

GRCC College Sponsored Student Travel

Assumption of Risk and Release Form

This document is used to inform participants the risks assumed while participating on a College Sponsored Student Travel experience. Examples of travel experiences include, but not limited to, athletic team competitions and training, culinary competitions, field trips, internships, recognized student organization and club travel, service learning and study away. Travel destinations include both domestic and international destinations. Participants can find travel practices and procedures at <https://www.grcc.edu/about-grcc/grcc-police/college-sponsored-student-travel>.

1. **PERSONAL CONDUCT.** I agree to make myself aware of, respect and adhere to, the laws and customs of the host country or countries as well as the policies and practices of third-party providers. I understand that the intentional violation or disrespect for the laws, customs, policies and practices may result in dismissal from the travel experience. Furthermore, I acknowledge that the violation of such laws, customs, policies and practices may have legal ramifications with consequences beyond the control of Grand Rapids Community College and the U.S. Government. Grand Rapids Community College, through its official representatives, including, but not limited to, a College Sponsored Student Travel Coordinator/Leader, has the authority to establish rules of conduct necessary for the operation of the travel experience during the entire period of the travel experience, including free time. Should an official representative of GRCC decide that a participant must be dismissed from the program because of violation of any stated rules or the College's published Code of Conduct

(<https://www.grcc.edu/students/student-life-conduct/student-conduct/code-conduct>) for disruptive behavior, or for any conduct that might bring the program into disrepute or its participants into legal jeopardy, that decision will be final. Dismissal from the travel experience will result in the loss of all academic credit (if applicable). Persons dismissed from the travel experience will remain responsible for all travel experience costs incurred on their behalf and any additional costs resulting from their dismissal and departure.

2. **INSURANCE COVERAGE.** I understand that Grand Rapids Community College does not provide any health, accident, or hospitalization insurance for students participating on a College Sponsored Student Travel experience. While not required for domestic travel, I have been encouraged to have health, accident, and hospitalization insurance during my participation on the travel experience, and to carry a valid medical insurance card. For international travel, I understand that I am required to have health, accident, and hospitalization insurance, and the policy must include coverage for expenses relating to sickness, injury, medical evacuation, accidental death and repatriation. Proof of such insurance coverage for international travel must be indicated on Grand Rapids Community College's College Sponsored Student Travel Health Insurance Form and furnished to Grand Rapids Community College prior to departure.

3. **HEALTH PLANNING AND TREATMENT.** I understand that all health and physical or physiological conditions must be described on Grand Rapids Community College's College Student Sponsored Travel Health Information Form. I understand that it is my responsibility to make the necessary precautions and plans to for my personal health as part of this travel experience (e.g. seeking consultations from my health providers, ensuring proper medications, securing appropriate vaccinations, and others forms of support/care). In the event of illness or injury to me to such an extent that I am unable to make decisions relative to my immediate medical condition, I authorize any official representative of Grand Rapids Community College to secure emergency medical treatment on my behalf, including surgery and the administration of an anesthetic, and I accept all financial responsibility for such treatment.

4. **THEFT AND OTHER CRIMES.** I agree to release Grand Rapids Community College and its official representatives from any liability for damage to or loss of my possessions, injury, illness, or death arising out of intentional acts of third parties during the period of the travel experience.

5. **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.** I understand that some travel experiences are procured by Grand Rapids Community College, whereas I do not have any financial responsibility. I understand for those travel experiences (e.g. study away) that I am responsible for all program fees (e.g. itinerary activities, travel arrangements, lodging accommodations, etc.) and acknowledge that Grand Rapids Community College will take action to ensure program fees are paid in-full including, but not limited to, placing a hold on your records. In the event that I notify Grand Rapids Community College in writing of my intent to cancel my participation or withdraw for reasons beyond my control, I understand that I will remain responsible for all unrecoverable travel costs incurred on my behalf.

6. **MODES OF TRANSPORTATION.** I understand that I will be traveling during the travel experience by various modes of transportation including but not limited to airplane, train, bus, or van, and I release Grand Rapids Community College and its official representatives from any responsibility for loss of property, injury or death during such travel.

7. **TRAVEL MODIFICATION.** Grand Rapids Community College will modify or cancel a program due to circumstances beyond its control including specific elements (itinerary, travel arrangements, accommodations, etc.) and exclude liability for losses or expenses students may incur as a result (e.g. flight change expense, etc.)

8. **INDEPENDENT TRAVEL.** I understand that I must notify my travel coordinator on my plans to travel independently after I have fulfilled the travel requirements of the College Sponsored Student Travel experience. I understand that independent travel is at my own risk and expense. I understand that neither Grand Rapids Community College nor its official representatives are responsible for me while I am traveling independently.

9. **HOLD HARMLESS.** In consideration of participating in the College Sponsored Student Travel experience offered through Grand Rapids Community College, I, the undersigned, in full recognition and appreciation of the dangers and hazards inherent in traveling and to which I may be exposed during my enrollment and/or participation in this activity/travel experience, do hereby agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the travel experience or any independent activities undertaken; and, further, I do for myself, my heirs, and personal representative(s) hereby defend, hold harmless, indemnify and release, and forever discharge all Grand Rapids Community College representatives from and against any and all claims, demands, and actions, or causes of action, on account of damage to personal property, or personal injury or death which may result from my participation, and which result from causes beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of Grand Rapids Community College, its Board of Trustees, officers, employees, students, representatives, agents, or contractors be determined pursuant to the law of the state of Michigan and that sole and exclusive jurisdiction shall be the courts of the state of Michigan.

I have read and understand this release. My signature below indicates my complete and willful consent.

Name of Participating Student (Please print) _____

Signature of Participating Student _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

(Required for minors who are participating in domestic travel opportunities)

Student ID _____

DATE _____