

**Colby College
Office of Off-Campus Study**

**STUDENT/PARENT RISK WAIVER FORM
EC215 “Made in China” Jan Plan 2009**

I acknowledge that there are risks associated with the transportation, housing, physical context and activities of any off-campus program and that there are additional risks inherent in off-campus programs in foreign countries due to different standards of police protection and medical and psychological services, political instability, different rules of law, and cultural differences. I acknowledge that there may be increased risks due to terrorist group activities and international or local political developments.

I have read the enclosed State Department Public Announcement as well as the Consular Information pages available for China. I have reviewed safety information provided by the faculty director. I am aware that new information may become available closer to departure time and I will be monitoring such information through the State Department website and contact with the faculty director. I acknowledge that I am responsible for any costs associated with medical or psychological treatment I may require while at or en route to or from the program location.

Knowing the risks described above, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Program, I agree, on behalf of my family, heirs and personal representative(s), to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the Program. To the maximum extent permitted by law, I release, hold harmless and agree to indemnify Colby College, its Board of Trustees, and its officers, faculty, staff, representatives, volunteers, employees and agents, from and against any present or future claim, loss or liability for injury to person or property which I may suffer, or for which I may suffer, or for which I may be liable to any other person, during my participation in the Program (including periods in transit to or from any country where the Program is being conducted), resulting from any cause including but not limited to Colby College's, its trustees', officers', faculty's, staff's, representatives', volunteers', employees' or agents' own passive or active negligence or other acts other than fraud, willful misconduct or violation of law.

student name (print) student signature* date

witness name (print) witness signature* date

parent/guardian name (print) parent/guardian signature* date

witness name (print) witness signature* date

*Original signatures only; parent and student cannot witness each other's signature; witnesses must be at least 18 years of age.

Travel Alert

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Bureau of Consular Affairs

This information is current as of today, Sat Sep 13 2008 14:23:39 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time).

April 30, 2008

This Travel Alert updates U.S. citizens about security issues in China and advises American citizens traveling or residing there to be alert to their surroundings and exercise caution at all times. This Travel Alert expires on October 31, 2008.

Any large-scale public event such as the upcoming Olympic Games may present an attractive target for terrorists. There is a heightened risk that extremist groups will conduct terrorist acts within China in the near future. In light of these security concerns, U.S. citizens traveling in China are advised to use caution and to be alert to their surroundings at all times, including at hotels, in restaurants, on public transportation and where there are demonstrations and other large-scale public gatherings. Consistent with our standard advice, American citizens are urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations.

In accordance with these security concerns, Chinese authorities have increased security in China's airports during recent months. For example, Chinese airport authorities recently implemented tighter restrictions on taking liquids, aerosols, or gels aboard flights in carry-on baggage. Such restrictions may apply to food, cosmetics, toiletries and medicine. Travelers should contact their air carrier before their flight to determine the precise regulation in place.

American citizens are strongly encouraged to maintain a high level of vigilance, be aware of local events, and take the appropriate steps to bolster their personal security. For additional information, please refer to "[A Safe Trip Abroad](#)" found at travel.state.gov.

U.S. citizens planning travel to China should regularly check the Department's Country Specific Information for China at travel.state.gov for the latest safety and security information, including the updated Olympics Fact Sheet, as well as the U.S. Embassy Beijing website at beijing.usembassy-china.org. Americans planning travel to China are advised to register their presence with the U.S. Embassy at travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/.

As the Department continues to develop information on any potential security threats to U.S. citizens overseas, it shares credible threat information through its consular information program documents, available on the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov>. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada or from other countries on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

This Travel Alert is being issued to update U.S. citizens to safety and security concerns.