**APPENDIX B – FOR STUDENTS**

**Informed Consent and Release of Liability for Travel Abroad to a**

**U.S. Department of State Travel Warning/Travel Alert Country**

**Guidelines for Students Planning to Participate in a University-Sponsored or University-Related Program in any Country with an Active U.S. Department of State Travel Warning or Travel Alert**

The faculty and staff of the University of Connecticut (UConn) are dedicated to the provision of international opportunities for all UConn students. The importance of a global education has never been more evident. UConn recognizes the growing relevance of overseas opportunities and supports students in their plans to study, work, volunteer, and/or conduct research abroad.

At the same time, the University is concerned with the safety and well-being of its student body. We recognize that the United States government has designated certain countries to be dangerous locations for American travelers. Terrorism, war, disease and other risks must be taken seriously, both by the University staff and by individual students and their families.

As permitted under University policy, we allow students to participate in programs and, when appropriate, to receive academic credit for study abroad and internship programs in such countries. However, in such situations, the University observes the following policy: **If the U.S. Department of State issues a Travel Warning/Travel Alert for a country in which you plan to travel for university-sponsored or university-related purposes, you must complete the attached informed consent and release of liability before you leave for your education abroad program.** If you are under 18 years of age, your parent or legal guardian also must sign this informed consent. The informed consent asks you to acknowledge that you are aware of the U.S. Department of State Travel Warning or Travel Alert and of the risks inherent in travel to your destination. You must accept responsibility for your safety while overseas.

**Travel Warnings** are issued when long-term, protracted conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable lead the U.S. Department of State to recommend that Americans avoid or reconsider the risk of travel to that country. A Travel Warning is also issued when the U.S. Government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of its staff. **Travel Alerts** are issued for short-term events impacting health, safety and/or ease of travel within a country or region that should be carefully considered when planning travel to that country or region. <http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html>.

Student Initial Parent/Legal Guardian Initial

(if student is under 18 years of age)

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I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have been informed that there are risks involved in travel to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I acknowledge that I have read and understood the U.S. Department of State Travel Warning/Travel Alert, dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, regarding travel to and within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I have also read the *Waiver Application for Education and Activities Abroad Programs in Countries with U.S. Department of State Travel Warnings/Travel Alerts s*ubmitted to the University of Connecticut. Despite the U.S. Department of State Travel Warning/Travel Alert, I have decided to pursue my plans to travel abroad as a registered UConn student.

I acknowledge that my participation in this program is voluntary. I know that I am not required to travel to and/or study in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to complete any requirements at the University of Connecticut, and I am aware of the other study options available to me.

I am aware that I may be subject to risks including, but not limited to, terrorism, war, disease, injury, death, property damage and/or other unforeseeable dangers. I voluntarily assume all risks and release and hold harmless the State of Connecticut, the University of Connecticut, and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, and causes of actions, and from liability of any kind or nature whatsoever, including but not limited to bodily injury, death, and property damage, arising out of or relating to my participation in this education abroad program. I expressly intend that this release binds me, if I am alive, and my estate, family, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, if I am deceased. I understand that this release includes all transportation to and from the program and all aspects of my time overseas, whether my activities are directly related to the program or not.

Further, I understand that the University’s ability to award academic credit (if the program offers it) or any financial refund may not be guaranteed if I opt to leave the education abroad program early due to security concerns once I am at my foreign destination.

I have read and signed this document with full knowledge of its significance. If I am not 18 years of age, the signature of my parent or legal guardian indicates full agreement with and acceptance of the terms of this release.

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Student Signature Date

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Printed Name of Student

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Date

(if student is under 18 years of age)

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Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian Relationship to Student

(if student is under 18 years of age)

***Attach a copy of the current U.S. Department of State Travel Warning/Travel Alert.***