



2024 Application for Admission

Summer Study Abroad in the Holy Lands: July 1 – August 15, 2024

Southern Virginia Late Summer Study Abroad offers application processing through
June 1, 2024

[MUST COMPLETE ORIENTATION COURSE FOR FINAL ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM]

Please complete and send the application materials to:

[SVU supply application process and address for application submittal]

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please use the attached application to apply for admission to the Southern Virginia University (SVU) 2024 Late Summer Study Abroad in the Holy Lands. 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 June 1, 2024.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Limited to Students

Admission to the SVU Summer Study Abroad program is limited to students who are admissible to university/college studies. Students on the 2024 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 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 SVU Summer 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 in the SVU Summer Study Abroad Handbook).

- 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 home-school 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 SVU 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 SVU Summer Study Abroad program; meet the SVU Summer Study Abroad application, informational and payment deadlines; and can actively participate in a rigorous field trip program.

- Interview

In general, the SVU Study Abroad 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 SVU Summer Study Abroad 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 June 1, 2024. If more students apply than the SVU Summer 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 SVU Summer Study Abroad program based on their preparation for and ability to benefit from study on the SVU Summer Study Abroad as well as their ability to contribute to the success of the experience for others in the unique SVU Summer 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 SVU Summer 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 canceling, 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 \$200 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: JULY 1 – AUGUST 15, 2024

Part 1: APPLICATION 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 Counselling 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, or Jordanian denars 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 SVU Summer Study Abroad does not provide access to counseling or psychiatric services. Similarly, SVU Summer Study Abroad program 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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ADHERENCE TO RULES & POLICIES

Another principle taught on the program is the principle of duty.

"All citizens within a free society have a responsibility to exercise rights in a manner that preserves freedom. We owe this duty of care to each other as a commitment to honor the 'Golden Rule.' This commitment fulfilled, creates and preserves equity within economies and becomes the adhesive that unites society. Fulfillment of duties is the price we pay to maintain a foundation of liberty that ensures our continuing freedom to enjoy peace, prosperity and happiness."

The following Rules of Conduct and Policies of the SVU Summer Study Abroad program is expected to be adhered to by all participants:

SVU Summer Study Abroad 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, in particular, the Holy Lands 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 Israel, the Palestinian Authority territories, and elsewhere in the Middle East to be immodest. SVU Study Abroad 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 SVU Study Abroad program. A detailed list of these dress and grooming standards expected of all students are included in the pre-departure packet materials. 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 the SVU Study Abroad standards.

SPECIAL HEALTH STANDARDS

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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. Southern Virginia University 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.

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.

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Due to the nature of the living facilities, it is inappropriate for male and female single students to be in each other's cabins or hotel rooms. 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.

As a matter of personal commitment, students, faculty, and staff of SVU Study Abroad seek to demonstrate in their daily living adherence to standards of morality and virtues as exemplified by Jesus Christ. These principles include:

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| • Be honest | • Respect others | • Encourage others in their commitment |
| • Use clean language | • Obey the law and all campus policies | to comply with the standards and policies |
| • Live a chaste and virtuous life | • Participate regularly in church services | of Southern Virginia University |

(Part2: Commitment to the Standards and Policies of the Program is continued on the next page, please initial here if you have read the forgoing and agree to abide by each policy while participating on the 2024 Late Summer Study Abroad Program as part of your application.) _____

INITIALS

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

NON-PROSELYTIZING COMMITMENT

Southern Virginia University has made a firm commitment that no one associated with the SVU Study Abroad programs will engage in religious proselytizing activities while in the countries visited as part of the program. Participants 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. Southern Virginia University has adopted this policy to include proselytizing by any member of its groups, regardless of their personal religious discipleship. 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. SVU Study Abroad participants, faculty and staff must agree to not distribute, either directly, by mail or by Internet, any materials pertaining to their religious practices, church organization or its doctrines within Israel or its administered territories with the intent to bring about conversion to their faith. It is not permitted to discuss with intent of proselytizing or conversion to one's church or its doctrines or answer any questions with this intent 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, participants 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 SVU Summer Study Abroad 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 is not for the purposes of proselytizing but to further transcultural understanding and, therefore, 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 SVU Summer Study Abroad to the Holy Lands programs. Similar commitments to non-Christian communities applies in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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

Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad programs are 45-day intensive travel and study programs offering university-level credit courses through classroom and on-site field experiences. A typical academic Study Abroad with the required orientation course offers students nine university credits taught by university-level instructors, faculty, and knowledgeable guest lecturers who are from local and international communities. 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 Jordan. Upon admission to the 2024 SVU Summer Study Abroad program students are automatically enrolled in the courses. The curriculum is designed to achieve a balance of spiritual, academic, and cultural development consistent with the unique mission and goals of Southern Virginia Institute. The SVU Study Abroad 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 SVU Study Abroad in the Holy Lands 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 SVU course work, please visit with the Academic Advisor for the SVU Study Abroad. 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 two to 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 Yes No

independently? If no, please explain: _____

INFRACTIONS

A single violation of SVU Summer Study Abroad 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 a Southern Virginia University Study Abroad 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 a SVU Summer Study Abroad Program is conditional on such completeness and truthfulness.

Signature of Applicant

____/____/____
Date

PART 3: APPLICANT ESSAYS

Applicant Name: _____

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

1. What additional information regarding your qualifications would you like the ISVU Study Abroad 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

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:



**[Please supply process and address of
where to send application forms]**

***\$200 deposit may be mailed with application
or Send to:**



SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD
PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION AND ENDORSEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION

The following applicant, _____ (name of applicant), has applied for admission to the Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad program that departs for 45-days 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 Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad 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. Southern Virginia University 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 the Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad while they are part of the program. Provided for you is a two-page explanation of the Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad 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 counseling or ecclesiastical issues, the local district/branch presidency needs to be aware of these matters before making requests or issuing callings that may not be appropriate. The Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad 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 Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad program:

- Have you read, and do you understand the Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad 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 Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad 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 Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad 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 Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad program. I also desire to provide the following statement of endorsement (any additional comments or recommendations):

Signed _____, (Position or relationship to applicant) _____

Date ____/____/_____(mm/dd/yyyy)

Address and Contact Information: _____

Thank you for providing this recommendation.
The Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad
Admissions Committee

Please return form to: **[SVU Please Supply Appropriate address]**



STATEMENT ON COMMITMENT TO THE STANDARDS AND POLICIES OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD

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STATEMENT ON COMMITMENT TO THE STANDARDS AND POLICIES OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY SUMMER STUDY ABROAD (CONTINUED)

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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 Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad. The Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad experience begins before students reach the Holy Land. The Orientation Course (Near Eastern Studies 100) is required of all students to complete. 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 Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad program, and students are expected to participate in all these activities.

Class and field trip *attendance is required*. Students who wish to transfer these 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 certification of credit, please visit with the Academic Advisor for SVU Summer Study Abroad. As most text materials are digital and available on the Internet, *students are expected to bring their own durable laptop computer*.

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 that they will need to be able to function effectively each day by 6 a.m. or earlier. The students cannot be excessively tardy to classes or field trips. Consistent tardiness will result in a violation of standards and will be dealt with at the discretion of the Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad administrator.

Most of the field trips are a full day in length. No field trip has a rest-break, so students 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 2-4 students in each cabin. Each student must be able to share housing accommodations with others without imposing on them and without expecting special accommodations from their roommates. Students are not permitted to travel outside of the living facilities in groups of fewer than three students. Students must be able to travel with others without imposing on them and without expecting special accommodations from them.



SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD
WAIVER & RECOMMENDATION SHEET

I. INSTRUCTIONS

The information contained in this form is CONFIDENTIAL and will be reviewed by Southern Virginia University Study Abroad administration only!

Once completed, please [SVU fill in address] email scanned form to: [SVU fill in address] 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	SVU PROGRAM	BIRTHDATE	AGE	GENDER
<i>Do you have or have you experienced:</i>		Y	N	<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"/>		

Continued ...	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"/>	

Continued ...	Y	N	<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 SVU Summer Study Abroad 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 **[SVU please fill in detail address]***

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

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____



SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD
INFORMATION WAIVER & RECOMMENDATION SHEET TO THE STUDENT

Due to the physical, emotional, and academic demands of the SVU Summer Study Abroad 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) (Please provide the name, address, telephone, email, & FAX of your physician, counselor, or therapist)

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____ FAX _____

to release the following information concerning my treatment:

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 SCU Summer Study Abroad program.

Signed _____ Witnessed by _____ Date _____

TO THE PHYSICIAN, COUNSELOR, and/or THERAPIST

Your patient is being considered for admission to an SVU Summer Study Abroad 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 SVU Summer Study Abroad 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 Southern Virginia University Summer Study Abroad 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 SVU Summer Study Abroad, 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 SVU Summer Study Abroad 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 & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD 2024 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.

