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## Participating in Study Abroad Program (Outgoing)

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Because foreign study can be quite rigorous and demanding, the staff of Jacobs University's International Programs Office believe that only those students who feel they are in sufficiently good physical and mental health should plan to participate. There are certain risks inherent in international travel, and Jacobs University cannot assume responsibility for your activities. When problems happen overseas, they can be especially difficult to cope with because your usual support network is unavailable to you.

Participants in study abroad programs approved by Jacobs University must be covered by a sickness and accident insurance policy while abroad. We strongly recommend a policy that is designed specifically to cover students while studying and traveling abroad. This policy should include basic medical coverage, coverage for mental and nervous disorders, accidental death and dismemberment coverage and medical evacuation and repatriation coverage. Check the limits of coverage you have prior to traveling to a foreign country. Some insurance policies only offer a minimum limit of coverage for medical evacuation and repatriation. You should consult with your insurance representative in the event you wish to increase these limits. If you plan to travel before the program starts or after it concludes, and your policy does not cover these periods, short-term coverage should be arranged with a private company so that protection will be adequate for the entire period away from home. Additionally, you will want to find out the procedure for making claims from abroad. Typically, the policyholder is required to pay bills up front and is then reimbursed by the insurance company. Jacobs University will not provide any additional insurance for you in connection with your participation.

If traveling to rural and underdeveloped areas, you should address in advance any special medical requirements, such as physician, or prescription needs. Should you desire the assistance of an English-speaking physician in the country you are visiting, it is your responsibility to learn how to contact one. Jacobs University will not provide any medical services for you in connection with your participation. Jacobs University strongly discourages students from owning or operating motor vehicles while participating in study abroad programs. Traffic congestion and different traffic laws and regulations, civil and criminal, as well as different driving habits, can make driving motor vehicles in foreign countries extremely hazardous. Automobile insurance requirements or other financial responsibility laws vary from country to country. Jacobs University will not provide any automobile insurance or legal assistance for you in connection with your participation. Accommodations for disability-based needs which are available in Germany or your home country might not be available in a study abroad program. If you feel you may require special accommodation from the program provider, the International Programs Office will assist you in inquiring whether such accommodations are available.

As a condition of participation, you are required to sign the "Participation Agreement"(Outgoing) on the reverse side.

**STUDY ABROAD PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT  
INCLUDING ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, desire to participate in the Study Abroad Program (the "Program") facilitated through Jacobs University's International Office and, in consideration of being allowed to participate in the Program, I hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I shall be solely responsible and liable for (i) obtaining passports, visas and other personal documentation appropriate for my participation in the Program, (ii) arranging transportation and accommodations to my satisfaction, and (iii) paying all costs and expenses related to my participation in the Program. Jacobs University (i) serves only in a capacity of assisting in making arrangements for transportation, accommodations and other services and products to be provided by others in connection with the Program, and (ii) in no way serves as an agent or representative for these other parties, or accepts any responsibility or liability for their services or products. Such transportation, accommodations and other services and products are subject only to the terms and conditions under which they are provided by such other parties.
2. I am fully informed or otherwise aware of and fully assume all risks to person and property in connection with my participation in the Program, including but not limited to travel delays, property damage and loss, bodily injuries, sickness, disease and death. I am sufficiently healthy physically and mentally to participate in the Program. I have medical insurance coverage appropriate for my participation in the Program and have provided evidence of such insurance coverage and emergency contact information to Jacobs University. I understand that Jacobs University shall not provide any insurance for me in connection with my participation in the Program.
3. I shall comply with all applicable laws of any jurisdiction in which I may travel and all applicable policies of Jacobs University while participating in the Program.
4. **I fully and forever RELEASE, WAIVE AND DISCHARGE, and COVENANT NOT TO SUE, JACOBS UNIVERSITY (including, but not limited to, its governors, employees and representatives), from and for any and all demands, claims, actions, suits, damages, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses (including but not limited to court costs and attorneys' fees), from any cause whatsoever (including but not limited to travel delays, property damage and loss, bodily injuries, sickness, disease and death), directly or indirectly arising in connection with my participation in the Program, whether or not foreseeable or contributed to by the negligent acts or omissions of JACOBS UNIVERSITY or others.**
5. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement, and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings and negotiations, regarding this subject matter. This Agreement (i) may not be amended by course of conduct or otherwise, and (ii) may not be assigned in whole or in part except in writing duly executed by me and Jacobs University. This Agreement shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of Germany, without regard to any conflicts or choice of law principles, and shall be as broad and inclusive as permitted by such laws. If any provision of this Agreement is held unenforceable by a court, such unenforceability shall not affect any other provision, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such provision, to the extent of such unenforceability, had not been incorporated herein.
6. I (i) have read and fully understand this Agreement, (ii) intend that this Agreement be legally binding upon and enforceable against me and my family, estate, heirs and legal representatives, (iii) intend that this Agreement benefit Jacobs University, and (iv) confirm that I am at least eighteen years old, fully competent, and entering into this Agreement voluntarily of my own judgment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have duly executed and delivered this Agreement as of \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_