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### I. MISSION & GOALS

A major pillar of education is built upon the underpinning that nurturing and preserving the values and knowledge of the past through teaching the lives and inventions of inspired and courageous leaders is a priceless educational gift to the community that will stir future generations to accomplish much good. Further, as the world becomes more cosmopolitan, the greater the need to understand the transcultural foundations of society, which can best be learned through actual mingling in the lands and among the peoples of their origins. The mission of the International Travel Studies Institute is to provide academic and continuing education certification through traditional classroom, on-site instruction, Online curricula and text materials for individuals, families, students, and professionals. This function is realized through educational travel, humanitarian expeditions, internships, intensive explorations, and study abroad programs. The International Travel Studies Institute Study Abroad offers university students throughout the world opportunities to build an understanding of the principles of equity through intensive “on-site” study programs. More specifically, through academic and cultural experiences, the Institute is to provide:

#### A. ENHANCED UNDERSTANDING

Curricula designed to enhance an understanding of the student's own religious and cultural heritage while gaining a knowledge of the peoples, places, and organizations indigenous to the region.

#### B. SCHOLARSHIP

The development of scholarship in all areas of Near Eastern studies, reinforced by unique opportunities of residence and travel in the various lands of the region.

#### C. CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Cultural experiences through personal contact and interaction with the peoples of the Near East, their way of life, their hopes, their ambitions and aspirations.

#### D. SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Service opportunities for students to discover the value of true charity, for charity is a virtue that develops equity in self and society.

#### E. TRANSCULTURAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND MATERIALS

Transcultural community and educational programs and materials that will enhance the lives of people in all regions of the world.

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### II. FEATURES

International Travel Studies Institute Summer Study Abroad programs are 45-days of intensive travel study programs offering university-level educational units through classroom and on-site field experiences. A typical academic term (3/5 of a normal 15-week semester) with its pre-departure orientation course offers students the equivalent of nine university-level certified educational units taught by university-level instructors, faculty, and knowledgeable guest lecturers who are from local and international communities.

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A correlated curriculum of survey courses provides students with an introduction to religious studies and Near Eastern history, geography, culture, and current events.

Classroom study is built around field trips that cover the length and breadth of the Holy Land (Israel and the Palestinian Authority) including travel throughout the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The extended nature of this program provides an ideal environment to study the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, the early apostles and prophets in their original settings, along with the history, traditions and practices of Judaism, Islam, Mowahidoon (Druze), Samaritan, Eastern Christians, Baha'i, and other religious groups of the region.

Additionally, students gain an understanding of the peoples of the Near East by living among them, comparing cultural and political ideologies, and studying first-hand the background of the current Arab-Israeli conflict.

Each International Travel Studies Institute Study Abroad program includes:

#### A. ON-SITE STUDY AND EXPERIENCES

University-level study and field trip experiences in the Holy Land and Jordan.

#### B. ORIENTATION

Mandatory 1- certified hour orientation course of study: NES 100, "Near Eastern Studies Orientation Course in the Holy Land."

#### C. FORUMS

Regular forums, and courses taught by international and local guest lecturers and instructors.

#### D. SERVICE

Service opportunities among the peoples of the Near East.

#### E. TRAVEL

Personally arranged individual travel from New York City to/from Tel Aviv\*.

As you will notice, the ITSI Study Abroad experience begins before you reach the Holy Land. We wish to emphasize that each of the above items is an integral part of each ITSI Study Abroad program, and you will be expected to participate in **all** these activities. Please make sure you are willing to commit to the entire package as outlined **before** applying.

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### III. DATES & COST

#### 2020 International Travel Studies Institute Study Abroad June 23-August 6, 2020

This is the first ITSI Study Abroad program offering and is limited to a maximum of 40 students. Due to the anticipated interest and popularity of the programs, it is recommended that students apply early for acceptance.

#### A. COST OF PROGRAM

The estimated cost of the program is \$6595 (\$147/day based on 40 students). As departure cities may vary, the airfare is not included. \*

##### 1. PROGRAM COSTS INCLUDE

Tuition; field trip expenses (includes Israel/Palestinian Authority and Jordan field study trip expenses – transportation, entrance fees and group tipping, guides, faculty, specialty programs as planned, head sets for field study trips, etc.); room & ½ board (full breakfast and dinner/occasionally other

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meals as well) throughout program; required books & fees (students are expected to have a personal laptop computer); and, application fee (non-refundable \$25). The \$200 deposit paid at the time of application will be applied towards the total program cost. In the event of cancellations, see the “Cancellation Policy” section under “International Policies & Standards.”

## 2. PROGRAM COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE

Round-trip airfare/travel from homes to Tel Aviv and return\*, items of a personal nature, such as personal laptop computer, excess baggage charges, bottled drinking water, food or beverages not part of the group menu, gratuities for special services, passports, personal medical and travel insurance, immunization fees, toiletries, postage, souvenirs, and travel not part of the required core curriculum. For this program, we recommend an average of \$300-\$500 for personal expenses while in the Holy Land.

\* Airfare may be arranged personally; however, all students must arrive at the Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv by June 23, 2020 for the International Travel Studies Institute Study Abroad whose courses begin on June 24, 2020.

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## IV. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### A. LIMITED TO STUDENTS

Admission to the Study Abroad program is limited to students who are admissible to university/college studies. Students on the Study Abroad program are not expected to have attended a university prior to participation on the program; however, the courses are taught at a university academic level. This means that a student must be able to handle a lower-division, full- time university academic load. The core studies program is designed for university freshmen and sophomore students; however, high standards of religious, social, physical and psychological preparations are essential for successful completion of the program. The field study trips and physical demands of the program are strenuous due to the nature of the increased frequency of these activities in a shorter period than a normal university home campus term or semester. This is accommodated by a less rigorous in-class academic load but requires that students be physically, psychologically, and academically capable of handling the type of rigorous field trip/academic schedule offered on the ITSI Study Abroad.

### B. PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR/ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT

A professional counselor/ecclesiastical endorsement providing a recommendation of student willingness to abide by high standards of integrity, chastity, service, and commitment is required for admission. The ideal student has previously demonstrated the qualities of honesty, commitment, service and loyalty through church service and affiliation, seminary/catechism/institute of religion participation, personal expectations and purposes for participation on the program, honesty and law-abiding behavior, and living the health practices (see Honor Code, Health Requirements). Students may obtain endorsements from their professional/academic counselor or ecclesiastical leaders.

### C. GPA

An applicant's **cumulative** high school or university course GPA must be at least 2.5. Also, an applicant's **current** GPA for the semester prior to applying must be at least 2.5. Students who come from homeschool and non-traditional education programs must have the equivalent graduation requirements of public high schools and graduate with an overall equivalency GPA of 2.5.

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#### D. CONDUCT & APPEARANCE

Applicants must sign a non-proselytizing agreement; agree to abide by the International Travel Studies Institute's Honor Code and dress and grooming standards as well as any other special rules governing conduct and appearance while enrolled in an International Travel Studies Institute program; meet the International Travel Studies Institute's application, informational and payment deadlines; and can actively participate in rigorous field trip programs.

#### E. INTERVIEW

In general, the Admissions Committee must be able to review successful completion of full-time study prior to the interview for final acceptance.

#### F. MARRIED/GRADUATE STUDENTS

Students who are in graduate studies or are married must receive special approval for participation. Married couples should expect that both husband and wife are eligible for admission and will be expected to fully participate in all aspects of the program like any other admitted student. Special studies may be arranged for graduate students while they participate in the program. All such special arrangements must be approved and arranged prior to participation on the program by the Managing Director.

The above admission requirements are subject to change for future programs. Please review individual program information as it becomes available and prior to applying. Special circumstances may be referred to the Admissions Committee for review and consideration of eligibility.

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### V. ADMISSION PROCESS

The International Travel Studies Institute (ITSI) has a two-part admission process.

#### PART 1: APPLICATION WINDOW

Applications must be submitted by midnight on May 15, 2020. If more students apply than the ITSI Study Abroad program can accommodate, students will be placed on a waiting list for Part II of the admission process. If the waiting list is filled, remaining applications will be returned.

#### PART 2: INTERVIEW

Each applicant given placement in Part I of the admissions process will be interviewed for final acceptance. Applicants will be admitted to the Summer Study Abroad in the Holy Land based on their preparation for and ability to benefit from study at the International Travel Studies Institute as well as their ability to contribute to the success of the experience for others in the unique ITSI Summer Study Abroad setting. Applicants on the waiting list will be interviewed as needed, or as space becomes available.

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### VI. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STUDY INSTITUTE COURSES

The curriculum is designed to achieve a balance of spiritual, academic, and cultural development consistent with the unique goals of the International Travel Studies Institute. Class and field trip attendance is required. The institute does not provide an advanced degree of any kind but serves as an institution of learning that provides transcultural curricula that may be recognized by accredited secondary/higher education

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institutions who may choose to apply its offerings towards their institutional degree programs. Specific curriculum, certifications and course outlines are available for each program. Faculty, who develop and teach the educational packages on programs sponsored by the institute possess graduate degrees (university level Masters and Doctorates), and these faculty along with internationally recognized leaders, professionals, and scholars in various fields are retained as guest lecturers in the countries visited by participants. The Institute also works with public and private secondary education schools, universities, institutions of higher learning, and professional associations to obtain faculty and design curricula, and through affiliation or articulation agreements, transferable academic and continuing education credits are provided by their institutions. Each program has specific criteria for application and admission requirements. The Institute intends to receive additional recognition and accreditation through national and international accreditation associations as it grows over time. The transcultural offerings are also made available to all ages who find the materials beneficial to their understanding of peoples, lands, and cultures. Upon completion of course requirements, a “Certification of Completion” for each course is provided by the International Travel Studies Institute verifying that the student has successfully and satisfactorily completed all course requirements. For assistance pertaining to transfers of course work, please visit with the Academic Advisor for International Travel Studies Institute. As most **text materials are digital** and available on the internet, **students are expected to bring their own durable laptop computer.**

Each student will be registered for the following courses (9 certified educational unit hours of course work total).