- Parties.** The parties to this Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnity Agreement ("Agreement") are:
 - Southern Virginia University, a non-profit corporation and educational institution, and 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 "SVU."
 - 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."
- General.** As used in this Agreement, the word "Program" shall mean the Southern Virginia University 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 SVU may vary from the Program terms, and we agreed to such variances.
- 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 SVU. 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>

Summary: Terrorist groups, lone-wolf terrorists and other violent extremists continue plotting possible attacks in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza. Terrorists and violent extremists may attack with little or no warning, targeting tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, and local government facilities. Violence can occur in Israel and the West Bank and Gaza without warning. There has been a marked increase in demonstrations throughout Israel, some with little or no warning. Some areas have increased risk.

Do Not Travel To:

- **Gaza** due to **terrorism, civil unrest, and armed conflict**

Exercise Increased Caution When Traveling To:

- Israel due to **terrorism** and **civil unrest**
- West Bank due to **terrorism** and **civil unrest**

If you decide to travel to Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza.

- Check the most recent Alerts at the [Embassy](#) website 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.
- Follow the instructions of security and emergency response officials.
- Beware of and report suspicious activities, including unattended items, to local police.
- Learn the location of the nearest bomb shelter or other hardened shelter. Download the Home Front Command Red Alert application for mobile devices to receive real time alerts for rocket attacks.
- Obtain comprehensive travel medical insurance that includes medical evacuation prior to travel. Most travel insurance packages do not cover mental health related illnesses/care.
- 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 [Country Security Report](#) for Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#)
- Read the [Department of State's COVID-19 page](#) before planning any international travel and read the [Embassy COVID-19 page](#) for country specific information.

Gaza – Do Not Travel

Do not travel due to **terrorism, civil unrest, and armed conflict.**

The U.S. government is unable to provide routine or emergency services to U.S. citizens in Gaza as U.S. government employees are prohibited from traveling there. Hamas, a U.S. government-designated foreign terrorist organization, controls the security infrastructure in Gaza. The security environment within Gaza and on its borders is dangerous and volatile. Sporadic mortar or rocket fire and corresponding Israeli military responses may occur at any time. During periods of unrest or armed conflict, the crossings between Gaza with Israel and Egypt may be closed.

Visit our website for [Travel to High Risk Areas](#).

If you decide to travel to Gaza:

- Be prepared for an indefinite stay as the crossings between Gaza with Israel and Egypt can close without advance notice and for long periods during times of unrest and armed conflict.
- Have a plan for entering and departing Gaza that does not rely on U.S. government assistance.

Israel – Exercise increased caution

Exercise increased caution due to **terrorism and civil unrest.**

U.S. government employees are currently restricted from personal travel:

- Within seven miles of the Gaza demarcation line;
- East of Highway 98 along the Syrian border (except for the Mount Hermon ski area);
- Within 1.5 miles of the Lebanese border (except for Rosh Hanikra and the Mount Hermon ski area); and
- Within 1.5 miles of the Israel-Egypt border.

The Embassy can impose even greater travel restrictions on its personnel, with little to no notice due to increased security issues or threats.

West Bank – Exercise Increased Caution

Exercise increased caution due to **terrorism and civil unrest.**

U.S. government travel throughout the West Bank is limited. U.S. government employees are currently restricted from all personal travel in the West Bank, except:

U.S. government employees can use Routes 1, 90, and 443 at any time;

- U.S. government employees are permitted non-overnight trips to Bethlehem (including Beit Jala and Beit Sahour) and Jericho; and
- U.S. government employee are permitted daylight travel to: Herodian National Park via Route 398; Inn of the Good Samaritan, An-Nabi Musa, Wadi Qelt Nature Preserve, and St. George's Monastery along Route 1; and Qumran, Kalia Beach, St. Gerasimos/Khogla Monastery, Al Aju, and Qasr al-Yaud baptismal site along Route 90.

The Embassy can impose even greater travel restrictions on its personnel, with little to no notice due to increased security issues or threats.

JORDAN TRAVEL WARNING

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

Site visited August 5, 2023

Exercise increased caution in Jordan due to **terrorism**. Some areas have increased risk.

Do not travel to:

- Within 3.5 km of the Jordanian border with Syria and east of the town of Ruwayshid in the direction of the border with Iraq due to **terrorism and armed conflict**.
- Designated Syrian refugee camps in Jordan due to **Government of Jordan restrictions on entry into these camps**.
- Zarqa, Rusayfah, and the Baqa'a neighborhood of Ayn Basha due to **terrorism and crime**.

