



Conditions of Participation



As a condition of acceptance of any application, each applicant must agree to and sign the CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION as set forth below.

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Study Abroad Programs and Study Travel Tour (International and Domestic) Conditions

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

PROGRAM LOCATION (city, country): _____

PROGRAM DATES: _____

As with all academic programs, certain conditions must be adhered to in order to preserve program integrity. As a necessary precaution to protect Montgomery College, those conditions are listed below. We ask that you read them carefully, and indicate with your signature that you understand them fully and will comply with them. If you are a participant under the age of 18, your parent or guardian's signature is also needed.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Participation

Participants must maintain an adequate standard of academic work in the program, and behave responsibly both in their living situation and on group excursions. The participant agrees to participate fully in all portions of the program and further agrees that any deviation from the program design must be requested in advance and in writing by the participant, and must be approved by both the program director or the program instructor. This includes any intention by the participant to spend any night away from the program site and/or to leave the country in which the program is based.

Academic Credit

Unless arrangements are made (in advance and under the guidelines provided by the International Education Office) to enroll in the course through the Continuing Education program, the participant acknowledges that s/he is taking the course for academic credit or audit. Letter grades will be awarded upon completion of the course. Please see the Montgomery College catalog for the College's policy on course withdrawal.

Policy

The participant agrees to read and abide by the conditions listed in the travel brochure and/or any other materials

provided by the Office of International Education at Montgomery College.

Host Regulations

The participant agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations as set out by the host institution and/or host country, and by all the laws pertaining to his/her participant status. The participant also acknowledges and understands that should he/she develop legal problems with any foreign nationals or the government of the host country, the participant will attend to the matter personally, with his or her own personal funds. Montgomery College is not responsible for providing any assistance to the participant(s) under such circumstances.

While in the host country, for their own safety, all participants must refrain from all political activity. Participants in overseas programs may not participate in such political activities as: joining a political party, a union, or a demonstration; distributing political materials; picketing.

Breaches of the local laws of the host community or country are referred to and handled by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Medical Treatment

The participant accepts sole responsibility for securing all necessary immunizations prior to departure. The participant agrees to fully describe any health and physical or psychological problems or conditions that s/he may have on the MC Application *Form*. In the event of illness or injury to the participant, the undersigned authorizes any official representative of Montgomery College or the overseas host institution to secure medical treatment on the participant's behalf, including surgery and the administration of an anesthetic. Further, the undersigned and/or the participant fully accepts all financial responsibility for such treatment. The participant is required to be covered by a health insurance policy for foreign countries visited.

Payment Deadlines

The participant (and his/her parent/guardian, if said participant is a financial dependent) is aware of the nature and the cost of the program, and will guarantee that all financial obligations will be met by the deadline(s) specified in the travel brochure or host institution payment schedule. Please note that the College will not authorize any deferral of payment(s) based on financial aid disbursements.

Dismissal from the Program

Montgomery College or its agent(s) reserve(s) the right to dismiss any participant from a program for reasons of unacceptable personal behavior and/or unsatisfactory academic participation. Such dismissal will be without refund, and return transportation to the point of origin will be at the dismissed participant's expense. In addition, participants dismissed from the program will be denied access to any accommodations arranged by the College.

The participant agrees that the program director may terminate his/her participation in the program if:

- The participant engages in action endangering himself/herself, or others; and
- The participant's acts or conduct are considered to be detrimental to, or incompatible with, the best interests and welfare of

the program and its participants.

There are some basic rules related to every program:

- Illegal drugs in any form are not tolerated, and individuals dependant on their use should not apply to a program. Laws state that possession and/or use of illegal drugs is punishable by fines, imprisonment, and/or deportation. Participants in a program who are found using or in the possession of illegal drugs in any form are subject to immediate dismissal from the program.
- Any violent behavior will result in automatic dismissal from the program.
- Behavior which is either disruptive to the program or offensive to the host culture may result in automatic dismissal from the program.

Withdrawal from the Program

The Undersigned acknowledges that, in the event of the participant's voluntary withdrawal from the program while abroad, Montgomery College, in consultation with the foreign trip coordinators, will determine the amount to be refunded, if any. In general, there are NO REFUNDS for withdrawal from a program after departure. Final determination of a refund, if any, may not be made until the program ends.

Cancellation of a participant's enrollment in a program prior to departure is subject to the refund policy of the specific overseas program. Cancellation insurance is recommended.

Travel and Accommodations

The Undersigned acknowledges and agrees to accept all responsibility for loss or additional expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, delays or other changes in the means of the transportation or other services, or other unforeseen causes. The Undersigned acknowledges and fully understands that Montgomery College assumes no liability whatsoever for any loss, damage, destruction, theft or the like to the participant's luggage or personal belongings, and certifies that the participant has retained adequate insurance, or has sufficient funds to replace such belongings.

The Undersigned acknowledges and understands that in the event the participant becomes detached from the College's group, fails to meet a departing bus, airplane, or train, becomes ill or is injured, the participant will bear all responsibility for determining the College group's next available destination and for contacting the group at that destination as soon as may be practicable; and that the participant shall bear all costs attendant to contacting and reaching the College's group at its next available destination.

All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided.

Signature of Participant

Date

IF THE PARTICIPANT SIGNING ABOVE IS NOT YET 18 YEARS OF AGE, THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE PARTICIPANT MUST ALSO SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM

Signature of Above-Named	Date
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Participant's Parent/Guardian	

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