#### A. RELIGIOUS STUDIES CORE (2 CERTIFIED HOURS)

Your studies begin with the examination of the Bible from the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible or Torah in Hebrew) and proceeds through the relevant texts, ending with the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and first century Christian church. As part of the course, comparative inquiries of indigenous religions (Judaism, Samaritanism, Eastern Orthodox and traditional Christianity, Islam, the Mowhidoon (Druze Faith), the Baha’i Faith, and others) which have their origins and foundations in the region will be investigated. This course includes extensive Field Study experiences as well as classroom and lecture series.

#### B. NEAR EASTERN STUDIES CORE (7 CERTIFIED HOURS)

The Near East core curriculum provides students with a blend of historical and contemporary studies of the geography, people, languages (Hebrew and Arabic), politics and current events of the region with emphasis on the post-biblical history, culture and current affairs of the indigenous peoples and their neighbors. With this concurrent contemporary study, the ancient core focuses its instruction on biblical and extra-biblical history dating from the beginnings of man to the modern world. These disciplines (ancient and contemporary studies) merge through field experiences and out-of-class activities. All students are required to register for the two sections of the ancient and the contemporary core courses (ANES 200 and CNES 200), as well as the Orientation Course and the Field Study Course (NES 100 and NES 101 respectively). The purpose of the multi-dimensional curriculum is to introduce the students to history, sociology, current affairs, politics, geography, archaeology, and literature of the ancient and modern Near East. Class sessions, field study, and personal research will focus on each of these subject areas.

The basic core class descriptions are as follows:

##### 1. NEAR EASTERN STUDIES ORIENTATION COURSE (NES 100 – 1 CERTIFIED HOUR)

The orientation course is designed to prepare participants in the program for the serious studies they will be engaged in while studying and traveling in the Near East. The course is taught online as an

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independent study or home study course that is composed of eight lessons with an open-book quiz associated with each, and a proctored final exam. The topics include a general introduction to Near Eastern Studies and the rules and policies of the International Travel Studies Institute; backgrounds in the use of sources pertinent to the regional studies; physical geography and its impact on the historical development of the region; introduction to the history and archaeology of the Levant; two chapters on the major religions of the region; and two chapters on the contemporary studies and foundation of the current conflicts in the region. The course material provides the necessary vocabulary and foundational information each student will need to gain the most out of their travel and study in the Holy Land.

## **2. ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES (ANES 200 – 3 CERTIFIED HOURS)**

Instruction includes ancient Near East regional studies, with particular emphasis in the region of the Levant (Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and the Sinai of Egypt) and its biblical, historical, geographical, archaeological backgrounds. The classes combine historical studies with field trip preparations that provide the students with archaeological, cultural and practical information essential for the optimum experience in the field.

## **3. CONTEMPORARY NEAR EAST STUDY CORE (CNES 200 – 2 CERTIFIED HOURS)**

The modern or contemporary core curriculum is designed to introduce the students to the peoples, cultures and problems of the modern Near East with special emphasis in the region of the Levant and the foundations of the Arab-Israeli Conflict. This is accomplished through a series of separate guest lecturers, forums, instructors, field study trips and out-of-class activities that, to the degree that is possible, correlate with topics in the ancient core and scriptural studies. The instructors and guest lecturers come from the local community or from prominent international positions germane to the studies.

## **4. FIELD STUDIES CORE (NES 101 – 1 CERTIFIED HOUR)**

This class has a clear ancient history and historical geography emphasis. One class period each week will be devoted to field study trip preparations and archaeological studies coupled with the historical setting of the scriptures being studied in religious instruction that same week. This weekly class day serves as the key correlation facilitator for historical, contemporary, and field studies. Field study trips should be considered by students as equal to any classroom experience in instruction and treatment. The value of a study abroad experience is the concept of the extended classroom. Students are graded on their attendance, participation, completion of assignments and exams pertaining to field study, and attention given to faculty on the field study trips. The International Travel Studies Institute Handbook clearly defines the expectations required of students on field study trips. (See International Travel Studies Institute Handbook under topic "Field Study Trips" and "Travel Regulations".) The current 6-week ITSI Study Abroad include travel throughout all the regions of Israel/Palestinian Authority and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. (Future programs may include additional countries). The majority of field study trips are conducted by ITSI faculty; however, approved optional field studies may be conducted by other approved faculty/instructors/guides as well. Additional travel costs (which students are expected to personally pay) may be associated with optional field study trips that are outside the planned core curriculum.

## **5. FORUM ASSEMBLIES (SUPPLEMENTAL TO CURRICULUM – REQUIRED)**

ITSI regularly hosts a distinguished guest who will speak to students about a topic of current interest. Attendance at these outstanding lectures is mandatory and is an important part of the ITSI Summer Study Abroad experience. Information from these assemblies may be part of exams in the certificated courses.

## 6. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (NON-CREDIT)

In addition to the required field study trips, a host of optional hikes, walks, and activities that enhance the students' knowledge and personal growth will be suggested or made available. For safety reasons, no student is permitted to travel alone, but must be in groups of two or three. Some activities the students have opportunity to participate in include work experiences on a kibbutz, archaeological digs, folk dancing, choir performances, fishing boat experiences on the Sea of Galilee, sporting activities, camel treks, hikes following various historical pathways, visits to mosques and synagogues, concerts and museum visits, community service, swimming and snorkeling (Red Sea, Dead Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River), etc. While in Jerusalem students will also be expected to plan time for their own travel in small groups, returning to field study sites or to religious and historical sites not included in the full groups' activities, etc.

## VII. POLICY ON CERTIFIED COURSES AND UNITS OF CREDIT

The following guidelines have been adopted as a good measure for defining higher education credit hours offered at the International Travel Studies Institute in the Holy Land as of December 2018. They are drawn from the standards set up by the US Department of Education and also Stanford University which meets the federal requirements (see <https://registrar.stanford.edu/faculty/unit-credit>). Such definitions should allow for acceptance of the instructions/coursework offered on the ITSI Study Abroad programs, which adhere to these guidelines, by other university and higher education institutions. The International Travel Studies Institute continues to monitor their offerings to be compliant with federal rules concerning the amount of work required for a unit of credit. This policy requires that an amount of work for each unit of credit be institutionally established, represented in intended learning outcomes, and verified by evidence of student achievement. An official "Certificate of Completion" will be issued by the International Travel Studies Institute after the students return and grading of course work is completed by faculty, recorded and archived by the International Travel Studies Institute.

### A. FEDERAL DEFINITION OF A UNIT OF CREDIT

Federal regulations regarding the definition and assignment of credit hours under Section 600.2 and 600.24(f) of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (See also "Answers to Questions" under "Credit Definition of US Department of Education Laws of Guidance for Higher Education" at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2009/credit.html#credit>) now state, in part, that a unit of credit is:

"An amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates not less than:

1. "One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately ... ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit or the equivalent amount of work over a different period of time; or
2. "At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours."

Normal on-campus university courses receiving 1 unit of credit are taught in classrooms for 50 minutes per week for 14-weeks and then have a final exam during the 15<sup>th</sup> week. Including the *2-hours of out-of-class study per lecture, the total 60-minute-hours per credit is: 12.5 hours + 25 hours = 37.5 total hours per credit.*

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## B. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STUDIES INSTITUTE'S POLICY ON VERIFYING CERTIFIED UNITS

The International Travel Studies Institute policy, which is in compliance with the federal definition, states that every unit for which certification is given is understood to represent approximately three hours of actual work per week for the average student. Thus, in lecture, field study trip (FST), seminar, or discussion work, for 1 unit of certification, one hour per week is typically allotted to the lecture, seminar, or discussion and two hours for preparation or subsequent reading and study. Thus, a 3-unit course offered during a 45-days study abroad requires a minimum of nine hours of total work per week. Following the guidelines of other universities, it is assumed that any class ends 10 minutes early in order to allow movement to the next class.

One certificated unit usually corresponds to 50-minute period of lecture or seminar per week for 14 weeks and a week for course assessments. Each weekly hour of lecture or seminar is generally expected to require two additional hours of work (reading, writing, problem sets, or other assignments) per week. One additional unit is normally assigned for courses with required discussion sections, when section meetings are at least one hour per week for a total of 10 hours per program. Thus, on a program basis, one unit usually corresponds to 10 lecture or seminar contact hours per program. A 3-unit course would generally have 30 contact hours over the course of the program. Such a course might have a format of three hours of lecture per week for six weeks, plus an hour of review during the End Period. The course would have 12 hours of total work per week, three of which would be in class and three for Field Study Trips. Students would be expected to do six hours of additional out-of-class work.

FST (Field Study Trip) hours are based on a ratio used years ago by Stanford University where 3 hours in the field is equivalent to 1 hour in class. This ratio is assuming that it is not just straight long rides but is interspersed with instruction periodically over 3 hours that could be considered as if received in a 50-minute class lecture with the appropriate out of class preparation or homework. Thus, a one-day FST of 9-hours (8:00AM-5:00 PM) would equate to three hours of class lecture. As a single field trip usually covers materials in the three main course offerings (Religious Studies, Ancient and Contemporary Near East Studies), the total hours would be distributed among the courses with an additional credit hour allotted to the FST course.

Total hours of in-classroom and field study trip (FST) equivalent hours per program:

FST 32 Days (where three 60-minute hours = 1 classroom hour) = 90 classroom hours (or more than 6 certified hours based on 15 classroom hours per certified hour)

Classroom & Lecture Hours (50-minute hours) = 135 classroom hours (or 9 certified hours)

**TOTAL CLASSROOM HOURS FOR 2020 PROGRAM = 225 CLASSROOM HOURS (OR 15 CERTIFIED HOURS BASED ON 15 CLASSROOM HOURS PER CERTIFIED HOUR)**

Each week will be adjusted for field studies and out-of-center and out-of-country studies, which reflect an average amount of 38 hours of course work per week. The courses for higher education credit hours offered for this 6-week program is allocated based on actual study time as follows:

NES 100 – Near Eastern Studies Orientation	1 Certified Hour
NES 101 – Field Study Trips in the Near East	1 Certified Hour
RS 200 – Biblical History/Comparative Religions of Near East	2 Certified Hours ANES
200 – Historical Geography/Archaeology of the Levant	3 Certified Hours CNES
200 – Contemporary Near Eastern Studies and Current Affairs	2 Certified Hours
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<b>TOTAL Earned Certified Hours</b>	<b>9 Certified Hours</b>

The additional 6 credit hours are considered required lab hours for the courses.