Reconsider travel to:

- Ma'an City and some areas of Ma'an Governorate due to **terrorism and crime**.

Country Summary: 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 [country information page](#) for additional information on travel to Jordan.

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 [Country Security Report](#) for Jordan.
- Visit the CDC page for the latest [Travel Health Information](#) related to your travel.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).

The Border with Syria and Iraq – Level 4: Do Not Travel

Do not travel to 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 must adhere to U.S. Embassy travel restrictions for all official travel within 3.5 km of the Jordan-Syria border, and all travel must occur during day light hours only. U.S. government personnel must adhere to U.S. Embassy travel restrictions for official travel east of the town of Ruwayshid towards the Iraq border, and all travel must occur during daylight hours only.

Personal travel by U.S. government employees to these border areas is not authorized.

Visit our website for [Travel to High-Risk Areas](#).

After reading, please initial each page _____.

Refugee Camps – Level 4: Do Not Travel

Do not travel to Syrian refugee camps in Jordan due to Government of Jordan restrictions on entry into these camps.

All U.S. government personnel on official travel to the four designated Syrian refugee camps listed below (formerly all refugee camps in Jordan) must adhere to U.S. Embassy travel restrictions.

- Azraq Syrian Refugee Camp, Azraq, Zarqa
- Za’atari Syrian Refugee Camp, Al Zatoryah, Mafraq
- King Abdullah Park Syrian Refugee Camp, Ramtha, Irbid
- Emirati Jordanian Syrian Refugee Camp (Murijep al Fhoud), Al Jadedah, Zarqa

Personal travel by U.S. government personnel to these refugee camps is not authorized.

Visit our website for [Travel to High-Risk Areas](#).

Zarqa, Rusayfah, and the Baqa’a Neighborhood of Ayn Basha – Level 4: Do Not Travel

Do not travel to Zarqa, Rusayfah and the Baqa’a neighborhood of Ayn Basha due to terrorism and crime.

All U.S. government personnel on official travel to Zarqa, Rusayfah and the Baqa’a neighborhood of Ayn Basha must adhere to U.S. Embassy travel restrictions, and all travel must occur during daylight hours only. U.S. government personnel may transit through these cities on major highways during daylight hours only.

Personal travel by U.S. government personnel to these cities is not authorized.

Visit our website for [Travel to High-Risk Areas](#).

Ma’an City and some areas of Ma’an Governorate – Level 3: Reconsider Travel

Reconsider travel to Ma’an city, all areas of Ma’an Governorate east of Highway 15 (“The Desert Highway”) and all areas of Ma’an Governorate within 2 kilometers to the west of Highway 15 due to terrorism and crime.

All U.S. government personnel on official travel to these areas must adhere to U.S. Embassy travel restrictions. U.S. government personnel on official travel may transit through this area on major highways outside of daylight hours.

Personal travel by U.S. government personnel to these areas is permitted during daylight hours only, with the exception of direct transit through these areas, which may also occur during hours of darkness.

Visit our website for [Travel to High-Risk Areas](#).

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 SVU 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 SVU cannot guarantee the safety of the Student in participating in the Program. The Student also acknowledges to have been fully briefed and informed by SVU 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 SVU rules, policies and regulations including but not limited to SVU'S Program Standards and Policies and the specific applicable Program rules. Student acknowledges that violation of any law, rule, regulation, or instruction of SVU personnel or of any lawful authority is grounds for immediate dismissal from the Program. Student further agrees that SVU 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 SVU 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 SVU from any and all claims; and
- C. Covenant not to sue SVU with respect to any and all claims; and
- D. Indemnify, defend and hold harmless SVU 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 Souther Virginia University (SVU).

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 SVU 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 SVU 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.

After reading, please initial each page _____.

We expressly authorize SVU to request, receive, and disclose, among SVU 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 Delaware without giving effect to principles of conflicts of law. We agree that the state or federal courts located in the State of Delaware 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 SVU 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 SVU's sole and exclusive property. We release SVU 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 SVU 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 SVU within Israel, and Jordan, and Europe (on Student's return trip) independent of the Program sponsored by SVU. We acknowledge that this additional travel will not be directly supervised by SVU, 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 SVU Summer Study Abroad program. 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 SVU, 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 SVU 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 SVU 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 SVU 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:

**[SVU TO FILL IN
ADDRESS]**