I understand and agree that this constitutes a binding contract between the undersigned student and the University of Connecticut. By clicking “you agree”, you are confirming that you have had the opportunity to read the information, to which you are agreeing, below. If you have any questions prior to signing, please contact UConn Study Abroad (860-486-5022).

I. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

1. I accept the offer to participate in this Study Abroad program, which is arranged through and by the UConn Office of Global Affairs: Study Abroad (UConn Study Abroad).

2. I understand that I am responsible for attending the UConn Study Abroad pre-departure orientation. I understand that in the event I cannot attend this meeting, it is my responsibility to contact UConn Study Abroad about alternative pre-departure orientation viewing options. All participants must attend or view the pre-departure orientation in order to participate in a UConn study abroad program.

3. I agree to adhere to the UConn Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy (see Section V) should I need to withdraw from my program.

4. I understand that while I am participating in my study abroad program, I remain subject to and bound by all currently existing University policies, including, but not limited to, the UConn Study Abroad Student Manual and the UConn Student Code of Conduct.

5. I understand that I am ineligible to participate in any study abroad program if I am on University Probation at any point during the application, after I have been accepted into my program, or after I have committed to participate in my program. If I am placed on University Probation after I have committed to my study abroad program, I understand that I am still responsible to pay the nonrefundable $475 Study Abroad Fee and any other fees incurred on my behalf.

II. ACADEMIC CREDIT AGREEMENT

1. I understand that I must remain a full-time student while participating in this program. I will enroll in the equivalent of at least 12 credit hours per semester term or 6 credit hours per summer term, unless otherwise indicated on the program brochure.

2. I understand that the maximum number of credit hours able to be transferred back to UConn is 18 credit hours per semester and 36 credit hours per year, unless special permission is obtained, and 8 credit hours for each summer session, unless special permission is obtained, regardless of the number of credits earned at the host organization or institution.

3. I understand that I am responsible for obtaining course approvals from departmental faculty evaluators for all courses I take abroad (unless the course has an equivalent UConn course number published on the UConn study abroad website). Approved courses and credit will appear directly on my UConn transcript only after UConn Study Abroad has received an official transcript from my program provider, as well as course approvals for all my study abroad courses. Failure to follow these
instructions will result in delays in credit transfer.

4. I understand that substitutions for major, minor, and related course requirements are at the discretion of the individual academic departments/schools.

5. I agree to adhere to the academic calendar and regulations of my host institution or organization, as well as UConn (and my home institution if applicable).

III. FEES, OTHER PROGRAM COSTS AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. I agree to pay tuition, fees, room and board according to the terms designated by UConn Study Abroad. I further understand that should I withdraw from this program, these charges to my student account are subject to the terms and conditions of the UConn Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy (see Section V) and Refund Policy. I understand that these costs may be subject to change in the event that 1) fees are raised by the host organization or institution, 2) for exchange programs, tuition and fees or room costs increase at UConn, and/or 3) currency exchange rate fluctuations cause an increase in the equivalent US dollars needed to pay tuition and other educational expenses in foreign currencies.

2. I understand that my digital signature below authorizes UConn Study Abroad to bill the non-refundable Study Abroad Fee of $475.00 directly to my UConn Student Administrative account, along with all other fees listed as a billable item on my study abroad program’s budget sheet (see .

3. Non UConn students: I understand that if I am not currently a University of Connecticut student I agree to send the non-refundable Study Abroad Fee of $475.00 directly to the UConn Study Abroad office within ten days of receiving my acceptance offer to secure my place in the program.

4. I understand that UConn Tuition Remission Grants, tuition waivers, and academic scholarships (such as Day of Pride, Nutmeg, Presidential, Leadership and Academic Excellence Scholarship) are only applicable to programs charging UConn Tuition (exchange programs and UConn in Paris). I understand that if I am a Nutmeg or Day of Pride scholar, my scholarship will be adjusted to the amount of UConn tuition, room and board billed.

IV. GROUP FLIGHTS

1. I understand that I can determine if my study abroad program includes round-trip flight travel by checking the Budget Sheet for my program (viewable on my program brochure on the UConn Study Abroad website). If my program includes round-trip flight travel, “Airfare” or “Round Trip Airline Ticket” will be listed as a billable item.

B. I understand that if my program includes round-trip flight travel, UConn Study Abroad will be responsible for purchasing tickets for the entire group participating on the program. Student group flight travel arrangements are made for study abroad programs based on specific factors and needs. Some programs require student group travel at the request of the Program Director, while others require group travel for visa, safety and other logistical reasons.

C. By signing this document I verify that, as a participant of a program that provides group flight travel, I am expected to partake in this student group round-trip flight travel.

2. In the event that I am unable or choose not to participate in the program’s student
group flight travel, I understand that I will provide UConn Study Abroad with a written explanation detailing why I cannot fly with the program group. I understand that my statement will be reviewed by UConn Study Abroad staff who will determine if the reason identifies an extenuating circumstance giving sound justification to release me from the program’s student group flight travel.

