

Agreement to Participate (Part I):

Instructions:

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Please read the following questions carefully.

1. INFORMED, VOLUNTARY DECISION: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

I have made an informed decision to participate in a program off the Occidental College campus. I acknowledge that my participation in this particular program is voluntary and that such study is not a requirement of the Occidental College degree.

2. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARATION: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

I assume responsibility for all the elements necessary for my personal and academic preparation for the program and will have participated fully in the preparation process. I have provided full and complete answers in connection with the application and pre-departure process. I understand and accept all program details including requirements and costs described in program materials and written communications from the IPO (including the IPO website), the on-site director, the partner program and provided at orientation meetings.

3. ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

Between acceptance to the program and my departure I must: (1) be in good academic standing; (2) maintain or improve my academic record (understood as earning "B" grades or better in any course work pertaining to my major or to my off-campus study, such as a language course); and (3) receive no NR, INC, D or F grades. The International Programs Office reserves the right to revoke my acceptance into the Program should my academic standing so warrant. Occidental College Academic Policy applies to my participation in the program. Failure to complete the entire program and all assignments, classes, lectures and trips before, during and after the program could result in a grade of "F" and loss of credit. Inadequate academic participation is considered a basis for termination at the sole discretion of the on-site director at my own additional expense. Academic credit will be awarded upon successful completion of a full, regular course of study as defined in program materials. All credits earned will appear on my official transcript as letter grades and be calculated into my Occidental grade point average. I understand that my abroad grades will not be posted to my Oxy transcript until I have completed the IPO program evaluation.

4. DISCLOSURE TO AND NOTIFICATION ON URGENT MATTERS: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

By listing a responsible, adult individual, below, participants agree and consent that IPO or a College official may, in its sole discretion, disclose to the person listed AND/OR my parent(s), guardian(s), legal partner or spouse of record any incident, event or matter arising out of or relating to my participation in this trip including, but not limited to, my attendance or participation in program activities, voluntary or involuntary withdrawal, serious illness, injury and/or hospitalization, arrest, evacuation or other such matters. This authorization supersedes any prior written request for confidentiality participants may have filed with the College. Participants give permission for the College or IPO to communicate with relevant emergency services as conditions warrant including but not limited to the US Embassy in country, medical professionals, insurance coordinators, program staff, law enforcement, etc.

5. Family Contact Name and Relationship (*)

6. Family Contact Phone Number (*)

Please write NUMBERS ONLY.

7. Family Contact Email Address (*)

Agreement to Participate (Part II):

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Please read the following questions carefully.

1. PERSONAL CONDUCT: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

As a condition of participation, the College reviews conduct history. Participants must maintain acceptable standing in all semesters prior to departure. The on-site partner and International Programs Office reserve the right to revoke acceptance should conduct or history so warrant.

The Occidental College Code of Student Conduct, Academic Policies and other College policies govern my conduct in addition to program policies. I accept responsibility for the effect conduct has on the other participants, hosts, and myself and agree to conform to standards of conduct consistent with the maintenance of the reputation, values and mission of Occidental.

I will exercise reasonable care for my own safety in the program and throughout my participation. I must comply with the terms of participation and emergency procedures of the program and for learning and obeying local laws.

Conduct considered unacceptable to Occidental College includes, but is not limited to, any behavior that disrupts normal program operation or endangers myself or others, unwillingness to cooperate with College or host representatives, excessive use of alcohol, fighting, abusive behaviors toward others, sexual misconduct, criminal conduct of any kind, use of illegal drugs.

2. TERMINATION: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

One of the consequences for non-compliance with the terms of this Agreement To Participate or any elements of the program description may be suspension from the program including an early return to the United States at my own additional expense, without credit earned, without refund of tuition or other costs, and at the sole discretion of the on-site director, the in-country designate or the International Programs Office.