This correlated curriculum is designed for students who are energetic and eager to study in a serious academic program that is intended to provide opportunity for spiritual, educational, social and physical growth. Successful students will take the personal challenge to plan well and use their time productively while part of the ITSI Study Abroad program.

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### VIII. FINANCIAL AID

All students are welcome to apply for ITSI Financial Aid\*. Please note that students who decide to participate in extended travel immediately following an International Travel Study Institute Study Abroad program are not eligible to receive an ITSI award. Students who travel home to a destination other than Salt Lake City are still eligible. While ITSI financial aid is not a loan that must be repaid, recipients of financial aid are encouraged, if they are able in future years, to replenish the financial aid fund so that future students will also have financial aid available when they need it. Currently, a donation for this financial aid is not available.

\*Applications are available on the ITSI website at <https://internationaltravelstudiesinst.godaddysites.com/study-abroad>

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### IX. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS / DONATIONS

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## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STUDIES INSTITUTE POLICIES & STANDARDS

### A. CANCELLATION POLICY

1. Cancellation after placement in an ITSI Study Abroad program means forfeiture of the \$200 deposit. Students who do not qualify for the program, do not receive placement, or cannot be accommodated from a waiting list, will receive a deposit refund minus the \$25 non-refundable application fee.
2. Failure to meet appropriate deadlines could result in the student's cancellation.
3. Cancelling within two weeks prior to departure requires a \$100 cancellation fee. Charges for accommodations may also be assessed, along with any other costs already encumbered.

### B. TRANSFER POLICY

A student cannot transfer an application from one program to another. Consideration for a future program means cancellation of the current application, forfeiture of deposit, and submission of a new application and deposit for the future program.

### C. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STUDIES INSTITUTE DRESS & GROOMING STANDARDS

Although clothing standards vary from region to region in the Middle East, some contemporary clothing styles, particularly for young women in the US and Europe, are inconsistent with standards of modesty for many residents of the region, and especially in Jerusalem, who generally belong to orthodox—and hence conservative—Christian, Muslim or Jewish faiths. Even commonly accepted clothing styles worn by students at conservative university campuses would be considered by many in Jerusalem and elsewhere in the Middle East to be immodest.

International Travel Studies Institute students need to adopt a modest look that will both set them apart and show respect. **You will be expected to dress consistent with at least minimal standards of modesty during your travels with the ITSI Study Abroad program, as outlined below.**

#### IN GENERAL

- The International Travel Studies Institute's dress standard is conservative and what might be termed "dresy casual." It is very important that clothing be loose-fitting and modest in terms of body coverage and style.
- In addition to the specifics detailed below, no tight, torn, grubby, stained or patched clothing is to be worn.
- Beach wear for swimming is only for the beaches and must be modest swimwear. They are not to be worn in cabins, cafeterias or classrooms. Students should have a covering when walking to and from the beaches.
- These standards apply to clothing worn in and out of classrooms.

#### CLOTHING

- Clothing with slogans, political statements, US flags or other US insignia are not allowed. Most brand names and school logos are okay.
- All blouses, shirts, and tops must be loose-fitting and modest. They must have sleeves that cover the upper arm with the length closer to the elbow than the shoulder. All tops must cover in front to at least the collar bone. Cotton or cotton-blend fabrics are strongly recommended.
- Pants, for both men and women, must fit at the waist and come down to the foot. Capris, low-rise, "skinny" or excessively baggy pants are not permitted. Leggings and tights are considered to be

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stockings, and if worn, must be covered to below-the-knee by a skirt. Jeans are acceptable as long as they are not ripped, worn out, or shabby looking. Cargo-type pants and cotton or cotton-blends are preferred and strongly recommended. Shorts can be worn only on a limited basis for gym use or as a cover-up for bathing suits in Galilee, at the Dead Sea, etc.

- Skirts and dresses should be loose-fitting and reach to below-the-knee in length. Dress tops must be loose fitting with appropriate sleeve length.

#### FOOTWEAR AND SWIMWEAR

- No bare feet at any time in the Center, except in student rooms. Sandals and “flip flops” can be worn but must be kept on the foot at all times. Good walking shoes with closed toes are required on all field trips.
- For women, no two-piece swimming suits are allowed; for men, no speedo-type suits. Swimwear must be modest in fabric, fit, and style. Swimming suits may be worn in swimming areas only.

#### HAIRSTYLE AND HEADWEAR

- No extreme haircuts or colorings.
- Head covers (e.g., caps and hats) are not permitted in classrooms or the dining areas. Hooded sweatshirts or jackets (“hoodies”) are permitted.

We understand that dressing this way won’t make you stylish by US standards and that you may need to acquire a few new things that fit within these International Travel Studies Institute standards.

#### D. SPECIAL HEALTH STANDARDS

Due to the unique nature and demands of the program, each applicant is screened thoroughly, particularly about emotional and medical health issues. The student will be placed in a foreign living situation that is physically, emotionally and academically rigorous without the usual support services available in the United States or which they may normally be accustomed to in familiar home environments. The concerns are both for the student and his/her fellow students.

Students who require special medical or emotional attention may cause a disruption to the program and even endanger the well-being of others. Rather than benefit from the experience, the student may, in fact, be harmed. International Travel Studies Institute must ensure that this student can independently manage physical and emotional challenges in a demanding environment. Therefore, a special Health Evaluation Form is to be completed by all students when applying for the program. Also, maintaining a healthy body, mind, and spirit is an essential part of the experience. Students are expected to maintain the following health practices while part of the program:

- Use of tobacco products, any form of alcohol, or illegal drugs are prohibited.
- Avoidance of dangerous activities that put the student’s body or others at risk of serious injury.
- Care for one’s body, eating nutritious food (the program provides excellent foods for breakfast and dinner), exercising regularly, and getting enough sleep.
- Practicing balance and moderation in all aspects of one’s physical health.
- Avoidance of extremes in diet that could lead to eating disorders.
- Not intentionally harming one’s body.

## E. BEHAVIOR & DATING

Activities and behavior must be consistent with high standards of taste and decency. Be aware that any public displays of affection (arms around person of the opposite sex, etc.) is considered inappropriate among certain peoples in the Near East. Dating or pairing off between members of the program is strongly discouraged and dating or pairing off with anyone outside of the program is not allowed.

Friendships develop and intensify on this study program because of the amount of time spent living, studying and traveling together; but time, the setting, and the environment make dating unwise.

Due to the nature of the living facilities, it is inappropriate for male and female single students to be in each other's cabins. Students may meet in any of the public areas that are very available wherever the program is located. If students of opposite gender need to enter a cabin, permission of attending faculty is required.

## F. PROSELYTIZING

The International Travel Studies Institute has made a firm commitment that no one associated with the International Travel Studies Institute programs will engage in religious proselytizing activities while in the countries visited as part of the program. **Students may not proselytize, directly or indirectly.** Proselytizing is defined as any activity that could be construed as aimed at including, encouraging or leading people in these countries visited to investigate any religion for possible conversion and is strictly contrary to the desires of the government and people of the lands. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Brigham Young University have signed formal agreements and ask that their members abide by these policies. Non-LDS people who visit or reside in the countries generally understand the high tensions caused by proselytizing and generally abide by this policy as well.

Students, faculty and staff must agree to not distribute, either directly, by mail or by internet, any materials pertaining to one's church or its doctrines within Israel or Palestine. It is not permitted to discuss one's church or its doctrines or answer any questions regarding one's church or its doctrines with individuals who reside in the Holy Land or who may be visiting there. If asked questions about one's religion, students must state that they are in the Holy Land as a student and are not permitted to discuss their church or its doctrines. The students enrolled on the International Travel Studies Institute program, who may not be LDS, must understand that much of the instruction and field experiences are from the perspective of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and that their religious study courses and lectures include instruction and research into the beliefs and doctrines, histories and origins of many religions. Therefore, the rules of discussion of one's religious beliefs and doctrines does not apply to the students and faculty participating on the program but does apply to all others that they encounter while enrolled in and traveling on the International Travel Studies Institute programs.

## G. INFRACTIONS

A single violation of International Travel Studies Institute policies will result in consequences related to missed privileges and could also result in dismissal from the program. Students must understand that if they are dismissed from the program, they will be responsible for additional costs incurred to return them to their homes and that there will be no refunds for services not rendered. Furthermore, in the event a student is dismissed from the program, academic certification may be withheld, and his/her standing at their university or institutions of higher learning may likewise be affected.





