By signing this document, I confirm that I have read, understood, and agree to observe Colby College’s rules for participation in off-campus programs and that I understand Colby’s relationship to my program (“Program”). I have shared this Assumption of Risk Agreement with my parent(s) or guardian. Specifically, by signing below, I acknowledge and agree that:

**Academic, Financial, and Conduct:**

- I am on a Colby Program.

- I will forfeit any deposit submitted if I decide not to attend the Program.

- I will be billed Colby’s Comprehensive Fee if applicable.

- I have freely chosen the Program, and thus my participation in this Program in one or more foreign countries or off-campus destinations is purely voluntary.

- I have read, or will read, and am responsible for knowing and understanding the contents of, any and all materials supplied by Colby to prepare me for this experience. I have participated in, and/or will participate in, with full attention, any and all orientation events required for this Program.

- I am fully and personally responsible for completing all Program requirements, including the timely submission of all forms and documents necessary prior to departure. I recognize that my acceptance into the Program is contingent on fulfilling certain duties, and my failure to do so may result in my not being allowed to participate in the Program.

- I have read and understand the Academic Requirements, Procedures for Course Approval & Policies on Transfer of Off-Campus Study Credit.

- I understand that I may not receive academic credit for the Program for which I have applied. These circumstances include, but are not limited to cancellation of the Program, failure to complete courses and/or exams, or my dismissal or voluntary withdrawal from the Program.

- I have sufficient funds available for personal expenses while participating in the Program and my return transportation to the United States.

- Should I have or develop legal problems while on the Program, I will attend to the matter with my own personal funds. Colby is not responsible for providing any assistance under such circumstances.

- Colby reserves the right to make cancellations, changes or substitutions in the Program in the case of emergencies or changed conditions, including, without limitation, war, strike, weather, government restrictions or regulations, or acts of God, and refund will be made only of those funds not actually used or committed.

- I must be in good disciplinary and academic standing and must have successfully completed all Program prerequisites by the time of departure or approval may be rescinded.

- As a Colby student having an off-campus experience, I will conduct myself in a manner compatible with local laws and regulations.

- As a Colby student having an off-campus experience, I am required to comply with the Colby College Student Handbook and other policies as applicable.

- In the event that my conduct or academic performance is detrimental to the Program or to other participants, the director may terminate my participation in this Program. If my participation is terminated in this way, Colby may insist
that I make any return travel arrangements myself, at my own expense.

• I will not illegally buy, sell, or use drugs at any time.

• I will participate in all classes and/or scheduled activities unless I am ill or prevented from attending for causes beyond my control.

• I will abide by dress and cultural standards suitable to the destinations visited.

• I grant Colby permission to reproduce in their campus yearbooks, catalogs or other advertising or promotional materials any photographs, movies, or sound recordings of me taken while I am participating in the Program, and also any written statements I may make concerning the Program.

Travel & Transportation:

• I am aware that Colby College prohibits travel to and study in countries and regions classified by the U.S. Department of State as Level 4 as well as Do Not Travel zones within countries classified as Levels 1, 2 and 3. I acknowledge that if I travel to these countries, neither the U.S. government nor Colby College can assist me in the case of an emergency.

• “Travel Risks” include, but are not limited to, delays in transportation, changes in the means of transportation, weather, vehicle accidents, strikes, wars, natural disasters, pickpockets, official corruption, or other unforeseen causes or unfortunate outcomes involving travel.

• Travel Risks may be involved in going to, from and within foreign countries and off-campus destinations. Many of these risks are not present on the Colby campus.

• Information on specific Travel Risks relating to this Program has been made available to me, and I understand the information.

• I accept full responsibility for covering any loss or damage caused by a Travel Risk, whether through personal insurance, personal funds, or other personal sources.

• If I elect to operate or to travel as a passenger in a vehicle that I have hired or chartered, I understand my own qualifications or that of the driver. Determination of the sufficiency of insurance coverage for the vehicle and driver are my responsibility. Colby discourages owning a vehicle while abroad.

• If I become detached from any group associated with the Program, fail to meet a schedule or departure, or become ill or injured, I will bear all responsibility and costs to seek out, contact, and reach the group at its next available destination.