3. CHANGES IN PROGRAM: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

Occidental College and its employees or program partners have the right to cancel or change any element of the program as circumstances require, including but not limited to the right to change the faculty, the facilities, and excursions. Occidental College cannot be responsible for additional travel costs or expenses that may result from airline schedule changes, delayed or changed arrival or departure times, flight cancellations, natural disasters, crime, weather, illness, or other unforeseen events. I am responsible for all costs and expenses associated with my participation in the program, including these unexpected or unforeseen costs out of the control of the College or in-country partners.

4. LIMITATION OF CONTROL: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

Occidental College is not responsible for the actions of persons not employed by the College, for any events that occur abroad including in and outside of the program that are otherwise beyond the control of the College, or for situations that may arise due to failure of a participant to disclose pertinent information. Occidental College does not and is not responsible to monitor or control all of the daily personal decisions, choices, and activities of individual participants, including myself.

5. HEALTH: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

I verify that I have no medical or psychiatric conditions or problems that preclude me from participating or that compromise my ability to benefit from participating without unreasonable accommodations. I acknowledge that I am solely responsible to make available to the International Programs Office and my program relevant, accurate and complete physical and mental health information as reasonably necessary for my successful participation in this program. I accept responsibility for discussing with my health care provider health concerns that may result from participating in this program and a responsible plan to manage on-going conditions at the program site.

I agree that Occidental College and my program staff may but are not obligated to take any action it considers to be warranted under the circumstances regarding my health and safety. I authorize Occidental College and my program staff to take any such action, including, but not limited to, admitting me to a hospital, consenting to the administration of anesthetics, the transfusion of blood and blood products, and surgery, and arranging for my medical evacuation. I agree to be fully responsible for any and all expenses, including transportation costs and medical expenses, associated with such actions, and hereby release and discharge Occidental College from any liability or responsibility for any injury, damage or expenses that might arise out of or in connection with such actions.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO USE IMAGE, VOICE (*)

I give Occidental College permission to reproduce and use for educational or promotional purposes any and all photographs, videos, movies, or sound recordings taken of me during my participation in the program.

7. RELEASE OF CLAIMS: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

I, individually, and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives, hereby RELEASE and FOREVER DISCHARGE Occidental College, its employees, agents, officers, trustees, contractors and representatives (in their official and individual capacities) from any and all liability whatsoever for any and all damages, losses or injuries (including death) I sustain to my person or property or both, including but not limited to any claims, demands, actions, causes of action, judgments, damages, expenses and costs, including attorneys fees, which arise out of, result from, occur during or are connected in any manner with my participation in the program, any related or independent travel, and any activities, excursions, side trips or field trips in which I participate during the program, irrespective of whether or not they are sponsored, supervised or controlled by Occidental College in any manner.

8. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

I, individually, and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives, hereby agree to INDEMNIFY, DEFEND and HOLD HARMLESS Occidental College, its employees, agents, officers, contractors, trustees and representatives (in their official and individual capacities) from any and all liability, loss, damage or expense, including attorneys fees, that arise out of, occur during, or are in any way connected with or related to my participation in the program, any related or independent travel, and any activities, excursions, events or field trips in which I participate during the program, irrespective of whether or not they are sponsored, supervised or controlled by Occidental College in any manner.

9. GOVERNING LAW: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

I agree that this Agreement will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and Los Angeles County will be the forum for any legal dispute concerning my participation in the program.

Agreement to Participate (Part III):

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

Traveling to and residing in a foreign country involves risks such as accidents or illness, disease, poor sanitation, inadequate medical care and facilities, terrorism, accidents, crime, the hazards of travel by air, train, boat, and motor vehicle, natural disasters, and hazards arising from a wide variety of events and circumstances which cannot be enumerated. Participants personally assume all risks, whether foreseen or unforeseen, arising out of or in connection with participation in the program, for any harm, injury or damage that may befall while traveling or participating in any activities connected with the program and travel to and from the program site. I have been advised to consult the United States State Department (www.state.gov) for all areas I plan to travel and to regularly review the site for up-dates. I also understand that my baggage and personal property are at my risk entirely throughout the program and any travel incident thereto.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