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CALENDAR



# ITSI SUMMER STUDY ABROAD

# JUNE/JULY - 2020

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
		JUNE 22	<u>DEPARTURE</u>	23	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	24	<u>JERUSALEM</u>	25	<u>JERUSALEM</u>	26	<u>JERUSALEM</u>	27	<u>JERUSALEM SABBATH</u>
		Students Depart to Holy Land		Students Arrive Jerusalem, Holy Land East Hotel		7:00 am Breakfast 8:00am Orientation 9:15am Walks of Jerusalem 4:00-5:00pm Orientation--Intro to courses/study schedule 6:00 pm dinner 7:00-8:00 pm "Get-Acquainted" Evening		First Day of Classes 6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 8:00-9:50 am RS 200 10:00-12:00am ANES 200 Lunch break 1:30-2:30 CNES 200  5:00 pm dinner 7:00-8:30 pm Guest Lecture (Foundations of Arab/Israeli Conflict)		6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 8:00-9:50 am RS 200 10:00-12:00am ANES 200 Lunch Break 1:30-2:30 FST Prep (Patriarchs through Moses Field Studies) 5:00 pm dinner 7:30-9:00 pm Walk to Western Wall to Greet Sabbath		6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 10 am-12 pm Church Services with Jerusalem Branch (BYU Jerusalem Center) (Views of Jerusalem) 5:00pm dinner 7:00 pm Fireside "History of LDS Church in the Holy Land"	
28	<u>JERUSALEM</u>	29	<u>JERUSALEM</u>	30	<u>JERUSALEM</u>	JULY 1	<u>JERUSALEM</u>	2	<u>NEGEV</u>	3	<u>NEGEV</u>	4	<u>NEGEV-EILAT</u>
6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 7:17 am FST#1: "Northern Patriarchs' Way" (Wilderness/Jordan Valley/Adam Bridge/Mt Gerazim/Samaritan Museum/Jacob's Well/Shechem/Samaria/Shiloh) 6:30 pm Dinner  7:30pm Guest Lecture: "Islam"		6:30-7:15 am Breakfast 7:30 am FST#2: Old City/Temple Mount/Western Wall/Temple Institute/Jaffa Gate Museum 3:00-4:00 pm RS 200 4:00-5:00 pm CNES 200 6:00-7:00 Dinner 7:30pm FST Prep #3, 4, 5, & 6: West Jerusalem and Biblical Museums; "Southern Patriarchs' Way & Exodus" Prep.		6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 8:00am- 2:00pm FST #3a: Train to Mt Herzl/ Yad Vashem/ Train to Mahane Yehuda (Lunch); Train to Damascus Gate/ Hotel Afternoon free/prepare for 4:30 pm Dinner 5:30 pm FST#3b – Train/bus (14) to Menorah/ Knesset/ Israel National Museum/ Archaeological Wing/ Model City/Shrine of the Book		6:30-7:00 am Breakfast 7:15 am FST #4: "Southern Patriarchs' Way & Exodus" Hebron/Lahav/Arad/Beer Sheva/Kadesh Barnea (Beerotayim)  Evening Fireside in Bedouin Tent ("Life of Patriarchs")		6:00-7:00 am Breakfast  Field Study Trip #4 Continued: Camel Trek (1 ½ hrs)/Sde Boker/ Avdat/Mitzpe Ramon Observatory  7:00 PM Dinner Evening RS200 & ANES 200 classes		7:00-7:30 am Breakfast FST #4 continued: Mitzpe Ramon Crater (4-wheel drive)/ Camping at Loz  Fireside class: Abraham, Moses, Elijah and the Universe discussions under the stars.		FST #4 continued: Egyptian Border through Wilderness of Zin, Sin and Paran/climb Har Karkoum Testimony Service on Har Karkoum/Mitzpe Ramon  FST #5 Prep: Aravah/Timnah/Eilat/Jordan 7:00 pm Dinner	
5	<u>EILAT</u>	6	<u>PETRA</u>	7	<u>AMMAN</u>	8	<u>JERICHO</u>	9	<u>JERUSALEM</u>	10	<u>JERUSALEM</u>	11	<u>JERUSALEM</u>
6:30-7:30 am Breakfast FST #5 – Aravah/Yotvatah (lunch)/Timna (Tabernacle and Copper Mines)/ Eilat 7:00pm Dinner		6:00-7:30 am Breakfast Eilat Underwater Observatory/Red Sea Snorkeling 6:30 pm Dinner 7:30 PM FST #6: Eilat/Border/ Aqaba/ Wadi Rum/Petra		6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 7:45 am FST #6 cont.: Petra/Machareas/ Karak/Madaba/Mt. Nebo/ Amman 6:30-7:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm Guest Lecture (CNES 200 "Jordan Today")		6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 7:45 am FST#6 cont.: Northern Jordan: Amman/ Jabbok River & Penuel/ Jerash/Irbid/ Gadara/Pella/Border/ Jericho Resort Hotel 7:00 -7:45 pm Dinner 8:00 pm FST #7a & 7b Prep: "The Conquest"		6:30-7:15am Breakfast 7:30 am FST #7a: Jericho (Tel es-Sultan)/Bethel/Ai/ Rama/Gibeon/Nebi Samwil/Beth Horon/ Latrun/Bab el Wad/ Kiriath Jearim/Jerusalem  7:00 pm Dinner		6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 7:45 am FST #7b: "The Shephelah" (Sorek Valley)/ Elah Valley/ Beit Guvrin/ Lachish/ Jerusalem) 6:30-7:15 pm Dinner 7:30 pm FST #8 Prep: "The City of David and Hezekiah"		7:00-8:00 am Breakfast 8:30-9:30 am Tour of Jerusalem Center 10am-12pm Church at Jerusalem Branch 6:30-7:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm Fireside "History of Jerusalem Center"	
12	<u>JERUSALEM</u>	13	<u>JERUSALEM</u>	14	<u>JERUSALEM</u>	15	<u>NAZARETH</u>	16	<u>GALILEE</u>	17	<u>GALILEE</u>	18	<u>GALILEE SABBATH</u>
6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 7:45-9:45am RS 200 9:50-10:50am ANES 200 10:55-11:30am CNES 200 1:00 pm FST #8– Old Testament Jerusalem (City of David, Hezekiah's City) 6:00 pm Dinner 8:00 pm Guest Lecture (ANES 200 "1st Temple Period Jerusalem")		6:30-7:30 am Breakfast <u>Finish First Temple Period, Studies</u> 7:35-9:25am RS 200 9:30-10:25am ANES 200 10:30-12:25 CNES 200 2:30-5:00pm Meet at Biblelands Museum (arrive by train & bus) 6:00-7:00 pm Dinner 7:15 pm FST #9 & 10 Prep: Herodian/ Ein Karem/Bethlehem/ Shepherds' Field/Galilee		<u>Begin Second Temple Period Studies</u> 6:30-7:15 am Breakfast 7:30 FST #9a: Ein Karem/ Herodian/Bethlehem  Afternoon Pack for Galilee  6:00-7:00pm Dinner  7:45pm Shepherds' Field Christmas Program		6:00-7:00 Breakfast 7:15 am FST #10: Wadi Qelt & Judean Wilderness/ New Testament Jericho/ Qasr el-Yahud/ Beit Shean/ Ein Harod/ Nazareth (Sisters of Zion/St Joseph's Hospice)  6:30-7:15 pm Dinner 7:30-8:00 pm FST #11 Prep: Lower Galilee 8:00-9:00 pm RS 200		6:30-7:30am Breakfast FST #10: Old Nazareth/ Nazareth Village & lunch/ Cana/Tzipori (Sepphoris)/ Khirbet Qana/Mt. Arbel/ Ein Gev  7:00 pm Dinner 8:00-9:00 pm RS 200		6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 7:15 am FST #11 -Fishing on Sea of Galilee & Her ports" (Kursi/Bethsaida/ Capernaum/ Mount of Beatitudes/Mensa Christi/ Tabgah/ Magdala/ Ginnosar/ Boat to Ein Gev  7:00-8:00 pm Dinner 7:15 pm FST #12 & 13 Prep: "North West Coast and Upper Western Galilee"		7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Depart at 8:30am 10:00-12:00 am Haifa Branch Church Services (Sack lunch) FST #12; Haifa/German Templar Cemetery/Bahai Gardens & Overlook/Mt. Carmel/ Muhkraqa/ Megiddo/Jezreel Valley/Ein Gev  6:00-7:00 pm Dinner	



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SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
19	<b>GALILEE</b> 7:00-8:00 am Breakfast FST #13– Northern Israel – Hatzor/Safed/Lebanese Border/ Rosh Hanikrah/ Akko/Ein Gev 6:00-7:00 pm Dinner 7:30-8:30 pm RS 200	20	<b>GALILEE</b> 6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 8:00-9:30 am RS 200 9:45-11:45 am CNES (Golan & Israeli Conflicts in Galilee) 6:00-7:00 pm Dinner 7:30-8:30 pm FST #14 Prep: "The Golan and Upper Galilee"	21	<b>GALILEE</b> 7AM FST #14 – "Golan & Upper Galilee" 6:00-7:00 pm Fish Dinner	22	<b>JERUSALEM</b> 6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 8:00am FST #15: "Jesus' Last Journey to Jerusalem" (Nain/ Mt. Tabor/Jericho (stop at Wadi Qelt Bedouin house for lunch)/ Bethany/ Jerusalem) 7:00 pm Dinner	23	<b>JERUSALEM</b> 6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 8:00-9:50 am RS 200 10:00-12:00am ANES 200 Lunch break 1:30-2:30 CNES 200 6:00-7:00 pm dinner 8:30pm Movie Masada	24	<b>JERUSALEM</b> 6:00-7:00 am Breakfast 7:15 am FST #16: Masada/En Gedi/ Qumran/Jericho/ Jerusalem 7:00-8:00 pm Dinner	25	<b>JERUSALEM</b> <b>SABBATH</b> 7:00-8:00 am Breakfast 10am- 12pm Church Services 6:00-7:00 pm Dinner
26	<b>JERUSALEM</b> 6:00-7:00 am Breakfast 7:15 am FST #17: Western Wall/Ophel Museum/ Jewish Quarter/ Armenian and Christian Quarters (Holy Sepulcher) 6:00-7:00 pm dinner 7:15-8:00 pm FST #18 Prep: Biblical Life Styles	27	<b>JERUSALEM</b> 6:00-7:00 am Breakfast 7:15 am FST #18: Neot Kedumim Reserve (Trail C & Plant a Tree) 2:00-3:50 pm RS 200 4:00-5:30 pm ANES 200 5:35-6:25 pm CNES 200 6:30-7:30 pm Dinner 8:00-9:00 pm Guest Lecture ("2nd Temple Period Jerusalem")	28	<b>JERUSALEM</b> 6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 8:00-9:50 am RS 200 10:00-12:00am ANES 200 Lunch break 1:30-2:30 CNES 200 6:00-7:00 pm dinner 7:15-8:00 pm FST #19a & 19b Prep: "The Week of the Atoning Sacrifice"	29	<b>JERUSALEM</b> 6:00-7:00 am Breakfast 7:15 am FST #19a: "Passion Week 1" Bethphage/ Eleona Church/Mt. Zion/ David's Tomb/ Cenacle/ Gethsemane 6:00-7:00 pm Dinner 7:15 pm "Upper Room Experience"	30	<b>JERUSALEM</b> 6:00-7:00 am Breakfast 7:15 am RS 200 8:15 am FST-"Passion Week 2" St. Peter in Gallicantu/ (walk) Antonia (Sisters of Zion)/ Damascus Gate/ Bus Terminal 7:00 pm Dinner	31	<b>JERUSALEM</b> 6:30-7:30 am Breakfast 8:00-9:50 am RS 200 10:00-12:00am ANES 200 Lunch break 1:30-2:30 CNES 200 6:00-7:00 pm dinner 7:15-8:30pm FST #20 Prep: "The Western Coastal Region"	AUG 1	<b>JERUSALEM</b> <b>SABBATH</b> 6:00-7:00 am Breakfast 7:15 Walk to have Early Morning Services at the Garden Tomb Transfer to Orson Hyde Gardens then to Jerusalem Center 10am-12pm Church Services 6:00-7:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Final Jerusalem Fireside
2	<b>JERUSALEM</b> 6:00-7:00 am Breakfast 7:15 am FST #20: Western Coast – Dor/ Apolonia/Caesarea Maritima/Jaffa/ Jerusalem 6:00-7:00 pm Dinner	3	<b>JERUSALEM</b> 7:00-8:00 am Breakfast AM/PM Final Classes & Prep for Finals 6:00-7:00 pm Dinner	4	<b>JERUSALEM</b> <b>FINAL EXAMS DAY</b> 6:00-7:00 pm Dinner	5	<b>JERUSALEM</b> 7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Packing 7:00 pm Farewell Dinner/TALENT SHOW	6	<b>FLIGHT</b> Flight to U.S. – TLV/HOME Arrive Same Day				

Israel/P.A. Buses: 18 Full Days: June 28, July 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 15,16,17,18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 29, August 2; 3 Half Day Bus: June 27, July 14, 27; 5 Bus Transfers: July 8, 11, 14, 25; 2 Airport Transfers: June 23, August 6.

