I _______________________________________  

(please print your name)

have been accepted to participate in an NMU study abroad program. I accept my admission to the program and promise to abide by the following statement of Student Rights & Responsibilities:

Please read and initial each statement

1. _____ Alcohol. As a participant in an NMU study abroad program, I must abide by host country laws and local institutional regulations with respect to alcohol. Unless permitted by the host country law and local institutional regulations, I will not possess, consume, furnish, or distribute any alcoholic beverages.

2. _____ Drugs. I understand that Northern Michigan University has a zero-tolerance policy with respect to the possession, use, manufacture, production, sale, exchange, or distribution of illegal drugs. I am responsible for knowing and obeying the laws of the host country, as well as all local institutional regulations, regarding alcohol and other drugs. I understand that violations of law or policy may result in (i) immediate dismissal from the program; (ii) academic withdrawal from the University for the semester in progress; and (iii) disciplinary action upon my return to campus.

3. _____ University Policies. I must abide by Northern Michigan University policies, including the NMU General Student Regulations, while enrolled in the program and I may be subject to disciplinary action for violations of those policies upon my return to campus.

4. _____ Host Country Customs. I will abide by the laws and customs of my host country, community, institution, and program. I know that I need to be sensitive to the social mores of the host culture. I am also subject to the disciplinary codes and processes of the host institution.

5. _____ Dismissal. If I seriously disrupt the group learning process, or if my behavior gives the Faculty Leader(s) reasonable cause to believe that my continued presence in the program poses a danger to the health or safety of persons or property, or impedes, disrupts, or obstructs the program in any way, I may face immediate dismissal. Alcohol, drug and weapons related violations, assault, and sexual or racial harassment will make dismissal highly likely. Before I may be removed from the program, I will have an opportunity to explain my conduct. A decision to dismiss me from the program will be final and no refund will be made. My emergency contact will be notified.

6. _____ Travel. If I travel independently, I am responsible for all academic consequences such as lost class time and assignments. My property is transported at my risk. The University is not responsible for travel delays and/or immigration and customs regulations (including visa requirements).

The University is not responsible for any injury or loss I may suffer when I am traveling independently or am otherwise separated from any University-sponsored activities. If I become separated from the program group, for any reason, I will rejoin, at my own expense, the group at the first opportunity.

7. _____ Spouses/Partners/Children. The University is not responsible for providing support for accompanying non-participants, i.e., spouses/partners and children. Such persons cannot attend classes or other activities formally associated with the program. If such a person disrupts the program, it may be grounds for my dismissal.

8. _____ Health. I will be responsible for my own health maintenance. In the event of serious illness, accident or emergency, I will inform my program leader so that assistance may be secured and so that my designated emergency contact may be notified.

9. _____ Non-Refundable Payments. I understand and agree that I am responsible to pay all non-refundable payments made by NMU on my behalf and that any unpaid balance will be charged to my student receivable account. I understand that my withdrawal after enrolling in the program and making an initial deposit may be costly, and that my failure to turn in all completed acceptance materials and payments in a timely manner may result in my removal from the program.

10. _____ Release of Claims and Indemnity. For myself and all those who may claim through me, I release the University (and its employees and representatives) from liability for all injuries, illnesses, and losses, including death, I may sustain to my person and/or property, which are in any way connected to my program participation, except as regards any claim of “gross negligence” that is actionable under Michigan’s Governmental Tort Liability Act. I further agree to defend and hold the University harmless with respect to any loss, claim or expense it may sustain by reason of my behavior as a program participant.

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11. **Release of Information.** I authorize the Office of International Programs to obtain my personal information from the Dean of Students Office related to any past or present university-imposed judicial action. Information from that report may result in my not being allowed to obtain admission into the program.

12. **Governing Law.** Any dispute arising from this Statement will be determined according to Michigan Law.

In signing this document I acknowledge that I have had an opportunity to ask questions about the study abroad program in which I will participate, I have read and understand this document, that I accept its terms, and that I have signed it voluntarily.

Signature: ___________________________________________________________ Date: ________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____________________________________________ Date: ________________
(if participant is under age 18)