



## *Assumption of risk and code of conduct*

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ have been approved by my college or university to participate in the Accès Study Abroad program in Strasbourg, France, to which I have applied voluntarily. I do hereby accept my voluntary participation and understand that I am accountable for all program fees. I am at least 18 years of age and I hereby agree to the following:

**1. Assumption of risk:** I understand that participation in a study abroad program involves some risks not found in study at my US college or university. This includes but is not limited to traveling to and within foreign countries, adverse political, legal and economic conditions, different standards of design and safety, different standards in means of transportation, different access to care and facilities, access to health care and other matters described in the pre-departure materials I have received. I understand that studying abroad may increase the risk of infection with covid19 or other diseases. Having considered these factors, I am willing to accept these risks.

**2. Personal conduct:** I understand that Accès establishes rules of conduct during my stay in France. Each host family and boarding house in France may also establish additional rules of conduct regarding such things as alcohol, visitation and hours. These rules will be explained in detail during the orientation. I understand that failure to abide by these rules may result in disciplinary action, including a written warning, moving to alternative housing at my own expense or termination from the program. I understand that termination from the program may mean loss of academic credit and forfeit of fees paid to Accès. Violations will be communicated to my US college or university which may impose additional disciplinary actions. In particular, the following rules of conduct apply:

- Participants may not possess or consume any illegal substances, including cannabis in France.
- Participants who choose to consume alcohol must do so in a responsible manner. Alcohol abuse is characterized by drinking to the point of passing out, vomiting, being unable to speak clearly, being unable to make appropriate decisions affecting one's behavior and safety, missing class or missing Accès events.

**3. Plagiarism and cheating:** I understand that Accès and the University of Strasbourg do not tolerate cheating or plagiarism of any kind. I understand that violation of this policy may result in expulsion from the University with no credit or refund of any kind, and academic probation at my US college or university.

**4. Insurance coverage:** I certify that I have major health, accident, disability and hospitalization insurance to cover myself during the entire period of my study with Accès, or that I will have such insurance before coming to France.

**5. Medical treatment:** I acknowledge having had the opportunity to disclose any physical limitations, medical concerns, and dietary restrictions in a separate health form. I accept full responsibility for any problems which I may encounter which I did not fully disclose to Accès. In the event of illness or injury to me, I authorize Accès staff to secure medical treatment on my behalf, including surgery and the administration of anesthetic. I accept all financial responsibility for such treatment and hereby release Accès and its staff from any responsibility or liability for expenses incurred by me for medical treatment.

**6. Responsibility:** I understand that I am solely responsible for obtaining any required visas or entry permits for travel to France. I understand that if I elect to travel independently of Accès before, during or after the dates of the Accès program, I am responsible for the risks and expenses of such travel. I agree to provide Accès staff with information about any personal travel during the time I am enrolled. I understand that deliberately misleading Accès staff about my whereabouts may result in dismissal from the program.

Student initials: \_\_\_\_\_



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**7. Authorization to contact home institution:** I hereby give permission to Accès staff to communicate with my home institution in the United States regarding my academic performance, personal conduct or other issues during my time as a participant in the Accès program.

**8. Cancellation and modification of program:** I understand that Accès has the right to make substitutions or changes to the program activities if necessary, including replacing on-campus classes with online classes in order to limit the risk of contagion of diseases. Such changes do not constitute grounds for a refund of program fees. I also acknowledge that if I elect not to participate in some activities planned by Accès, I am not entitled to a refund of any part of the program fee. I understand that if I sign up for an Accès event but do not attend and do not have a valid excuse, that I may be barred from future events. If I should decide to withdraw after the start of the program, I understand that I must make written notification to Accès and that subsequent payment of any refunds will be subject to the following scale:

- More than 4 weeks before start of program: full refund less any non-recoverable expenses paid by Accès on my behalf
- Less than 4 weeks before start of program: full refund less \$500 withdrawal fee and any non-recoverable expenses
- Less than 2 weeks after start of program: 60% refund less \$500 withdrawal fee and any non-recoverable expenses
- More than 2 and less than 4 weeks after start of program: 30% refund, less \$500 withdrawal fee and non-recoverable expenses
- More than 4 weeks after start of program: no refund is possible

**9. Unconditional general release and indemnification:** For myself and all those who may claim through me or in my stead, I release Accès, its staff and agents from liability and responsibility for all injuries, death, illnesses, losses, damages, liabilities, and expense I may sustain to my person and /or property during my participation in the program arising from any of the risks described herein arising from any risks inherent to travel abroad, or which are in any way connected to my program participation, including my own actions and omissions and any negligence on the part of Accès its staff or agents. This includes use of bicycles or any other transportation arranged and paid for by Accès.

**10. Mandate for use of fees:** By paying the program fee, I mandate Accès to arrange on my behalf and purchase the following services for my stay in France: housing with a host family or student boarding house, a stipend for meals and/or half-pension for meals with a host family, academic excursions, supplemental medical insurance, university fees and any other services related to stay in France.

**11. Photographic and video release.** I hereby grant permission to Accès to use any photographic images, videos or voice recordings in which I am featured participating in an Accès-organized event in printed or electronic marketing materials. I waive all rights of privacy or compensation in connection with such use.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above assumption of risk and general release, and that I have had the opportunity to ask any questions about it, that I accept its terms and that I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily.

Signature of student participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_