V. WITHDRAWAL POLICY

1. I understand that upon digitally signing this Student Contract I have committed myself to participating in this study abroad program. I understand the non-refundable Study Abroad fee of $475 will be placed on my UConn fee bill.

2. I understand and agree that if I withdraw from my study abroad program, I must notify UConn Study Abroad in writing about my withdrawal. This written notification must include my reasons for withdrawal. I also understand that my withdrawal is effective only upon that the date of receipt of written notification by UConn Study Abroad.

3. Please refer to the UConn Study Abroad Refund Policy for information on fees that you may be responsible for in addition to the $475 Study Abroad fee.

4. I understand that I am responsible for informing all other relevant officials of my study abroad program (e.g. resident/program director, host institution, etc.) about my withdrawal.

5. WITHDRAWING AFTER THE START OF THE PROGRAM:
I understand that if I am participating in an academic year, fall, or spring UConn Study Abroad program and I choose to withdraw or I am dismissed from my program after the start of the UConn semester, I will also be withdrawn from the University of Connecticut. I understand that I must contact the UConn Office of Student Services and Advocacy (http://www.ossa.uconn.edu/) to determine my status as a student and/or the process for readmission to the University of Connecticut.

VI. CHANGES / CANCELLATIONS

I acknowledge that UConn reserves the right to cancel, make changes to, or substitutions in the entire program, courses, faculty, agenda, field trips, itinerary, flight arrangements and other services as deemed necessary by UConn, the host institution, or their agents or employees.

VII. STUDENT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE PROVISION

1. I understand that I am advised to discuss my program with my parent/guardian and to share with them any academic and financial materials, as well as information related to health and safety, including the elements of risk associated with this program. I have provided emergency contact information to UConn Study Abroad and agree to update that information if necessary. I further understand that if I am under the age of eighteen (18), I do not have the capacity to sign this contract and I cannot undertake a study abroad program without the written permission of my parent/guardian.

2. I understand that UConn retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact my parents/guardians, roommates, emergency contacts, school officials, or other
individuals associated with this program with regard to health, risk, and behavioral issues, which relate to my participation in this program. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply.

VIII. HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

1. I certify that I do not have any physical or mental condition which will create a danger or hazard for me, other participants or hosts in the program.

2. I understand that I am solely responsible for my pre-program, program, and post-program medical care in all respects, including, but not limited to, obtaining and taking necessary medication(s), vaccinations and any other medical care and treatment. I acknowledge that I am advised to consult a physician qualified in travel medicine, immunizations and infectious/tropical diseases prior to my trip departure.

3. I understand that as a participant in a UConn Study Abroad program, I am required to purchase the supplementary UConn approved medical insurance policy, which includes overseas coverage for medical services, emergency medical evacuation, and repatriation of remains, unless comparable insurance coverage is already provided by the host institution or third-party provider. I understand the international medical insurance policy I am required to purchase only covers the duration of the study abroad program and therefore I will not cancel my student health insurance or other medical insurance policy that covers me in the United States. Further, I understand that, though covered by the UConn approved policy or other comparable policy, I may be required to pay or show proof of ability to pay in advance for most medical expenses, and that I must file claims directly with the insurance company myself. I understand and acknowledge that, if I am required to be hospitalized while in another country or in the United States during this program, I will be legally responsible for the payment of such hospitalization and that UConn does not assume any legal responsibility for such payment.

4. In the event of illness or injury, I hereby authorize the program director or other agents to obtain emergency or other medical treatment as deemed necessary, including administration of an anesthetic or other medication and surgery, and I hereby assume the cost of such treatment. I understand that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power on the part of the University to give specific consent to the diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which in the best judgment of a licensed physician is deemed advisable.

IX. CONDITIONS RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

1. I acknowledge that I am fully aware that risks and hazards associated with off-campus travel and residence may include personal injury; death; property theft; robbery and other violent crimes; political or civil unrest; and natural and environmental hazards, including unsanitary conditions, disease, dangerous animals, and hazardous natural geographic features. I further understand that other countries have different laws, regulations or standards; may have few or no laws, regulations or standards; or may not enforce their existing laws, regulations or standards, including, but not limited to, those related to health, welfare, safety, crime, regulation of businesses and transportation in any form (including travel by sea, land or air).

2. I understand and acknowledge that it is my responsibility to register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at https://step.state.gov/step/, a free service provided by the US State Department to keep US citizens updated on any crisis in
the area in which they are traveling. I also will look for country-specific, travel alerts, and travel warnings at http://travel.state.gov/travel/travel_1744.html. I further understand and acknowledge that it is my responsibility to obtain current health information, including recommended precautions for the area in which I am traveling at http://www.cdc.gov/travel/index.htm the website of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

3. I understand that, prior to commencement of any travel, I must inform the Resident Director (if applicable) of any travel outside of the city hosting my study abroad program. I understand that I am solely responsible for all independent student travel throughout the duration of the study abroad program. I confirm that I have discussed my plans with my parent or guardian and have consulted University policies. I understand that UConn may be unable to intervene or assist on my behalf once I have left the program site. In certain locations, I understand that UConn Study Abroad may not be able to render any assistance whatsoever.

