, injuries, damage to property, bankruptcies of airlines or other service providers, inconveniences, cessation of operations, mechanical defects, failure or negligence of any nature however caused in connection with an accommodation, restaurant, transportation, or other services beyond the College's control, with or without notice or for any additional expense occasioned by any of the foregoing. If due to the weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, I am required to spend additional nights, the College will not be responsible for my hotel, transfers, meal costs, or other expenses. My baggage and personal property are transported at my risk entirely.

9.0 Personal Responsibility

9.1 Edison Community College reserves the right to decline to accept or retain me in the program at any time should my actions or general behavior impede the operations of the program or the rights or welfare of any person. Similarly, if my conduct violates any policy or procedures of Edison Community College, I understand that I may be required to leave the program in the sole discretion of the College, its employees, agents, and representatives. I understand that I may be referred to the appropriate College officials for further disciplinary actions. In such an event, no refund will be made for unused portions of the program.

10.0 Agreement to Terms

10.1 I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and will abide by each of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. By my signature below, I warrant that I am 18 years of age or older. I understand and agree that this Agreement, Waiver, and Assumption of Risk is entered into and will be construed under Ohio law. I acknowledge that this release was provided to me with ample time to review it. My signature is entirely voluntary.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

By my signature above, I verify that I not only accept the conditions outlined but that I also have received information regarding the following:

1. The Edison Community College Student Code of Conduct
2. The Center for Disease Control Information
3. U.S. Consular Information on Travel to Rome

I further understand that it is my responsibility to keep apprized of any changes in the Disease Control Information or U.S. Consular Information on Travel to Rome.

If the traveler is under 18 years of age at the time of the tour, I verify that I will assume full responsibility for _____ whose date of birth is _____. I do, therefore, sign on behalf of said traveler.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return signed document to:

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