

ACCENT/Student Responsibility Contract

I hereby agree to the conditions in this Contract for the College/University Program and confirm that I have a genuine interest in the educational and cultural opportunities offered. Accordingly,

1. I have read ACCENT's Payment Requirements, ACCENT's policies concerning Alcohol Use, Student Housing and other applicable policies within ACCENT's Enrollment Forms. I have also read ACCENT's policies concerning Harassment and Drug/Substance Abuse. Copies of these policies are found at (www.accentintl.com/policies). I understand all of these policies and agree to faithfully fulfill all of these requirements, terms, and conditions.
2. I understand that my sponsoring College/University is ultimately responsible for the program's educational content, its duration, modifications, and/or cancellations, and supervising and disciplining students and faculty. I hereby agree that in the unlikely, but possible event of an infectious disease threat, that I shall follow the directions of my sponsoring school and comply with relocation and mitigation directives, whether these are delivered by local government authorities, my school, or indirectly through ACCENT. I understand that my failure to do so may result in my expulsion from the program without any refund or recourse. I understand that this program is deemed to commence on the contracted arrival date, and to terminate on the contracted departure date from Europe as specified in the program materials.
3. I agree that ACCENT reserves the discretion to reasonably modify my program schedule for logistical and service purposes, including without limitation, to conform to schedules of host country institutions, to conform to schedules of transportation companies and other service providers, to consolidate programs for viability purposes, etc. Such modifications shall be deemed to be standard conditions of my program, and shall not be grounds for withdrawal from the program or for any refund or credit.
4. I acknowledge that foreign travel, and living in European cities that are hundreds or thousands of years old, is an adventure which exposes me to risks, living conditions, inconveniences and standards that I do not normally encounter at home, and I hereby assume those risks as an adult. I accept that I will have to tolerate foreign customs, habits, noise, traffic, foods, cultural practices, laws, police requirements, living conditions, amenities such as air conditioning and heat, elevators, transportation schedules, etc., which are more onerous and less convenient than those I am used to at home. When I encounter such conditions that I may not like, I accept that I am responsible for resolving problems concerning them in mature and constructive ways and I realize that I may be required to accommodate myself to them as part of my experience of living in a foreign country. I also understand that it is my responsibility to promptly inform ACCENT's local Center Director in writing if I encounter conditions that I believe should be remedied pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Contract.
5. I understand that, while unlikely, there is always the possibility that I could become ill or incapacitated or involved with a foreign country's police. I also understand that while ACCENT does not function in the capacity in *loco parentis*, I hereby authorize ACCENT to take emergency action it deems necessary including, without limitation, obtaining medical, hospitalization, legal or other assistance for me at my sole cost.
6. I agree to abide by the applicable laws of my host country, and I understand that I am solely responsible for the consequences and costs, legal and otherwise, that result should I become involved in any civil dispute or criminal matter under applicable laws.
7. I understand that it is illegal under host country and American criminal and civil laws for me to upload or download copyrighted materials, including peer file sharing, without the express permission of the copyright owner. If I do download and/or distribute copyrighted materials without such permission, I understand that I will also be violating ACCENT's, and my own College/University's policies. Accordingly, I acknowledge that such misconduct on my part will subject me to severe legal penalties which can include fines of thousands of dollars, and expulsion from my overseas program and housing without recourse or refund.
8. I agree that I must conduct myself according to the policies and standards of my sponsoring academic institution, and those of ACCENT, and I agree to cooperate with representatives of the sponsoring institution, ACCENT staff, and my fellow participants for our mutual benefit. I understand that misconduct by me, including but not limited to, possession or use of prohibited substances or drugs, misuse of alcohol, violation of the sponsoring school's strict attendance requirements, and student conduct codes, violence, destruction of property, offensive public behavior, behavior which endangers others or myself, or violation of other policies is likely to result in my expulsion from the program without refund of fees, or recourse, and my return home will be at my expense.

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9. I understand that my friends and relatives are not entitled or permitted to attend any portion of the program or utilize my residence or any ACCENT facilities which are reserved exclusively for officially enrolled participants who have paid applicable fees.
10. I agree that neither ACCENT, nor its employees, nor its representatives shall be liable to me, directly or indirectly, for consequences beyond ACCENT's reasonable direct control, including without limitation, Acts of God, criminal acts such as theft, war, terrorism, strikes or other labor actions, acts of government authorities, acts by persons who are not employees of ACCENT, pandemics or epidemics or other health threats, acts by employees of transportation companies, and others.
11. I understand that ACCENT urges me to protect my personal property, valuables, and other property for which I am responsible by purchasing commercial insurance, and whether I insure or not, I agree that ACCENT shall not be liable for any losses or damage to my personal property, valuables, and other property, and that I alone shall be responsible for any losses which might occur whether through theft, damage, or otherwise. Furthermore, I acknowledge that I am personally responsible for all costs relating to my medical care, relocation, and or the costs of alternative accommodations in case of contagion, infestation, injury, other emergency, or other conditions not directly caused by negligent or deliberate acts of ACCENT or its employees. I understand that my failure to protect myself with insurance does not change my responsibility for such costs should they occur.
12. I agree that this Contract is between me and ACCENT as the sole parties thereto, that my parents or guardians are not parties to this Contract, (I have so informed them and they agree) because I am 18 years of age or older, I have independent rights of privacy and that this legal relationship is controlling irrespective of who might be paying all or part of my costs to ACCENT. Nevertheless, I understand that ACCENT reserves the right to discuss and transact business concerning my account directly with my parents, guardians, and others who may be paying for all or part of my costs arising in connection with this Contract.
13. I understand that ACCENT endeavors to respect each student's privacy. Accordingly, I am responsible for informing my family members, friends, and others wishing to contact me of the particulars of my contact information including my address, telephone number and other such information. However, ACCENT will reasonably relay to me a request from someone wishing to contact me, and upon being so informed, I may then decide whether to contact that person or not. I also understand that ACCENT reserves the right, in circumstances that it deems to be business necessity, emergency, or health or safety matters, to communicate directly with others regarding my role and activities in connection with the Program, including without limitation, the sponsoring institution, and the foreign host institution(s).
14. ACCENT programs are, by their nature, of public interest as they usually involve students, faculty, or resource people engaged in educational programs and various student activities. Students, faculty, school representatives, ACCENT, and others are usually free to take photographs of ACCENT-related program activities, fellow students, faculty, and ACCENT personnel, and to use such photos for lawful purposes. All concerned are hereby reminded that they shall have no claim to the photos taken by others, nor any expectation of privacy or confidentiality in such photos.
15. I have familiarized myself with ACCENT's refund policies, and I accept that refunds, if any, will be made in compliance with those policies. I understand that if I leave the Program early, I will receive no refund from ACCENT. I further understand that if I withdraw from the Program, I shall not be entitled to participate in any Program activities, and I must immediately vacate Program housing.
16. I understand that this Contract shall not become effective until receipt signed by ACCENT, and that it shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of California, with venue in the County of San Francisco, the location of ACCENT's U.S. office.
17. I understand that fulfillment of my above commitments is a requirement for me to remain eligible to participate throughout this Program, and in order to receive the benefits of ACCENT's services. I agree to comply with all of them, and I understand that should I fail to do so, it shall be considered to be a material breach of this Contract which then may be terminated without refund or recourse.

Print Name

Signature

Date