Hotels including Bed, Breakfast, Dinners (40 students/4 faculty & driver when necessary): Holy Land Hotel (or Similar) [8 nights+6 nights+15 nights=29 nights]: June 23-July 1, July 9-15, July 22-August 6; Khan at Be'erotyaim (includes Camel Trek) [1 night]: July 1-2; Mitzpe Ramon Youth Hostel [2 nights+ storage for luggage overnight]: July 2-3, July 4-5; Har Karkom 4-wheel driving & camping (B,L,D,B,L) [1 night camping]: July 3-4; Eilat [1 night]: July 5-6; Petra, Jordan [1 night]: July 6-7; Amman, Jordan [1 night]: July 7-8; Jericho Village Resort [1 night]: July 8-9; Nazareth, Sisters of (or St. Joseph's) [1 night]: July 15-16; Ein Gev Holiday Village Resort [6 nights]: July 16-22

TOTAL HOTEL/CAMPING NIGHTS: 29+1+2+1+1+1+1+1+1+6= 44 nights

Special Needs:

- 44 Rav-Kav train/bus anonymous cards (100 N.I.S./person)
- Classrooms where shown on calendar
- Extra meals: July 18-1st Century Lunch at Nazareth Village; July 23-Fish Dinner @ Ein Gev Restaurant
- Entrance fees/parks cards (if feasible)/July 2-Camel Trek at Be'erotayim/July 3-4-Har Karkoum/ July 5- Timna Tabernacle/ June 29 or July 26-Ha Kotel Tour/ July 12-City of David/ July 27-Neot Kedumim Tour (arrange topics after arrival)
- Jordan travel as outlined (include border fees and visa), July 6 (evening Aqaba border crossing)-July 8 (evening King Hussein-Allenby border crossing)



INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STUDIES INSTITUTE  
2020 SUMMER STUDY ABROAD IN THE HOLY LAND  
APPLICATION FORMS



# 2020 Application for Admission

**Summer Study Abroad in the Holy Land: June 22 – August 6, 2020**

International Travel Studies Institute 45-Days Summer Study Abroad offers application processing through May 15, 2020.

Please complete and send the application materials\* by mail or email to:

International Travel Studies Institute  
285 East 1910 South  
Orem, Utah 84058  
801-636-8593

\*\$200 deposit may be mailed with application or  
Send by Zella (mobile number 801-636-8593)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Please use the attached application to apply for admission to the International Travel Studies Institute 2020 Summer Study Abroad in the Holy Land. This is the first offering of this program and is limited to a maximum of 40 students. Due to the anticipated interest and popularity of this program, it is recommended that students apply early for acceptance. The last day of application is May 15, 2020.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Limited to Students

Admission to the Summer Study Abroad program is limited to students who are admissible to university/college studies. Students on the 2020 Summer Study Abroad program are not expected to have attended a university prior to participation on the program; however, the courses are taught at a university academic level. This means that a student must be able to handle a lower-division, full-time university academic load. The core studies program is designed for university freshmen and sophomore students; however, high standards of religious, social, physical and psychological preparations are essential for successful completion of the program. The field study trip and physical demands of the program are strenuous due to the nature of the increased frequency of these activities in a shorter period than a normal university home campus Study Abroad or semester. This is accommodated by a less rigorous in-class academic load but requires that students be physically, psychologically, and academically capable of handling the type of rigorous field trip/academic schedule offered on the International Travel Studies Institute (ITSI) Study Abroad program.

- Professional Counselor or Ecclesiastical Endorsement

A professional counselor or ecclesiastical endorsement providing a recommendation of student willingness to abide by high standards of integrity, chastity, service, and commitment is required for admission. The ideal student has previously demonstrated the qualities of honesty, commitment, service and loyalty through church service and affiliation, seminary/catechism/institute of religion participation, personal expectations and purposes for participation on the program, honesty and law-abiding behavior, and living the health practices (see Statement on Commitment to Standards and Policies).

- GPA

An applicant's **cumulative** high school or university course GPA must be at least 2.5. Also, an applicant's **current** GPA for the semester prior to applying must be at least 2.5. Students who come from homeschool and non-traditional education programs must have the equivalent graduation requirements of public high schools and graduate with an overall equivalency GPA of 2.5.

- Conduct & Appearance

Applicants must sign a non-proselytizing agreement; agree to abide by the ITSI program's "Commitment to Standards and Policies" and the dress and grooming standards as well as any other special rules governing conduct and appearance while enrolled in an ITSI program; meet the ITSI's application, informational and payment deadlines; and can actively participate in a rigorous field trip program.

- Interview

In general, the Admissions Committee must be able to review successful completion of full-time study prior to the interview for final acceptance.

- Married / Graduate Students

Students who are in graduate studies or are married must receive special approval for participation. Married couples should expect that both husband and wife are eligible for admission and will be expected to fully participate in all aspects of the program like any other admitted student. Special studies may be arranged for graduate students while they participate in the program. All such special arrangements must be approved and arranged prior to participation on the program by the Managing Director.

The above admission requirements are subject to change for future programs. Please review individual program information as it becomes available and prior to applying. Special circumstances may be referred to the Admissions Committee for review and consideration of eligibility.

## ADMISSIONS PROCESS

International Travel Studies Institute has a two-part admissions selection process:

### Part 1: Application Window

Applications must be submitted by midnight on May 15, 2020. If more students apply than the ITSI program can accommodate, students will be placed on a waiting list for Part II of the admission process. If the waiting list is filled, remaining applications will be returned.

### Part 2: Interview

Each applicant given placement in Part I of the admissions process will be interviewed for final acceptance. Applicants will be admitted to the ITSI Study Abroad program based on their preparation for and ability to benefit from study at the ITSI as well as their ability to contribute to the success of the experience for others in the unique ITSI Study Abroad setting. Applicants on the waiting list will be interviewed as needed, or as space becomes available.

## CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER POLICY

- Cancellation after placement on an ITSI Study Abroad program means forfeiture of \$200 deposit. Students who do not qualify for the program, do not receive placement, or cannot be accommodated from a waiting list will receive a refund less the \$25 non-refundable application fee.
- Failure to meet appropriate deadlines could result in the student's cancellation.
- If an airline ticket has been finalized prior to cancelling, a ticket cancellation fee will be assessed (currently \$300). At this point, the airfare may also be non-refundable.
- Cancelling within two weeks prior to departure requires a \$100 cancellation fee. Charges for room may also be assessed, along with any other costs already encumbered.
- A student cannot transfer an application from one program to another. Consideration for a future program means cancellation of the current application, forfeiture of deposit, and submission of a new application and deposit for the future program.

# Application for Admission

## Summer Study Abroad Program: June 22 – August 6, 2020



### PART 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Male  Female

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Current Mailing Address (street, apt. #, city, state, & zip code)  
NOTE: Placement notice & program documents will be sent to this address.

Applicant's Birth date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Home phone (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Cell phone (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Current Educational Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

I have included my most current official transcript of credit

### PASSPORT/CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION

I have a U.S. Passport:  yes  no If you have one, please provide the following: Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Date of Issue \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy) Passport Date of Expiration \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Place of Issue \_\_\_\_\_ If the passport will have less than six months validation, you must apply for a new one.

If you are NOT a U.S. citizen or a Permanent Resident, please complete the following information. (Additional materials may be requested of non-U.S. citizen applicants.)

Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Type of current visa: \_\_\_\_\_

### FAMILY/PERMANENT ADDRESS

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship:  Father  Mother  Guardian Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Complete Mailing Address (street, apt. #, city, state, & zip code)

Home phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Cell phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:  LDS Church Member  Other Religion (Please specify.) \_\_\_\_\_

For LDS Church Members: Home Ward \_\_\_\_\_ Home Stake \_\_\_\_\_

Ecclesiastical Leader (Bishop, Priest, Minister, other) \_\_\_\_\_ Contact (Email) \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Have You served an LDS mission?  Yes  No Date entered MTC \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy) Date Released \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Foreign Language(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Name of Mission \_\_\_\_\_

### Pre-existing Medical and/or Counseling Needs

Please be sure to check with your personal medical insurance programs to see if you are covered in international travel to Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. If you have ongoing medical challenges that might require medical treatment in Israel or the countries visited, please understand that you must be prepared to pre-pay all expected medical expenses and make any additional payments for costs for medical treatment and medications associated with medical conditions. While you will be able to get bills for services provided, they will be denominated in Israeli shekels and be in Hebrew. Medical providers in the Middle East will not bill or collect from your, or your parent's, insurance company. You will be responsible for all medical expenses associated with pre-existing conditions on a cash basis. Are you currently under the care of a physician for any reason that would be considered a pre-existing medical condition if you were to become ill?  Yes  No

The International Travel Studies Institute does not provide access to counseling or psychiatric services. Similarly, International Travel Studies Institute does not provide special accommodations or services for students with learning disabilities. If counseling services are required during the program, the student must cover all costs. Do you require the help of a counselor or tutor?  yes  no

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

I hereby certify all statements in this application are complete and true and acknowledge that my admission and my continuing status are conditional on such completeness and truthfulness.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

## PART 2: COMMITMENT TO THE STANDARDS AND POLICIES OF THE PROGRAM

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- Be honest
- Use clean language
- Live a chaste and virtuous life
- Respect others
- Obey the law and all campus policies
- Participate regularly in church services
- Encourage others in their commitment to comply with the standards and policies of International Travel Studies Institute

(Part2: Commitment to the Standards and Policies of the Program is continued on next page, please initial here if you have read the forgoing and agree to abide by each policy while participating on the International Travel Studies Institute 2020 Summer Study Abroad Program as part of your application.)