Health and Medical:

• “Biomedical Hazards” include, but are not limited to, infectious, tropical, parasitic and other diseases, viruses or bacteria; contaminated water or food; and insect, spider, snake, fish or animal bites.

• I may visit areas where certain Biomedical Hazards are present that are not commonly encountered on the Colby campus; these may be definite and significant risks in certain countries and destinations.

• Colby cannot recommend precautions against Biomedical Hazards appropriate for each individual. Students should consult with a physician or licensed practitioner if they have concerns.

• I am aware of my personal medical needs. I further recognize that adjusting to life in a new culture, which often involves changes in diet and/or climate and being away from the support systems I currently have, can be a stressful and emotionally challenging experience and that underlying health-related concerns, including those which may be under control at home, may be exacerbated by these stresses. Having consulted with appropriate family members and/or care providers who are familiar with my health history, I assure Colby that I have fully considered my
readiness to participate in the Program and that there are no health-related reasons, physical or psychological impairments that, in the exercise of reasonable care, would preclude or restrict my participation in the Program, or would put myself or other in danger by my participation.

- I have completed or will complete—honestly, accurately and fully—any required prederture health forms.

- Water and food sources in off-campus locations may be contaminated.

- Building, vehicle, and other safety standards at off-campus destinations may be less stringent than those at home. Providers of food, water, shelter and transportation are not agents of, nor represented by, Colby.

- I will exercise reasonable and/or recommended precautions with respect to food, drink, personal hygiene, personal conduct, and exposure to known disease risk factors (including sexual contact and behavior and alcohol use). I further agree to follow any health guidelines, which I receive before or while participating in the Program.

- I am aware of the coverages and limits of the health insurance plan that applies to me. I have arranged for whatever insurance I consider adequate to meet any and all needs for payment of medical care while off-campus.

- I grant Colby full authority to take whatever action it feels is warranted under the circumstances regarding my physical and mental health and safety, including placing me, at my own expense, in a hospital at any point for medical services and treatment, or if no hospital is available, to place me in the hands of a local health care provider for treatment. Colby is further authorized to return me to the United States or to another country for medical treatment if necessary.

- I assume all risk for the cost of my medical care, including transportation and hospitalization, while in, or in transit to or from, any off-campus destination.

- I have obtained all inoculations and other preventative care required or recommended by my health care practitioner.

Communications:

- I will notify Colby College in case of any change in plans at any point.

- My first step in case of a Program-related, health-related, or personal concern or emergency, is to inform my Program director/local Program contact. I will also allow my Program to inform Colby College.

- I authorize Colby College office to discuss my academic or health issues with my Program or host institution off-campus.

- I authorize Colby College office to share my name and program information with other Colby students for the purpose of contact, mutual support, information or advice before, during, and after off-campus experiences.
ASSUMPTION OF RISK
I hereby specifically ASSUME THE RISK of all potential or actual perils, hazards, costs and damages attendant to my participation in the Program, including but not limited to, Biomedical Hazards, Travel Risks, bodily illness, personal injury, dismemberment or death, lawful or unlawful detention (i.e., jail or kidnapping), deprivation, disappearance, damage, destruction or theft or loss of personal property (including luggage and personal effects).

Applicable Law, Entire Agreement:
I agree that this COLBY COLLEGE ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT is meant to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by, and will be construed under, Maine law, and that courts in Maine will serve as the venue for any legal proceedings incident to the Program. The terms of this agreement are severable, such that if a court of law holds any term to be illegal or unenforceable the validity of the remaining portions will not be affected. This agreement represents the entire agreement, and supersedes any prior representations, whether written or oral, made by Colby concerning the Program.

CAUTION:
THIS COLBY COLLEGE ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES A WAIVER OF IMPORTANT RIGHTS AND MUST BE CAREFULLY REVIEWED AND UNDERSTOOD BEFORE SIGNING.

Student Name: ________________________________

Student Date of Birth: ___________________________

Student Experience Destination: __________________________

Parent or Guardian Name: _________________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Relationship: ___________ Date: ______________