Penn Abroad

Penn Global Seminar Commitment Contract

Please complete the following fields based on the information provided in your acceptance letter:

First and Last Name: _____

Penn Global Seminar Title: _____

Course Travel Dates: _____

Course Travel Destination: _____

Please read this commitment contract carefully. Sign and date at the bottom to confirm that you are committing to the Penn Global Seminar listed above and that you agree to the program terms set out below.

Program Terms:

I. I understand that by committing to this Penn Global Seminar, I am agreeing to enroll in the course for credit and a grade, participate fully in the on-campus component of the course, and participate fully in the required course travel component.

II. I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure the course fits into my academic plan and semester course schedule. I understand that the rostering department will issue me a permit to register for the course and will notify me when they have done so. I do not need to take any action within Path@Penn at this time. I will leave 1 CU open in my schedule for this course.

III. I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure that I am available for the travel dates and be able to participate for the full travel period.

IV. I understand that full participation in the course throughout the semester and for the full travel duration is mandatory, and that failure to participate fully in all aspects of the course will negatively impact my final grade.

V. I understand that if I require any religious, health, or dietary accommodations during the travel component, I must have already notified Penn Abroad at pgs-abroad@upenn.edu. I further understand that while PGS staff will make every effort to accommodate reasonable health, diet, and religious requests, it is not always possible to make the requested accommodations due to the culture or customs of the program site or due to the rigorous nature of the travel itinerary.

VI. I understand that depending on my host country, I may be required to show proof of specific vaccines (i.e., COVID-19 or Yellow Fever) for entry and/or visa purposes.

VII. Per the PGS Financial Policies, I understand that I will be charged a program fee of $950 to participate in this Penn Global Seminar. This program fee covers round-trip airfare, accommodations, excursions, group meals, entry fees, guides, and translation services. I understand that the $950 program fee will be billed against my student account, and that $500 of this fee will be assessed against my account on the first bill of the semester. I understand that the

remaining balance of $450 will be charged to my student account at the end of the course selection period. Payment must be made in accordance with the University's published payment schedule.

VIII. I understand that I am required to adhere to the Penn Global Seminar Group Flight Policy. I further understand that any request for an exemption to this policy must be made in accordance with this policy. If I do not take any leg of the round-trip group flight as booked by Penn Abroad without prior consent (deadline varies by term), I understand that I will be charged a $250 airfare fee, and that this charge will be in addition to the standard $950 Penn Global Seminar program fee.

IX. I understand that Penn Abroad will inform Student Registration & Financial Services that I am registered for this Penn Global Seminar and that SRFS will determine if I am eligible for a financial aid adjustment to cover some or all of the program fee. I understand that this aid adjustment will be a mixture of grants and loans and will be calculated according to the Short Program Calculator listed on the PGS Funding website. I further understand that the costs associated with Penn Global Seminars are highly subsidized by Penn Global and that Penn Global does not have additional funds to provide students to assist with the program fee or any relevant out of pocket expenses.

X. I understand that there may be additional costs associated with my participation, including flights to/from the origination airport, personal meals, vaccines, medications, passport and visa fees, and incidentals. I understand that it is my responsibility to pay for these expenses myself. I further understand that these expenses are not reimbursable should the travel component be cancelled and therefore I should consider purchasing trip insurance for these items, where possible.

XI. I understand that if I intend to withdraw from the course after commitment, I must inform Penn Abroad in writing at pgs-abroad@upenn.edu. I understand that if I choose to withdraw from the course at any point after commitment, if I am dismissed from the program, or if I am prohibited from traveling with the program, I will be subject to the withdrawal penalties outlined in the PGS Financial Policies.

XII. I understand that if I have not made sufficient academic progress or if my participation is deemed to be detrimental to the group dynamic, as determined by Penn Abroad and the course instructor, I may be restricted from participating in the travel component of the course.

XIII. I understand that I am subject to all University policies as listed under the Penn Abroad Universal Policy on Conduct & Academic Integrity and that I must be in good disciplinary standing at Penn during the semester that my PGS is rostered in order to participate.

XIV. I acknowledge that participation in any activities not listed in the Penn itinerary is **at my own risk**. As a reminder, Penn's travel insurance excludes injuries sustained from certain sporting activities and while riding any two or three wheeled motor vehicle. Questions related to Penn's travel insurance policy should be directed to travelsafety@pobox.upenn.edu.

XV. I understand that travel abroad, and especially travel with a group, requires flexibility, open-mindedness, willingness to go with the flow, and occasionally to be uncomfortable. I will keep a positive and adaptable attitude, behave respectfully, be on time, and be courteous to my professor, fellow students, visitors, and hosts. I understand that the planned itinerary may change at any point before or during the travel component without notice.

XVI. Due to the short duration of the trip and limited room availability, students should expect to remain in their assigned shared accommodations, even if a roommate becomes ill during the trip, unless an alternative arrangement has been approved. Please note that any approved alternative accommodation may be subject to availability and may incur an additional cost to be covered by the student.

XVII. I understand that Penn Abroad will need to collect a variety of documents and personal information from me in order to plan the travel component, including passport and visa information, health and dietary information and vaccine information (if required for entry and/or to participate in activities in host country). I agree to provide Penn Abroad with all requested documentation by the listed deadlines.

XVIII. I understand that photos and/or videos of me may be taken during the on-campus and travel components of the course, and I grant the University of Pennsylvania full permission to use, display, copy, publish, and distribute these photos and/or videos, both domestically and internationally, for any purpose. I also acknowledge that these images may be shared with or used by external media outlets, including foreign media, without my further approval or compensation. I understand that I am not required to be in any photos if I choose not to be and will contact my Program Manager if this is the case.

XIX. I understand that the travel component of this Penn Global Seminar may be cancelled if Penn Abroad determines that travel is unsafe or no longer logistically feasible. I understand that Penn Abroad will inform me of the cancellation in writing, refund my program fee, and provide me with an alternate assessment so that I can complete the course without travel.

XX. I understand that if I am found to be in violation of any element of this commitment contract, Penn Abroad reserves the right to terminate my participation in the Penn Global Seminars program. I further understand that if I am dismissed from the program, I will be subject to the Withdrawal and Dismissal Policy outlined in the PGS Financial Policies.

By signing below, I commit to the Penn Global Seminar described above and in my acceptance letter, and to the expectations and policies outlined herein. Further, I affirm that: I am at least 18 years of age; I have carefully read and understand this Commitment Contract; and I am signing it voluntarily with the intent to be bound by it. If I am under 18 years of age, my parent or guardian has also signed below.

_____	_____	_____
Student Name Printed	Student Signature	Date

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Complete ONLY if student is under the age of 18:

Parent/Guardian Name Printed	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

Please upload a copy of this completed and signed contract (3 or 4 pages) to the Commitment Contract questionnaire in your online application by the commitment deadline.

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