## PART 2: COMMITMENT TO THE STANDARDS AND POLICIES OF THE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

### NON-PROSELYTIZING COMMITMENT

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### ATTENDANCE AT CLASSES, FORUMS, FIELD STUDY TRIPS AND TRAVEL POLICIES

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The curriculum is designed to achieve a balance of spiritual, academic, and cultural development consistent with the unique mission and goals of International Travel Studies Institute. The International Travel Studies Institute experience begins before you reach the Holy Land. The Orientation Course (Near Eastern Studies 100) is required of all students. We wish to emphasize that each of the courses, field study trips, forums, special historic dinners, and numerous other educational and academic activities are an integral part of each International Travel Studies Institute program, and you will be expected to participate in all these activities.

Class and field trip attendance is required. *Students who wish to transfer these certificated courses to their university or college must meet with and obtain approval for these transfers from the appropriate officials at their home institution before departing on the program.* For assistance pertaining to transfers of ITS I course work, please visit with the Academic Advisor for the International Travel Studies Institute. As most text materials are digital and available on the Internet, *students are expected to bring their own durable laptop computer.* Printing services are provided on the program and included in the tuition costs.

Most of the field trips are a full day in length. No field trip has a rest-break, so you will need to be able to participate fully for 10 to 12 hours without difficulty. Students travel on field trips in groups of 40 and it is not possible to make accommodations for individual challenges. Each student must be able to participate fully, without special assistance, with the other students in their travel group, and without imposing on other students. Students are expected to not be late or cause the group to be delayed. Field trips require extensive walking, generally over rough and rocky terrain, climbing stairs and the ability to easily negotiate getting on and off buses. Some of the field trips involve several hours of hiking in mountainous terrain. Temperatures during most of the year are warm or hot. There is no access to reliable refrigeration for preserving special foods or medications during extended trips.

There are generally four students in each accommodation. You must be able to share housing accommodations with others without imposing on them and without expecting special accommodations from your roommates. Students are not permitted to travel outside of the program facilities in groups of fewer than three students. You must be able to travel with others without imposing on them and without expecting special accommodations from them. An exception to this policy are married couples who are admitted to the program.

Classes are offered in the early morning hours. Field trips always begin in the early morning as well, often with breakfast between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. Students with sleep disorders or similar challenges should expect to be able to function effectively each day by 6 a.m. or earlier.

Please consider the following questions: Do you tire easily? Will you have a hard time keeping up with a field trip group for 12 hours? Do you have a hard time functioning in the heat, or do you require any special foods or medications that need constant refrigeration?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you live and travel with other students independently?  Yes  No

If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

### INFRACTIONS

A single violation of International Travel Studies Institute standards and policies will result in consequences related to missed privileges and could also result in dismissal from the program. Students must understand that if they are dismissed from the program, they will be responsible for additional costs incurred to return them to their homes and that there will be no refunds for services not rendered. Furthermore, in the event a student is dismissed from the program, academic certification may be withheld, and his/her standing at their university or institutions of higher learning may likewise be affected.

Please initial this page to indicate you have read it and agree to abide by the policies stated. \_\_\_\_\_(initials)

Student Commitment:

I agree to complete the Ecclesiastical/Professional Counselor Endorsement process. I have read the foregoing "Part 2: Commitment to the Standards and Policies of the Program", as well as the above stated Non-Proselytizing Commitment, and any other special rules governing conduct and appearance while enrolled in an International Travel Studies Institute Program and agree to abide by all requirements as outlined. I certify all statements in this application to be complete and true and acknowledge that my admission to an International Travel Studies Institute Program is conditional on such completeness and truthfulness.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date

### PART 3: APPLICANT ESSAYS

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type or print legibly in black ink your responses to the following questions. (You may use a separate sheet if necessary.)

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1. What additional information regarding your qualifications would you like the International Travel Studies Institute Admissions Committee to consider? (200 words or less)

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2. Describe a significant experience in your life that has strengthened your character. (200 words or less)

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3. Explain why you desire to go to the Holy Land and the spiritual and educational benefits you hope to gain from this opportunity. (200 words or less)

## PART 4: SIGNATURES

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I verify that the above information is truthful and complete and that I have read and agree to the policies and standards outlined above.

Applicant's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name and Signature (if applicant is a minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and submit the application online or send application materials\* by mail or email to:



International Travel Studies Institute  
285 East 1910 South  
Orem, Utah 84058

\*\$200 deposit may be mailed with application or Send by  
Zella or VENMO (mobile number 801-636-8593)



# International Travel Studies INSTITUTE

## PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION AND ENDORSEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION

The following applicant, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of applicant), has applied for admission to the International Travel Studies Institute Study Abroad program that departs for six weeks of intensive travel and study in the Holy Land. They will be on a very demanding academic and physically challenging schedule. During this time, they are expected to abide by high standards of morality and virtue. They will also serve as examples to all around them of the values and beliefs of their family, country, and faith while living among and serving people of diverse religions and cultures.

The applicant is expected to abide by the standards and policies of the International Travel Studies Institute program, attend their respective worship services and participate in their faith’s service assignments and ordinances when possible. For these and other reasons, we have asked that each applicant receive a professional recommendation or endorsement from a qualified leader to be admitted to the program. The International Travel Studies Institute does not expect you to share confidential information; however, we do ask that you provide recommendations and endorsements, committing the applicant to the standards and policies of International Travel Studies Institute while they are part of the program. Provided for you is a two-page explanation of the International Travel Studies Institute Standards and Policies Statement.

Additionally, as most of the applicants are Latter-day Saints, the students will be expected to fully participate in their priesthood and Relief Society functions, serve in the local LDS branch and district, provide priesthood ordinances and other services expected of worthy and active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. If this is not possible due to counselling or ecclesiastical issues, the local branch presidency needs to be aware of these matters before making requests or issuing callings that may not be appropriate. The International Travel Studies Institute prefers that such issues be resolved before a student is admitted for participation in the program.

We, therefore, request that you ask the following questions of the applicant after reviewing the requirements for participation on the International Travel Studies Institute Study Abroad program:

- Have you read, and do you understand the International Travel Studies Institute Commitment to the Standards and Policies statement?  Check the box, if you asked the question.
- Are you willing to abide by all these rules, standards and policies while participating in the International Travel Studies Institute Program?  Check the box, if they agree to abide by these standards and policies.
- Do you understand and agree to abide by the “Non-Proselytizing Agreement”?  Yes  No
- Is there any reason why you would not be willing to serve in your worship practices or other program and community service projects, if asked to do so by local leadership or members of the administration, staff and faculty of the International Travel Studies Institute Program?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

After reviewing the foregoing questions with the applicant, I feel comfortable with recommending \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Name

for participation in the International Travel Studies Institute Study Abroad program. I also desire to provide the following statement of endorsement (any additional comments or recommendations):

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_, (Position or relationship to applicant) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Address and Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for providing this recommendation.  
285 East 1910 South  
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or email to: [travelstudiesinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:travelstudiesinstitute@gmail.com)

Please return form to: International Travel Studies Institute



## STATEMENT ON COMMITMENT TO THE STANDARDS AND POLICIES OF International Travel Studies Institute

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## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STUDIES INSTITUTE HEALTH INFORMATION WAIVER & RECOMMENDATION SHEET

### I. INSTRUCTIONS

The information contained in this form is CONFIDENTIAL and will be reviewed by International Travel Studies Institute staff only!

Once completed, please forward to the International Travel Studies Institute (ITSI) office: 285 East 1910 South, Orem, UT 84058 or email scanned form to: [travelstudiesinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:travelstudiesinstitute@gmail.com). This form must be completed before the final admission interview may be scheduled.

Please complete the following information, being honest with yourself and the interviewer.

### II. CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL HEALTH HISTORY

FIRST NAME AND MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME	ITSI PROGRAM	BIRTHDATE	AGE	GENDER
<b><i>Do you have or have you experienced:</i></b>		<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<i>If yes, refer to the item by number, explain when the problem occurred, and give details of present condition.</i>	
1. Ear pain or any problem with hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
2. A need to take any kind of medicine? Please list.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
3. Eye discomfort or difficulty?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
4. Frequent headaches?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
5. Dizziness or fainting spells?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
6. Hay fever or nasal problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
7. Food allergies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
8. Hives or skin allergies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
9. Skin sores or rashes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
10. Warts or sores on feet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

<i>Continued ...</i>	Y	N	<i>If yes, refer to the item by number, explain when the problem occurred, and give details of present condition.</i>
11. A lump, new or changing mole, or swelling?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Coughing, frequent sore throat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Chest pain or shortness of breath?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Spitting or coughing up blood?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Sweating at night?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Stomach aches, burning, or indigestion?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Urinary difficulties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18. Pain in back, neck, or joints?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
19. Difficulty walking, running, or lifting things?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
20. A rupture or hernia?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
21. Difficulty with bowels or bowel movements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
22. Any female difficulties, painful menstruation, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
23. Any injury or illness not already noted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
24. A drug or medicine reaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
25. Heart disease or surgery?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
26. Diabetes or hypoglycemia?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
27. A goiter or other thyroid disease?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
28. High blood pressure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
29. Excessive bleeding?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



<b>Continued ...</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<i>If yes, refer to the item by number, explain when the problem occurred, and give details of present condition.</i>
30. Tumor, growth, cyst, or cancer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
31. A dependency on medicine or drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
32. A stroke?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
33. Professional counseling for emotional problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
34. Medication/hospitalization for an emotional problem?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
35. Tuberculosis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
36. A knee injury?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
37. Limb loss, or deformities, or other handicaps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
38. A back injury or deformity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
39. A pain or pressure in the chest?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
40. Asthma or wheezing? (Do you have an inhaler?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
41. Stomach or intestinal ulcers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
42. Seizures, convulsions, epilepsy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
43. Kidney disease or stones?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
44. Gall bladder trouble or stones?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
45. Allergies to medications, bee stings, foods, etc.? (If so, do you have a kit?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
46. Anorexia, bulimia, or other eating disorders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
47. A suicide attempt?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
48. Motion sicknesses of any type?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

