

## **STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK REGARDING INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The undersigned is a student duly enrolled in the program offered by The University of Akron's Department of Modern Languages through the Summer Program in the French Alps (Faverge Program) in France, Switzerland, and Italy.

**Behavioral Responsibilities:** The undersigned is aware of the expected behavioral responsibility of the undersigned while participating in this program. He/she is aware that, as a guest in a foreign country, there is certain behavior which will be unacceptable and could lead to possible disruption of the undersigned's program for such inappropriate behavior. The undersigned hereby assures the University that he/she shall conduct himself/herself in an appropriate manner at all times. Such behavior shall include moments when in the company of other program members and moments when the undersigned may be physically separated from other program members. Inappropriate behavior is cause for dismissal from the program by The University of Akron or the host institution.

**Academic Responsibility:** The undersigned acknowledges and understands that he/she is responsible for maintaining a course of study while abroad. The undersigned guarantees that he/she will attend all classes, take all examinations and do all assigned work.

**Legal Problems:** The undersigned acknowledges and understands that should he/she fall into legal problems with any foreign nationals or government jurisdictions of the host country, he/she will attend to the matter personally with his/her own personal funds. The University does not guarantee what, if any, assistance it can provide under such circumstances.

**Travel Problems:** The undersigned acknowledges and understands that in the event he/she becomes detached from the group, fails to meet a departure bus or train, or becomes sick or injured, the undersigned will bear all responsibility to seek out, contact, and reach the group at its next available destination; and, the undersigned understands that he/she shall bear all costs attendant to contacting and reaching the program site.

The University of Akron cannot assure that travel arrangements will be without certain disruption. Accordingly, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to accept all responsibility for loss or additional expenses due to delays or other changes in the means of transportation, other services, sickness, weather, strikes, or other unforeseen causes.

The undersigned acknowledges and understands that The University of Akron assumes no liability whatsoever for any loss, damage, destruction, theft or the like to his/her luggage or personal belongings. The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has retained adequate insurance or has sufficient funds to replace such belongings and will hold the University harmless therefrom.

**Medical Responsibility:** The undersigned is aware that there are certain risks inherent in international travel and that The University of Akron, as a State of Ohio educational institution, cannot assume responsibility for all or certain activities of the undersigned. The undersigned is aware of his/her personal medical needs and hereby assures the University that he/she has consulted with a medical doctor, as he/she may have deemed necessary, with regards to any personal needs of the undersigned. Further, the undersigned is aware that the University cannot be responsible for attending to any of the medical needs of the undersigned.

The undersigned is aware that, should the undersigned be required to be hospitalized while in a foreign country or in the United States during this program, the University cannot and does not assume any legal responsibility for payment of such costs; rather, the undersigned hereby assures the University that he/she has assumed all risk and responsibility therefor and that the undersigned has adequate hospitalization to meet any and all needs for payment of hospital costs during this program.

**Change in the Program:** The undersigned also acknowledges and understands that no refunds for program fees will be made after departure. Certain unrecoverable costs may also be assessed to the student if cancellation is necessary before departure. The undersigned acknowledges the right of the University to withdraw, change, alter, delete or modify the itinerary and/or academic program as deemed necessary by the University.

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she is above the age of 18, that he/she has read the above statement and agrees to the conditions set forth above.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_