

**Gettysburg College
Special Waiver and Acknowledgement required for students who participate in international study,
service, research and/or travel in countries for which a Travel Warning has been issued by the U.S.
Department of State.**

The U.S. Department of State issues “Travel Warnings” when it recommends that Americans avoid a particular country or region. All Gettysburg students, regardless of nationality, who intend to participate in international study, service, research and/or travel in countries for which a Travel Warning exists prior to their departure, are required to complete this form to ensure that they are aware of the Travel Warning and its recommendations and of their personal responsibility for the risks. Gettysburg’s approval of participation is not granted unless this form is signed by the student and a parent/legal guardian. All Gettysburg students who are currently abroad when a “Travel Warning” is issued are required to complete this form and return it to Gettysburg College within 48 hours of the issuance, or their approval of participation will be rescinded.

With my signature below, I acknowledge that:

- I have read the attached applicable US Department of State Travel Warning issued on **DATE**, concerning travel by US citizens to **COUNTRY**. In spite of that Warning, I have voluntarily and on my own initiative elected participate in international study, service, research and/or travel in **COUNTRY** through Gettysburg College during **TERM** and I understand and accept the risks as specifically set forth in the attached travel advisory.
- In addition to this document, I have also read, understood, signed, and returned the Acknowledgement of Risks form given to me by Gettysburg College. I understand and accept that the risks associated with participation in international study, service, research and/or travel in **COUNTRY** may be in addition to and greater than those referred to in the Acknowledgement of Risks document.
- Gettysburg College, including its employees, is not responsible for my health, safety or security while I am in or traveling to and from **COUNTRY** and I also understand and accept that insurance policies provided through the College and other entities may not apply or provide coverage in locations for which a Travel Warning exists,
- If this is a credit-bearing experience, Gettysburg is not obliged to provide academic credit for a partial term of study or a refund of fees if I decide to leave **COUNTRY** before the end of the term because of safety or security concerns, or for any other reason.
- I also acknowledge that participate in international study, service, research and/or travel is not required for most courses or programs of the college, and where it is required, the College offers options for study or research in countries that are not under a US Department of State Travel Warning. Nevertheless, I have chosen to go to **COUNTRY** fully voluntarily and with knowledge and acceptance of the associated risks.

In signing this document I acknowledge that I am 18 years of age or older, that I have had an opportunity to ask any questions I have about this document and the attached Travel Warning, that I have read it, that I understand it, that I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily, and that I accept and intend to be legally bound by its terms.

Student Signature

Student Name Printed

Date

Parent Signature

Parent Name Printed

Date

The Parent’s signature indicates an awareness of the student’s plans and the College’s policies outlined above.