49. Vegetarian (If so, how long?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
50. Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or learning disability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
51. Other health problem, surgery, or hospitalization not noted above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

*If any current health problems exist, or you are involved in professional counseling, a written confidential assessment from your health provider or therapist and signed permission for the International Travel Studies Institute interviewer to discuss the matter with the health provider or therapist must be provided. The Health Information Waiver and Recommendation Sheet is printed on the next page. Please fill out the top portion and send the sheet to International Travel Studies Institute, 285 East 1910 South, Orem, UT 84058.*

*Please sign: **The above information is truthful and complete.***

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STUDIES INSTITUTE HEALTH INFORMATION WAIVER & RECOMMENDATION SHEET TO THE STUDENT

Due to the physical, emotional, and academic demands of the International Travel Studies Institute programs, an Institute administrator needs to visit with your health provider, physician, counselor, and/or therapist to discuss the condition(s) you have disclosed **before** we can admit you to the program for which you have applied. The following is a release by which you give us permission to discuss the condition(s) you have disclosed.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print your name)  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
to release the following information concerning my treatment:

(Please provide the name, address, telephone, email, & FAX of your physician, counselor, or therapist)

\_\_\_\_\_

The above-mentioned physician, counselor and/or therapist are hereby authorized to release the above specified information to The Intern National Travel Studies Institute, 285 East 1910 South, Orem, UT 84058 for the purpose of evaluation for admission into an International Travel Studies Institute program.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### TO THE PHYSICIAN, COUNSELOR, and/or THERAPIST

Your patient is being considered for admission to an International Travel Studies Institute program which requires long-term residency and travel in the Middle East. Due to the unique nature and demands of the program, each applicant is screened thoroughly, particularly with regard to emotional and medical health issues. The student will be placed in a foreign living situation that is physically, emotionally and academically rigorous without the usual support services available in the United States or which they may normally be accustomed to in familiar home environments. Our concerns are both for the student and his/her fellow students. Students who require special medical or emotional attention may cause a disruption to the program and even endanger the wellbeing of others. Rather than benefit from the experience, the student may, in fact, be harmed. We must ensure that this student can **independently** manage physical and emotional challenges in a demanding environment. We, therefore, request that you thoughtfully and carefully review this applicant's condition(s) for fitness to participate in an International Travel Studies Institute program. Given the above signed release, we would like to discuss this matter with you and ask as well, that you have a follow-up visit with your patient. You will be contacted by an interviewer from the International Travel Studies Institute, Orem, Utah office. Following the discussion(s) with our organization and a follow-up visit with your patient, please complete this form and return it to our office: 285 East 1910 South, Orem, Utah 84058, or a scanned copy to travelstudiesinstitute@gmail.com.

Following the discussion with a representative of the International Travel Studies Institute, I, \_\_\_\_\_, met with my patient \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. I have reviewed the patient's current and/or pre-existing medical, psychological, and/or other treatments and counseling as they pertain to the patient's ability to participate in an International Travel Studies Institute program. According to my understanding of the physical, emotional and academic requirements placed on student who participates on this program, I make the following recommendation:

- I fully endorse this student for participation in this program.
- I cannot endorse this student for participation in this program for the reasons indicated below:

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed by the physician, counselor and/or therapist)



After reading, please initial each page \_\_\_\_\_.

# Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnity Agreement

## International Travel Studies Institute Study Abroad 2020 Program

### PART 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Current Mailing Address (street, apt. #, city, state, & zip code)

NOTE: Placement notice & program documents will be sent to this address.

Home phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's birth date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_  
day/ mm / yyyy

#### PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Relationship to Applicant:  Father  Mother  Guardian  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address (street, apt. #, city, state, & zip code)

Home phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

### PART 2: ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

This document is a legally binding agreement to be signed by the student and the student's parent/guardian before a notary public. Before signing this document, you are advised to fully familiarize yourself with the International Travel Studies Institute Study Abroad Program and its rules, policies, standards, and regulations.

1. Parties. The parties to this Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnity Agreement ("Agreement") are:
  - A. International Travel Studies Institute (DBA Equity Life Foundation), a non-profit corporation and educational institution, and its affiliates, including Equity United, related entities, subsidiaries, predecessors and assigns and all of its past, present, and future officers and directors, including its Board of Trustees and each of the Board's members, employees, agents, representatives, volunteers, and donors and their respective heirs and legal representatives. These parties are sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as "ITSI."
  - B. The student applicant, an individual and his or her parents, guardians, respective heirs and legal representatives. These parties are sometimes hereinafter referred to as "Student" or "we."
2. General. As used in this Agreement, the word "Program" shall mean the International Travel Studies Institute Summer Study Abroad Program.

The words "Program terms" shall mean all policies, terms, conditions, rules and regulations, whether written or unwritten, associated with the Program. These Program terms may be changed, modified, or newly made at any time, including after the signing of this Agreement.

By signing this Agreement, we acknowledge that we have read, understood and agreed to be bound by all Program terms. We also agree that depending upon the circumstances, the actions of ITSII may vary from the Program terms, and we agreed to such variances.

3. Hazards and Risks. We understand that through participating in the Program there are serious hazards and risks of loss of personal property, of personal injury, of illness, or of death arising from the Student's actions, the actions of others, or events beyond the Student's control or the control of ITSII. We expressly acknowledge that we have read and understand the present U.S. Department of State Travel Warning with respect to Israel, the West Bank and Gaza; and Jordan. The most recent Travel Warnings are set forth below as follows:

## ISRAEL, THE WEST BANK AND GAZA TRAVEL WARNING

From <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/israel-west-bank-and-gaza-travel-advisory.html>

Site last visited December 15, 2018

Israel, the West Bank and Gaza are considered a Level 2 Travel Advisory: "Level 2 - Exercise Increased Caution: Be aware of heightened risks to safety and security. The Department of State provides additional advice for travelers in these areas in the Travel Advisory. Conditions in any country may change at any time." The following is the last specific Travel Advisory issued by the U.S. Department of State as of January 10, 2018:

Exercise increased caution in Israel due to **terrorism**. Some areas have increased risk. Read the entire Travel Advisory.

Do not travel to:

- Gaza due to **terrorism, civil unrest, and armed conflict**. [The International Travel Studies Institute programs do not travel to Gaza.]

Reconsider travel to:

- The West Bank due to **terrorism, potentially violent civil unrest, and the potential for armed conflict**.

Terrorist groups and lone-wolf terrorists continue plotting possible attacks in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. Terrorists may attack with little or no warning, targeting tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, and local government facilities. Violence can occur in Jerusalem and the West Bank without warning.

**Jerusalem:** Violent clashes and terror attacks have occurred throughout the city, including in the Old City. Acts of terrorism have resulted in death and injury to bystanders, including U.S. citizens. During periods of unrest, the Government of Israel may restrict access to and within portions of Jerusalem.

The U.S. government is unable to provide emergency services to **U.S. citizens in Gaza** as U.S. government employees are prohibited from traveling there.

U.S. government personnel can travel freely throughout Israel, except throughout the West Bank and for areas close to the borders with Gaza, Syria, Lebanon, and Egypt. Additionally, portions of Jerusalem are occasionally placed off limits.

Read the Safety and Security section on the [country information page](#). If you decide to travel to the areas covered in this document:

- Check the most recent Alerts at the [Embassy](#) and [Consulate General](#) websites for the latest information on travel in all of these areas.
- Maintain a high degree of situational awareness and exercise caution at all times, especially at checkpoints and other areas with a significant presence of security forces.
- Avoid demonstrations and crowds.
- Beware of and report to local police unattended items or packages.
- Follow the instructions of security and emergency response officials.
- Report suspicious activities or items to local police.
- Learn the location of the nearest bomb or other hardened shelter.
- Obtain comprehensive travel medical insurance that includes medical evacuation.
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Review the [Crime and Safety Report](#) for Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza.
- U.S. citizens who travel abroad should always have a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).

**Gaza** [ITSI does not travel to Gaza]

Hamas, a U.S. government-designated foreign terrorist organization, controls security in Gaza. The security environment within Gaza and on its borders is dangerous and volatile.

Demonstrations occur on a frequent basis and may turn violent without warning.

Sporadic mortar or rocket fire and corresponding Israeli military responses may occur at any time.

U.S. government employees are not allowed to travel to Gaza and are restricted from traveling close to the Gaza border areas. Visit our website for [Travel to High Risk Areas](#).

### The West Bank

Terror attacks and violent clashes in the West Bank have resulted in the deaths and injury of U.S. citizens and others. During periods of unrest, the Government of Israel may restrict access to and within the West Bank, and some areas may be placed under curfew. Visit our website for [Travel to High Risk Areas](#).

**Restrictions on U.S. Government Employee Travel** [Restrictions for U.S. Government employees do not apply to normal tourists, although ITSI takes special notice and avoids unnecessary risks.]

- U.S. government official travel into the West Bank is conducted only with enhanced security measures. U.S. government employees are largely restricted from most personal travel in the West Bank, though portions of the West Bank are occasionally authorized for personal travel, depending on the security environment.
- U.S. government personnel take additional security precautions when visiting refugee camps and “seam areas” where Israelis and Palestinians are in proximity to each other, and which have historically been flashpoints for violence. For example, sites with significant religious meaning to multiple faiths can be subject to violent protests or security incidents with little or no warning, especially during or around significant religious holidays.
- The U.S. government occasionally restricts travel for its employees to Jerusalem’s Old City based on the security environment. U.S. government employees are prohibited from personal travel into Jerusalem’s Old City on Fridays during the Muslim month of Ramadan.
- U.S. government employees are prohibited from using public buses and public bus terminals throughout the area covered in this advisory.
- U.S. government employees must observe additional security requirements if traveling for any reason to the following locations:
  - Within 7 miles of the Gaza demarcation line;
  - Within 1.5 miles of the Lebanon border;
  - East of Route 98 in the Golan; and
  - Within 1.5 miles of the Egypt border along the Sinai (including all portions of Route 10 and portions of Route 12).

