



## Waiver, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless Agreement

### FOR NOTIFICATION OF STATUS CHANGE (WITHDRAWAL, TEMPORARY LEAVE, OR EARLY LEAVE)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

SIT Study Abroad Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
*country / name of program*

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date:<sup>^</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Location:<sup>\*</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
*^ If Applicable    \*Required for Temporary Leave only*

**Withdrawal                      Temporary Leave                      Early Leave**

*In all cases, Academic and Program Directors must submit the **Registrar Course Status Form** along with this form.*

**Withdrawal/Early Leave Acknowledgment of Understanding:** I have read this Waiver, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless Agreement, fully understand its terms, and **understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue.** I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and **intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability** to the greatest extent allowed by law.

**Temporary Leave Acknowledgement of Understanding:** With the intent to be legally bound, I acknowledge and represent that I have read this Temporary Leave Waiver and that I understand same, and that I voluntarily sign below in order to demonstrate my agreement with the terms set forth herein, with full knowledge of the possible risks associated this temporary leave.

**Severability; Non-Integration:** I further expressly agree that this Waiver, Indemnification and Hold Harmless agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Vermont and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. I understand that this Waiver, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement is an independent agreement between me and World Learning/SIT relating to my withdrawal from the program and shall not in any way be interpreted as superseding, substituting or otherwise limiting or expanding the terms and conditions of any other agreement between me and World Learning/SIT relating to my participation in the program, including but not limited to the [SIT Study Abroad Statement of Responsibility, Release and Indemnification Agreement](#).

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Withdrawal or Early Leave

I understand that effective as of the departure date indicated above, SIT and its affiliated representatives shall not be responsible for providing services or assistance. In the case of a withdrawal, it is understood that I have conferred with SIT personnel regarding required work and the expected timeline for submission of outstanding coursework in order to qualify for credit. At this time, I have been notified that I am eligible to receive credit for currently enrolled coursework if I meet the requirements stated by the academic director/academic dean in the established timeframe. I have discussed this with my home school and understand the consequences of my withdrawal on enrollment there.

**Waiver:** In consideration of being permitted to withdraw from the Program, I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, **do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue** World Learning Inc. (also d/b/a SIT), its officers, employees, and agents from liability **from any and all claims** resulting from personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property loss arising from, but not limited to, my travel and related activities following the Departure Date.

**Indemnification & Hold Harmless:** I also agree to **INDEMNIFY & HOLD** World Learning Inc. (also d/b/a SIT) **HARMLESS** from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney's fees brought as a result of my travel and related activities following the departure date and to reimburse them for any such expenses incurred.

## Temporary Leave

I have voluntarily and freely elected to temporarily leave the program, and I fully understand and acknowledge that this trip is outside the parameters of SIT Study Abroad and the support services included in this program. I hereby declare that this travel exclusion and all non-program activities undertaken are at my discretion and are solely my responsibility.

I understand that SIT Study Abroad does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer, or other provider of food, goods, or services that I utilize or contract for this independent travel.

I understand and acknowledge that this independent travel is wholly voluntary and that I am not required to participate in this ancillary activity in order to satisfy any academic requirements of SIT Study Abroad. I hereby voluntarily assume full responsibility for any loss, property damage, or personal injury, including death that may be sustained by me as a result of this study abroad. I hereby agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless SIT Study Abroad, its officers, employees, agents and representatives, from any and all claims, demands or causes of action, and all expenses incidental thereto (including attorney's fees), based upon or arising out of any loss, property damage, or personal injury, including death, caused by or resulting in any way this temporary leave.

I understand that I must abide by the expectations listed below and any violation of these rules may result in dismissal from the program.

### Expectations

- You must ensure that you have all the **necessary travel documents (including visas)** that you will need to travel carefully and without incident.
- You must provide **travel and lodging specifics with contact numbers** to the academic director.
- You will **return by the established return time**. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary or academic sanctions.
- Any change to travel itinerary **must be approved by the academic director**. Any variance from approved travel plan may result in disciplinary sanctions.