

Agreement for Participation in the UGA Study Abroad Program in Xalapa, Mexico

This form must be signed and returned to *Jack Houston* no later than *February 15, 2002* .

I, (print name) _____ an applicant for the UGA Study Abroad Program in *Xalapa, Mexico* (hereinafter "Program"), hereby agree as follows:

1. I will comply with The University of Georgia's student conduct regulations throughout the duration of my participation in the Program, as well as the standards of conduct of the host institution. I agree that the Program Director shall have the right to enforce appropriate standards of behavior and that I may be dismissed from the Program at any time for failure to comply with such standards.

2. I understand that engaging in political activity in the host country, including but not limited to joining political parties or unions, participating in demonstrations, soliciting political material or picketing may be dangerous or illegal. If I have legal problems because of such activities, I understand that The University of Georgia cannot provide legal counsel.

3. I understand that as an American citizen in a foreign country, I will be subject to the laws of that country. I agree to comply with those laws, as well as with the regulations of the host university, including refraining from using, possessing or selling any illegal drugs. I understand that being charged with any infraction of the laws of the host country, including possession of any illegal drugs is grounds for immediate expulsion from the program, without refund. In addition, I understand that should I have any legal problems in the host country, that I will be responsible for any legal costs incurred as a result. The University of Georgia cannot provide legal counsel in such circumstances.

4. The University of Georgia strongly discourages owning or operating motor vehicles while participating in study abroad, due to the inherent dangers of driving in a country with different traffic laws, driving habits, and regulations relating to insurance. If, however, I decide to operate a motor vehicle while abroad, I recognize that The University of Georgia assumes no financial responsibility for my legal aid, car repairs or medical care if I am involved in an accident while operating a motor vehicle in the host country.

5. I agree that The University of Georgia, through its agents and employees, may take whatever action is deemed necessary with respect to my health and safety. I authorize The University of Georgia, its agents and employees to place me, at their discretion and without my further consent, in a hospital or in the care of a local doctor for medical services and treatment. If necessary or desirable, I also authorize them to transport me back to the United States by commercial airline or otherwise for medical treatment. I agree that I, along with my parents or guardian, will be fully responsible for any and all expenses, including transportation costs, associated with or in any way related to my medical care. I understand that I am required to purchase medical insurance that will

Release, Waiver of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue to Be Signed by Participant (age 18 or over)

I hereby acknowledge my awareness that my participation in the UGA Study Abroad Program in Xalapa, Mexico may expose me to risk of property damage and bodily or personal injury, including injury that may prove fatal. I understand that the risks that I may encounter include but are not limited to airplane crashes, motor vehicle accidents, political unrest, terrorist incidents, sickness and criminal acts, as well as other risks that may not be foreseeable. **(Tailor to your program and planned activities and risks and name each specific risk in the above section – e.g. malaria, tram accidents, etc.)** I hereby assume any and all such risks.

For the sole consideration of The University of Georgia's arranging for my participation in the UGA Study Abroad Program in Xalapa, Mexico , I hereby release and forever discharge The University of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, their members individually and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, rights and causes of action of whatever kind, arising from or by reason of any personal injury, property damage, or the consequences thereof, resulting from or in any way connected with my participation in the Program.

I further covenant and agree that for the consideration stated above I will not sue the Institution, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually, its officers, agents, or employees for any claim for damages arising or growing out of my voluntary participation in this program.

I understand that the acceptance of this Release, Waiver of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or in part, of sovereign immunity by said Board, its members, officers, agents, and employees.

I certify that I am at least 18 years of age and that I have read and understood the above.

Signature of Student

Date

Printed Name

Release, Waiver of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue to Be Signed by Parent or Legal Guardian (for students under age 18)

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of _____ (name of student), an applicant for the UGA Study Abroad Program in Xalapa, Mexico. I also certify that the student will be participating in the Program with my full knowledge and consent. I have read the agreement signed by the student, and I understand its contents.

I agree that I will be personally responsible for any costs, expenses or debts the student may incur as a participant in the Program, including expenses incurred for the student's medical care, necessities and transportation back to the United States.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Name _____

Address _____

Relationship to Participant: _____

Emergency address(es) and telephone number(s) and e-mail(s) where someone can always be reached on the student's behalf:

