Consent/Release for Off-Campus Experiences

During the academic year and summer sessions, I may choose to take courses or participate in activities that include experiences off the campus of the University of Richmond ("off-campus experiences"). Examples of such activities include, but are not limited to courses with a community-based learning component, the Bonner Scholars Program, volunteer activities through the Center for Civic Engagement, and participation in club sports.

I understand that there are risks inherent to any off-campus experience, including but not limited to the risk of serious personal injury or damage to my property. I understand that neither the University of Richmond (the "University") nor my professor or the organizers of the off-campus experience can guarantee my health or safety. I hereby assume all risks associated in any way with any off-campus experience in which I may participate.

I understand that the University may prescribe rules and regulations for safety during off-campus experiences, and I agree that it is my responsibility to abide by these measures for not only my safety, but the safety of everyone involved. In particular, I have read and understand the Safety Information for Students Traveling Off-Campus, and am aware that I can get information about various areas of Richmond at http://police.richmond.edu/reporting/area-stats.html. I understand that failure to abide by these measures could put my health or safety at risk. I understand that the University strongly recommends that I carry health insurance that will cover any required medical care, and that it is my responsibility to carry evidence of any such coverage with me.

I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the University and its officers, trustees, directors, employees, faculty, host sites and agents from any and all damages, claims, actions, liability and expenses (including costs of judgments, settlements, court costs, and attorney's fees), regardless of the outcome of such claims or actions, arising out of or relating in any way to my participation in an off-campus experience, except such damages, claims or liability arising solely from the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the University. This Release shall bind me and my heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns and inure to the benefit of the University and its officers, trustees, directors, employees, faculty, host sites and agents and their respective successors and assigns.

My participation in certain voluntary off-campus activities may depend upon me signing this consent. In the event I am enrolled in a course that includes an off-campus experience and do not wish to sign this consent, I must contact the professor regarding an alternative course requirement. This consent will be in effect for the upcoming academic year and can only be rescinded during this period by contacting the University Registrar in writing.

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