USM Agreement/Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability
Summer 2019, Iceland: Tourism and Landscape Change

I, ______________________________________________________ (“I” the Participant) hereby agree as follows:

1. That I have voluntarily agreed to participate in the Iceland travel program sponsored by the University of Southern Maine (hereinafter referred to as "the Program"). Said program will commence on or about May 14, 2019 and will conclude on or about May 21, 2019.

2. In consideration of being permitted to participate in this program, I voluntarily agree and submit to the following terms and conditions:

   (A) I am responsible for paying the full program cost of $3200-3400 US dollars plus tuition and fees.

   (B) In the event that I cancel my participation in this program at any time, I am responsible for any amounts that have been committed and/or expended on my behalf which cannot be recovered, such as airplane tickets or prepaid hotel accommodations.

   (C) I understand that the full program cost does not include the following items, and that I am responsible for paying the costs of these items:

      (1) Tuition ($407 per graduate credit, $271 per undergraduate credit)
      (2) University of Maine System Unified Fee ($30 per credit hour)
      (3) Some meals
      (4) Textbooks and academic supplies
      (5) Passport/visa if needed
      (6) Personal items to include internet access & phone cards
      (7) Porterage at airports and hotels
      (8) Additional airline charges for security, fuel, or baggage
      (9) Medical insurance

   (D) If my behavior does not reflect well on the University of Southern Maine at any time during the program, I understand that the Faculty of Record shall have the authority to require me to return home at my own expense.

3. I declare that I am able to physically withstand and cope with the rigors of this program, with or without accommodation. If an accommodation is needed, I will contact Emily Zider at the Office of International Programs no later than 45 days prior to departure.

4 I declare that the University of Maine System has apprized me that there are certain dangers, hazards, and risks inherent in international travel and to persons participating in the Program, including but not limited to force majeure, dangers incident to fire, breakdowns in machinery or equipment, acts of governments or other authorities, civil disturbances, terrorist attacks, strikes, riots, theft, unhealthy conditions, pilferage, epidemics, and quarantines, and which also could include or result in serious or even mortal injuries and property damage. I personally recognize and appreciate that such dangers, hazards, and risks exist, and I accept and assume full responsibility for all harm and injury, of every nature, including death, which may occur to me or which I may suffer, and for all damages or loss to any personal property owned by me, and for any personal injury, or death, or property damage caused by me to others, while I am participating in the Program.
5. In furtherance thereof, I, on behalf of myself, my spouse, my heirs and next-of-kin, my personal representative and my estate, hereby agree to indemnify, hold harmless and release the University of Maine System, (hereinafter referred to as the “University”), and its Trustees, employees, faculty, volunteers and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action, on account of damage or loss to my personal property, or to my personal injury, or death, or any loss or damage, or personal injury or death, caused by me to others, which may occur or result directly or indirectly from my participation in the Program and not as a direct result of any negligent act of the University and its Trustees, employees, faculty, volunteers and agents.

6. In the event that I should require medical care or assistance during my participation in the Program, the Faculty of Record may see that such care or assistance is provided. However, I will be solely responsible for paying any cost arising from the provision of such care or assistance.

7. I acknowledge and understand that should I have or develop legal problems with any foreign nationals or governments, I will attend to the matter personally with my own funds. I understand and agree that the University of Maine System, and any of its agents, officers, Trustees, and employees, is not responsible for providing any assistance under such circumstances. In the event that legal problems with foreign nationals or governments do occur, such event may be terms of dismissal from the program.

8. I further agree that this Agreement/Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine except that its conflicts of law provisions shall not apply.

9. In signing this Agreement/Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability, I represent and acknowledge that I have been fully informed of and completely understand the content of this waiver of liability and hold harmless agreement by reading it and signing it, and that signing this document is my own free act and deed, and I confirm that no oral representations, statements, or inducement, apart from the foregoing statement, have been made.

10. Participation in this program requires that I complete and sign the Agreement & Assumption of Risk Form, USM Alcohol Policy Awareness form and the USM Medical Information form. I also agree to participate in pre-departure orientation.

11. I execute this Agreement/Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability for full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same.

Assented and agreed to on this_________ day of ___________ 20___.

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Student signature

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Signature of parent or guardian (if under 18 years)

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Witness                                      Date