## JORDAN TRAVEL WARNING

From <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/jordan-travel-advisory.html>

Site visited December 15, 2018

Jordan is considered a Level 2 Travel Advisory: “Level 2 - Exercise Increased Caution: Be aware of heightened risks to safety and security. The Department of State provides additional advice for travelers in these areas in the Travel Advisory. Conditions in any country may change at any time.” The following is the last specific Travel Advisory issued by the U.S. Department of State as of December 12, 2018:

Exercise increased caution in Jordan due to **terrorism**. Some areas have increased risk. Read the entire Travel Advisory.

Do not travel to:

- The border with Syria and Iraq due to **terrorism and armed conflict**.

Terrorist groups continue to plot possible attacks in Jordan. Terrorists may attack with little or no warning, targeting tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, and local government facilities. Read the Safety and Security section on the [country information page](#).

If you decide to travel to Jordan:

- Monitor local media for breaking events and adjust your plans based on new information.
- Avoid demonstrations and protests.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Stay alert in locations frequented by Westerners.
- Obtain comprehensive medical insurance that includes medical evacuation.
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Review the [Crime and Safety Report](#) for Jordan.
- U.S. citizens who travel abroad should always have a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler’s Checklist](#).

### The Border with Syria and Iraq

Travelers should avoid Jordan's border with Syria and Iraq given the continued threat of cross-border violence, including the risk of terrorist attacks. All U.S. government personnel on official travel must receive prior permission to visit any area within 10 km of the Jordan-Syria border, except the tourist site of Umm Qais or the city of Irbid. U.S. government personnel must also have permission for official travel on Highway 10 east of the town of Ruwayshid toward the Iraq border, or for official visits to refugee camps anywhere in Jordan. Personal travel by U.S. government employees to the border areas or refugee camps is not permitted.

### Protests

Both planned and impromptu protests may occur throughout Jordan. Avoid demonstrations and follow the guidance of local authorities. Visit the website for [High-Risk Travelers](#).

After reading, please initial each page \_\_\_\_\_.

We understand that this Travel Warning is subject to change at any time by the United States Department of State and we agree that this Agreement will remain in full force and effect in the event of any changes to the Travel Warning. We – assume all risks associated with travel to Israel whether or not mentioned in any travel warning or otherwise in this document. If we are not United States citizens or residents, we acknowledge that ITSI has advised us to check any travel warnings issued by our own country.

We acknowledge that we have read and understood this Travel Warning for “Israel, the West Bank and Gaza”, and the “Safety and Security” statement for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. We have decided that the Student will participate in the Program. We accept all risks associated with the heightened dangers of such travel. In addition, we understand that participation in the Program will include living and traveling through areas where there is a constant risk of violent clashes, confrontations, and acts of terrorism; that these areas have a heightened threat of terrorist incidences; and that for these reasons ITSI cannot guarantee the safety of the Student in participating in the Program. The Student also acknowledges to have been fully briefed and informed by ITSI as to the nature of the Program, the field logistics involved in implementing the Program, and the specific hazards and risks associated with participation in the Program.

4. Conduct. The Student agrees that throughout the Program, the Student will at all times and in all places act in accordance with applicable statutes, ordinances, and laws and applicable ITSI rules, policies and regulations including but not limited to ITSI’s Program Standards and Policies and the specific applicable Program rules. Student acknowledges that violation of any law, rule, regulation, or instruction of ITSI personnel or of any lawful authority is grounds for immediate dismissal from the Program. Student further agrees that ITSI supervisory personnel shall have the right to terminate the Student’s participation in the Program if it is determined that the Student’s conduct violates any law or rule or if, in the sole discretion of the supervisor, the supervisor determines that the Student’s actions are detrimental to or are in conflict with the Program aims and objectives or are out of harmony with the best interests of the Program. In such an event, the Student shall return home at Student’s own expense. In the event the Student is required to return home, the Student agrees no money paid for or in connection with the Program will be refunded.
5. Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnification. The term “claims” used in this Agreement shall mean any and all claims and liability of any kind whatsoever, past, present and future, both known and unknown, including attorney fees and costs of litigation and including those which have not yet arisen or matured, whether in law or in equity, arising from, related to, or in connection with the Program, Student’s participation in the Program, travel to, from, during, before and after the Program (including personal travel), Student’s use of free time during the Program, any medical treatment or testing (including without limitation blood tests), or vaccination Student may or may not receive, any discipline Student may receive during or after the Program, Student’s departure, withdrawal, dismissal or other removal from the Program, any changes in the Program, any communication or notices or lack thereof before, during, or after the Program, any anti-discrimination laws and regulations of any jurisdiction, any delay, property damage, loss or theft, any hostile act, government act or omission, terrorism, social unrest, local laws, climatic conditions, or other conditions, developments, or disruptions, any bodily, emotional or mental injury, illness, disease, or death, and all other claims, liability, damage, cost, loss, or expense of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to, claims for negligence or any intentional act on the part of ITSI or any other person or entity.

In consideration of Student’s acceptance to participate in the Program, and by signing, we for ourselves, individually and jointly, hereby agree to:

- A. Voluntarily assume full responsibility for all hazards and risks associated with participation in the Program; and
- B. Release, waive and discharge ITSI from any and all claims; and
- C. Covenant not to sue ITSI with respect to any and all claims; and
- D. Indemnify, defend and hold harmless ITSI from any and all claims.

We further agree that this language of assumption of risk, release and indemnification shall be interpreted as broadly as possible in favor of ITSI.

6. Medical Consent. We certify that Student is fully able to participate in all program activities without the need of specialized or individualized attention, accommodation or medical regimen. In the event of any medical emergency either physical or emotional, we hereby grant to ITSI or any of its representatives of the Program the full authority to take any action deemed necessary to protect the Student’s emotional and physical health and safety at the Student’s own expense, including but not limited to, placing the Student under the care of a doctor or in a hospital or any other place for medical examination and/or treatment, or returning the Student to the United States or the

Student's country of origin at Student's own expense, if such return is deemed necessary after consultation with medical authorities. In the event the Student is returned to the United States or country of origin, the Student shall not recover any money paid in connection with the Program. The Student further agrees ITSI is not required to take any such actions if it is not aware of any emergency or in its discretion determines no emergency warrants action. We expressly authorize ITSI to request, receive, and disclose, among ITSI personnel and third parties, confidential Student medical information in connection with the diagnosis and treatment of the Student.

7. Governing Law/Jurisdiction. We agree that this Agreement and any and all issues relating to it or the Program are to be solely and exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with laws of the State of Utah without giving effect to principles of conflicts of law. We agree that the state or federal courts located in the State of Utah shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine disputes arising from, related to, in connection with or in any way involving this Program or this Agreement, and we consent to the exercise by such court of personal jurisdiction over us and waive and agree not to assert any objection or defense based on lack of personal or subject matter jurisdiction or venue. If any term or provision of this Agreement is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms of this Agreement shall remain unimpaired and in full force and effect.
8. Publicity. We irrevocably grant to ITSI the right to photograph, film, videotape, audio tape, or otherwise record, by any and all methods now or hereafter known, the Student's or parent's/guardian's image, voice and/or likeness and to use any photograph, image or likeness in which the Student or parent/guardian may appear or any utterance or statements Student or parent/guardian may make, or any portion thereof, in any and all media, including the Internet, any number of times, in any and all manners, and by any and all means now or hereafter known, for promotional and other purposes without approval by or compensation to the Student or parent/guardian. We agree that any photograph, image, likeness, utterance, or statement shall be ITSI's sole and exclusive property. We release ITSI from any and all liability in connection with the use of such photograph, image, likeness, utterance or statement.
9. Non-Program Activities. We understand that from time to time Student may be allowed to travel separately from the ITSI group on weekends or at other times when it will not interfere with required Program activities and group field trip travel; that this travel will be at Student's own initiative and expense; that it must be with small groups of other Students; and that it must be in areas authorized by the Director of ITSI within Israel, and Jordan, and Europe (on Student's return trip) independent of the Program sponsored by ITSI. We acknowledge that this additional travel will not be directly supervised by ITSI, although Students traveling on their own, except immediately in and around the Sea of Galilee or Jerusalem, must obtain prior permission from the Managing Director of ITSI. All such travel, with the exception of travel in Europe, must be in a group of at least three individuals. We therefore acknowledge that the assumption of risk, release and indemnification provisions contained in paragraph 5 of this Agreement are applicable to such travel which is independent of the Program.
10. Entire Agreement. This Agreement is the only, sole, entire and complete agreement between ITSI, the Student and Student's parent/guardian relating in any way to the Program. No other statements, promises or representations regarding the subject matter of this Agreement have been made by ITSI to Student or parent/guardian or relied upon by Student or parent/guardian other than as expressly provided in this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes any earlier written or oral understandings or agreements between ITSI and the Student or parent/guardian related to the subject matter hereof.
11. Knowing and Voluntary Assent. Student and parent/guardian specifically affirm that they have carefully read this ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, understand its content, and voluntarily agree to all its terms and conditions. Student expressly represents to ITSI that Student is currently 18 years of age or older.

After reading, please initial each page \_\_\_\_\_.



**PART 3: ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT SIGNED AND NOTARIZED**

Please note that both student and parent/guardian must sign the agreement in the presence of a notary (regardless of student age or independence). Original signatures are required, and forms can be submitted on separate pages if needed.

**STUDENT APPLICANT:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Address Street, Apartment #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Address City, State, & Zip Code

State of \_\_\_\_\_) County of \_\_\_\_\_)

Subscribed and sworn before me on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_.  
Day Month Year

Notary: \_\_\_\_\_

Seal:

PARENT/GUARDIAN: I, the undersigned parent/guardian, have read and understand the above Agreement, understand the potential dangers incident to the Student engaging in this Program, am fully aware of the legal consequences of this Agreement, agree to its terms, and understand I am releasing and waiving certain rights and assuming the risk of injury and damage to Student resulting from Student's participation in the Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Address Street, Apartment #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Address City, State, & Zip Code

State of \_\_\_\_\_) County of \_\_\_\_\_)

Subscribed and sworn before me on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_.  
Day Month Year

Notary: \_\_\_\_\_

Seal:



Bring or Send Application Materials to:  
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Orem, Utah 84058  
801-636-8593  
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