

<b>APPLICATION FOR GRINNELL COLLEGE APPROVAL TO STUDY OFF CAMPUS</b>
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## **Waiver Form**

Please find attached a copy of the **Grinnell College Waiver, Release, and Indemnification Agreement (waiver form)**. Students applying to study off campus on non-Grinnell programs during the academic year 2012-2013 are required to submit this agreement, signed by the student and parent(s) or guardian(s).

Please list both your fall- and spring-semester programs unless your academic adviser has indicated an academic impediment to your studying off campus in a particular semester or you will be a senior and may only study off campus in the fall. (Enter “exempt” in place of the program name in that semester.)

**This waiver form should be submitted together with the Application for Grinnell College Approval to Study Off-Campus by: Monday, December 12, 2011.**

When you have discussed your off-campus study program(s) with your parent(s) or guardian(s) and obtained their approval and signature, please sign the form yourself and turn it in with your application.

Normally, the waiver form should be brought to the Off-Campus Study Office together with the application, but if necessary, your parent(s) or guardian(s) may send a faxed or scanned copy or mail the form directly to the Director of Off-Campus Study. In this case, two copies may be submitted, one signed by you and the other by parent(s)/guardian(s).

Please don't hesitate to contact the Off-Campus Study Office if you have questions.

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**GRINNELL COLLEGE  
 WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT  
 FOR PROGRAMS NOT SPONSORED BY GRINNELL COLLEGE  
 PROGRAM DURATION: ONE SEMESTER**

The undersigned Student ("Student") at Grinnell College ("College") has applied to participate in an off-campus travel and study program described as either:

First-Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ ("Program") during the period: \_\_\_\_\_.

or

Second-Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ ("Program") during the period: \_\_\_\_\_.

Student is not required to participate in this Program. Student's participation is wholly voluntary and the Program is not sponsored by College. In consideration of College's approval for Student to participate in this Program the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned agree as follows:

1. College may, at any time and in its sole discretion, withdraw its approval for Student to participate in this Program based upon Student's failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, the College's Off-Campus Study Handbook, as revised from time to time, or based upon Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts or other advice received from the United States Department of State. Such withdrawal will not affect the obligations of the undersigned described in this Agreement and College shall not be liable for any loss (including financial loss or loss of academic credit) to Student by reason of such withdrawal.

2. Student will, at Student's own cost, arrange coverage, throughout the Program and throughout Student's absence from the United States, by a policy or plan of comprehensive health and accident benefits that provides protection for illnesses or injuries sustained or experienced while outside the United States; and, specifically in the countries where Student will be living and traveling. The undersigned acknowledge and agree that College does not have an obligation to provide Student with such coverage.

3. The undersigned acknowledge that participation in the Program involves risks not found in activities at College. These risks include, without limitation, traveling to and within and returning from one or more foreign countries; foreign political, legal, social, transportation, health and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings and public places; local medical facilities and providers; local weather conditions; and any other risks identified in the College's Off-Campus Study Handbook, as revised from time to time.

4. Each of the undersigned individually, and on behalf of such undersigned's heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives, hereby releases and forever discharges the College and its employees, agents, officers, trustees and representatives (in their official and individual capacities) from any and all liability whatsoever for any and all damages, losses or injuries (including, without limitation, death and illness) to Student or Student's property or both, including but not limited to financial loss, medical bills, charges and related expenses incurred by or on behalf of student, loss of academic credit or any other claims, demands, actions, causes of action, judgments, damages, expenses and costs, including attorneys' fees, that arise out of, result from, occur during or are connected in any manner with Student's participation in the Program or any travel incident thereto. This Agreement does not release any claims the College may have against any of the undersigned.

5. Each of the undersigned individually, and on behalf of such undersigned's heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives, hereby agrees, jointly and severally, to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the College and its employees, agents, officers, trustees and representatives (in their official and individual capacities) from any and all liability, loss, damage or expense, including attorneys' fees, that they or any of them incur or sustain that arise out of, occur during, or are in any way connected with Student's participation in the Program or any travel incident thereto.

6. As a participant in the Program, Student agrees to strive to understand and respect the cultural differences encountered and will observe the laws of the country in which Student will be residing and all academic and disciplinary regulations in effect for the Program. Student agrees to participate in all orientations, briefings and advisory sessions organized by the Program and strive to understand the information provided and heed the advice given in these orientations, briefings and advisory sessions. Furthermore, as a degree candidate at the College, Student also agrees to continue to continue to comply with the requirements in the College's Student Handbook, as revised from time to time.

7. Each of the undersigned understands and acknowledges that the College does not sponsor the Program nor control the way in which the Program is structured or operates. By approving Student's application to participate in the Program, the College affirms that, in its judgment, the Program is an appropriate curricular option for students in a liberal arts program of study and worthy of credit at the College, but the College makes no other assurances, expressed or implied, about the Program. Each of the undersigned further acknowledges that the College does not knowingly approve any off-campus travel or study Program that poses undue risks to Student. However, each of the undersigned also acknowledges that any off-campus study or travel carries with it potential hazards that are beyond the control of the College and its employees, agents, officers, trustees and representatives.

8. Each of the undersigned agrees that this Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement is to be construed under the laws of the State of Iowa, U.S.A., without regard to conflict of laws principles; and that if any portion hereof is held invalid, the balance hereof shall continue in full legal force and effect. In signing this Agreement, each of the undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she has read this entire Agreement, that he/she understands its terms, that by signing it he/she is giving up substantial legal rights he/she might otherwise have, and that he/she has signed it knowingly and voluntarily.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

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Name (Printed)

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Name (Printed)