

**Travel During a Pandemic
Notice of Understanding
Summer 2023**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the form and make sure you understand it.
2. Place your initials after each statement to confirm your understanding.

I understand that:

1. This COVID-19 Notice of Understanding includes some terms that are in addition to, or different from the terms referenced in the 2023 Berkeley Study Abroad Student Agreement. To the extent that the terms of the Notice of Understanding are contrary to the Participation Agreement, the Notice of Understanding shall prevail.

By initialing here, I acknowledge my understanding: _____

2. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is monitoring COVID-19 risk in each destination and making travel recommendations. To prepare for my travel, I must inform myself regarding CDC's travel recommendation for my program country up until the date of my departure and throughout the duration of my travel. I have accessed and read the link, [CDC Travel Recommendations by Destination](#)

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3. To prepare for my travel, I must read the Department of State Safety and Security Alerts: [DOS Travel Advisories](#) for my destination.

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4. CDC recommends that travelers who are at [increased risk with certain medical conditions](#) from COVID-19 avoid all nonessential air travel at this time. I have accessed and read the link.

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5. If I need to take extra precautions as indicated above by [CDC](#), I will consult with my treating physician. I have accessed and read the link.

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6. CHUBB, the UC travel insurance company, considers COVID-19 a foreseeable circumstance, which disqualifies receiving benefits under the Trip Cancellation and Interruption Benefit. If your program is canceled, or if you are required to leave your program country before the scheduled end of your Berkeley Study Abroad program due to a resurgence of COVID-19 at your destination or for any other COVID-19 related reason, Berkeley Study Abroad or CHUBB will not financially reimburse students for return travel costs.

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8. The security evacuation benefit of the UC travel insurance policy has an exclusion for "common or endemic or epidemic diseases or global pandemic disease as defined by the World Health Organization".

By initialing here, I acknowledge my understanding: _____

9. Berkeley Study Abroad strongly urges me to purchase fully refundable airfare, which will reduce my financial losses if my trip is canceled or interrupted.

By initialing here, I acknowledge my understanding:_____

10. If there are subsequent COVID-19 or new coronavirus variant outbreaks, the country I am studying abroad in may unexpectedly close borders, return to strict social distancing, and restrict travel, which could prevent my return to the U.S. for an indefinite time.

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11. I will be financially responsible for any extraordinary charges due to outbreaks, including but not limited to costs for country entry requirements (e.g., isolation, quarantine, testing); quarantine or isolation costs if showing symptoms; re-entry requirements if I choose to travel outside my host country, or costs incurred to comply with a host country regulation not listed herein or known beforehand.

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12. Berkeley Study Abroad is not responsible for any costs incurred by me resulting directly or indirectly from COVID-19 and/or new coronavirus variants.

By initialing here, I acknowledge my understanding: _____

13. Third-party providers, in partnership with Berkeley Study Abroad, may incur expenses resulting from my participation in a Summer Abroad/Global Internships program, and I understand that I am responsible for any expenses paid to third-party providers by Berkeley Study Abroad that are in addition to my program fees and result directly or indirectly from COVID-19 and/or coronavirus variants.

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14. Berkeley Study Abroad and/or the third party provider will charge me for the US dollar amount paid by BSA to third-party provider partners for any direct or indirect COVID-19 and/or coronavirus variant expenses resulting from my participation in a Summer Abroad/Global Internships program and for which the third-party provider was obligated to pay for on my behalf.

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15. Some, or all instruction for all, or part of the Summer Abroad/Global Internships program may be delivered remotely. Tuition and mandatory fees have been set regardless of the method of instruction and will not be refunded in the event instruction occurs remotely for any part of the Academic Year.

By initialing here, I acknowledge my understanding: _____

I have assessed all reasonable risks involved with my decision to study abroad during a pandemic as declared by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020. I understand that if I choose to travel outside my Summer Abroad/Global Internships program location, I can increase my risk of exposure to COVID-19 and/or coronavirus variants, and face unannounced border lockdowns.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____