# APPLICATION FOR GRINNELL COLLEGE APPROVAL TO STUDY OFF CAMPUS

## 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 2015-2016 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 8, 2014.**

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**
**Duration of Off-Campus Study Period: One Semester**

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

First-Choice:_____ during the _____ (fall or spring) semester of the academic year 2015-16

or

Second-Choice:_____ during the _____ (fall or spring) semester of the academic year 2015-16

Student is not required to participate in this Program. Student's participation is wholly voluntary. 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 or based upon Travel Warnings, Public Announcements or other advice received from the United States Department of State. Such withdrawal will not affect the obligations of the undersigned expressed 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 arrange coverage, throughout the Program and throughout Student's absence from the United States, by a policy of comprehensive health and accident insurance which 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 hereby release and discharge the College from all responsibility and liability for any injuries, illnesses, medical bills, charges or related expenses Student incurs while participating in the Program.

3. 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 death) to Student or Student's property or both, including but not limited to financial loss, loss of academic credit or any other claims, demands, actions, causes of action, judgments, damages, expenses and costs, including attorney’s fees, which 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.

4. Each of the undersigned individually, and on behalf of such undersigned's heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives, hereby agrees 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 attorney’s fees, that they or any of them incur or sustain as a result of any claims, demands, actions, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs or expenses including attorney’s fees, which arise out of, occur during, or are in any way connected with Student's participation in the Program or any travel incident thereto.

5. As a participant in the Program, Student will 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 will also 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 will also continue to adhere to the College's Code of Student Life.

6. 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 which poses undue risks to Student. However, each of the undersigned also acknowledges that any off-campus study or travel carries with it potential hazards which are beyond the control of the College and its employees, agents, officers, trustees and representatives.

7. 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.; 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.

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| Date: _____ | Date: _____ |
| STUDENT | PARENT OR GUARDIAN |
| _____ | _____ |
| (Signature) | (Signature) |
| _____ | _____ |
| Name (Printed) | |