Program conditions, including but not limited to academic settings, accommodations, food and transportation are not controlled by Occidental College and may not meet the standards found in the United States. Study abroad is by nature an experience different from that of the home campus. In addition, United States cultural values, anti-discrimination laws and social norms and customs may not apply in the host country. Similarly, Occidental College campus conditions or services may not be replicated on the program. These may include, but are not limited to, access to technology such as computers and electronic mail, recreational or athletic facilities, academic resources such as libraries, laboratories, tutoring, or services for students with disabilities. I accept that these conditions may reflect host country standards or resources.

3. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS (Abroad): I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

SEMESTER ABROAD participants are billed a flat fee equivalent to Occidental tuition, plus standard double room, meal plan B and insurance charges (see INSURANCE, above) unless explicitly described otherwise in program materials. IPO pays tuition (and usually room and board) directly to international partners. For meals not provided by the program, IPO issues a meal stipend based on pre-established, in-country student meal calculations.

FACULTY-LED COURSE participants are billed regular tuition (for the on-campus component) plus the published program fee.

ALL participants personally pay the following expenses: international airfare; the cost of obtaining a passport; all required visas; all personal expenses; published fees for late paperwork or withdrawal.

Participants who cancel after the date specified including partial participation in the Program (including but not limited to conduct violations resulting in expulsion or medical withdrawal), are still responsible for the entire cost of the Program and have no right whatsoever to receive a refund. Leaving the program voluntarily or involuntarily (see TERMINATION, below) does not diminish or affect financial obligation.

4. IMMUNIZATIONS: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

I acknowledge that certain inoculations and immunizations may be recommended or required, and that I am responsible for obtaining these. I accept that Occidental College shall not be liable for any failure on my part to heed to such recommendations. I accept responsibility for educating and informing myself and discussing with my health care provider diseases, illnesses, and other health concerns that may result from traveling abroad. I understand that additional information on health matters can be obtained from the Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) and my program.

5. PERSONAL CONDUCT - ADDITIONAL ABROAD expectations: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

In addition to the Part II PERSONAL CONDUCT expectations, participants in study abroad programs agree to:

1. Learn and obey the policies of the host institution, host country and/or local laws while not necessarily enjoying the same privileges as the host country nationals.

2. Prohibited activities include participation in protests or riots of any kind; use of illegal drugs and operating or riding on a motorcycle/scooter or similar vehicle.

6. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS ABROAD: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

All participants will carry a College approved comprehensive sickness, accident, hospitalization and emergency services insurance plan during the program. Depending on the program, participants will be automatically enrolled in and charged for the College's mandatory sickness and accident insurance which includes international coverage. Exceptions to this requirement are listed on the International Programs website and are granted only if all the stipulations are met. I acknowledge that most insurance plans require me to pay cash for medical care and to seek reimbursement from the insurance carrier afterward. I have been advised to obtain travel insurance for my personal belongings.

7. HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES: I have read and agree to the following terms (*)

I understand that I am strictly prohibited from participating in any high risk activities not covered by the Occidental College insurance plan which include but are not limited to: Skydiving, hang gliding, glider flying, parasailing, sail planing, bungee jumping, or flight in any kind of aircraft, except while riding as a passenger on a regularly scheduled flight of a commercial airline. I understand that I am also not allowed to operate any type of motor vehicle such as a car or motorcycle during my specified program dates.

8. TRAVEL POLICY: I have read and agree to the following terms. (*)

I understand and accept that in accordance with College policy that Occidental College may cancel any travel if the United States Department of State issues a [Travel Advisory level](#), and Risk Indicator(s), that reflect potentially significant risks to students, or if other conditions compromise the health and/or safety of participants such as, natural disasters, unsafe health conditions, political unrest, etc.