4. I understand that local driving laws and practices are unlike those in the U.S. The University of Connecticut strongly discourages students from driving, renting, leasing or owning a motor vehicle while participating on the program. I understand that the University will not assist students with any personal motor vehicle-related issues, including problems resulting from the use of vehicles or accidents before, during, or after the program. I understand that if I own / lease / rent / drive that I do so at my own risk.

X. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO STUDENT CONDUCT

1. I understand that if I currently have an unresolved Student Code violation or an active sanction resulting in University Probation or higher at UConn or a similar case or sanction at my home institution, I am not eligible to participate in study abroad through UConn, until such cases have been completed, or sanctions are no longer in place.

2. I understand that my conduct during the program inside and outside the classroom reflects upon the University of Connecticut and the host institution, and I agree that I shall abide by and am subject to the University of Connecticut Student Code, as well as by the regulations of the specific study abroad program, host institution and the host country. I understand that examples of misconduct include, but are not limited to: violation of laws of my host country; abuse of alcohol, or use or abuse of illegal drugs; disturbing the peace or disrupting the community; repeated failure to control noise levels in student housing facilities; disruption of the academic environment of the program, including repeated failure to participate in class assignments or to attend mandatory excursions; academic misconduct, including plagiarism and cheating; vandalism perpetrated against public or private property; assault or sexual assault.

3. I am also aware that in other countries, certain behaviors (including, but not limited to dress, manners, sexual conduct, different standards of morality, expression of political views, use of vulgar language, and drug use) are unacceptable and/or illegal and could lead to possible disruption of my participation in the program. I understand that I am solely responsible and have an affirmative responsibility to seek information about cultural norms, particularly unacceptable behaviors in the countries where I am traveling or studying prior to departure, and I agree to act in an appropriate manner at all times, both when I am in the company of other program members and when I am physically separated from fellow program members.

4. I also agree that I will abide by all terms and conditions of the housing agreement
associated with the program, including payment of deposit, check-in and check-out dates, and any other behavior expectations as outlined by the proprietor or institution in charge of the accommodations.

5. I agree that if the Resident Director, the Director of Study Abroad and/or the Director of Community Standards believe my conduct is in violation of the Student Code, the institution's housing agreement and/or this Contract, my participation in the program may be terminated. I understand that if I am asked to leave the program, I risk forfeiture of all course credit, all program costs and other associated fees.

6. I acknowledge and understand that, if I should encounter or cause any legal problems with any foreign nationals or with the government of a host country, I shall be personally and financially responsible for their resolution and that UCONN is not responsible for assisting and may be unable to assist me under these circumstances.

7. I acknowledge and understand that UConn Study Abroad will communicate with me primarily through email and I agree to monitor the email account on record with UConn Study Abroad before, during, and immediately after the dates of this program to receive any messages sent to me by UConn Study Abroad or its agents.

XI. DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

I understand that, if I am an individual with a disability that requires reasonable accommodation, I am responsible for contacting either the Center for Students with Disabilities and/or UConn Study Abroad as soon as possible to assess the availability of such accommodation on this program. I further understand that U.S. disability laws do not apply overseas.

XII. LIABILITY WAIVER

As part of the consideration for participating in this program, I hereby release, hold harmless, and forever discharge The University of Connecticut and its employees and agents from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, property damage, or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me or to any property belonging to me while participating in this program. Such losses, damages and injuries include, but are not limited to: a) expenses or losses due to my failure to obtain passport, visas, traveler's checks, and tickets or my failure to safeguard properly these items or any other property of mine; b) losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, natural disasters or other such causes; c) any disruption of travel arrangements and any consequent additional expenses that may be incurred as a result; and d) any failure, due to bankruptcy or otherwise, of any of the companies providing transportation, hotel, food, tour services, or other goods or services. I am fully aware of the risks and hazards associated with this activity and with foreign travel and residence. I understand that it is possible for me to complete my degree program without studying abroad, and I acknowledge that my participation in this activity is elected by me and not required. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risk of loss, damage, or personal injury, including death, and for any property damage that may be sustained by me as a result of participation in this program.

XIII. CONTRACT PROVISIONS

1. **Not Agent:** I acknowledge and understand that UConn in no way represents or acts as agent for the host institution, the transportation carriers, hotels, or other suppliers of services connected with this program. I understand that all services and
accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided.

2. **Governing Law:** This contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this contract or this program. The terms of this contract shall be severable, such that, if a court of competent jurisdiction holds any term to be illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law governing this agreement, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby.

3. **Publicity and Publication:** UConn Study Abroad reserves the right to take photographic or film records of any program. I understand that UConn may use such records for promotional and/or commercial purposes without limitation and without additional permission and/or liability.

4. **Governing Law:** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut.

5. **Claims:** You agree that the sole and exclusive means for the presentation of any claim against the State of Connecticut or the University of Connecticut arising from this Agreement shall be in accordance with Chapter 53 of the Connecticut General Statutes (Claims Against the State) and the Contractor further agrees not to initiate any legal proceedings in any state or federal court in addition to, or in lieu of, said Chapter 53 proceedings.