



Penn Global Seminar Commitment Contract Fall 2019

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, and sign and date at the bottom to confirm that you are committing to the Penn Global Seminar described 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 Fall 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 Penn in Touch 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 if I require any religious, health, or dietary accommodations during the travel component, I 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.
- V. I understand that I am required to take the round-trip group flight booked by Penn Abroad. I further understand that this flight will originate in and return to Philadelphia or another nearby airport, and that it is my responsibility to get to the origination airport with adequate time to take the group flight. I understand that if I need to deviate from the group flight, I have already requested and obtained an exemption from Penn Abroad (pgs-abroad@upenn.edu) prior to submitting this signed contract. I further understand that no exemption to this policy will be made after my commitment to this course.
- VI. Per the [PGS Financial Policies](#), I understand that I will be charged a program fee of \$950 to participate in this Penn Global Seminar, and that 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 at the time I commit to this Penn Global Seminar. I understand that the remaining balance of \$450 will be charged to my student account at the end of

the Fall 2019 course selection period (September 16, 2019). Payment must be made in accordance with the University's [published payment schedule](#).

- VII. I understand that there may be additional costs associated with my participation, including flights to/from the origination airport, some personal meals, incidentals, and passport and visa fees, where relevant. I understand that it is my responsibility to pay for these expenses myself.
- VIII. 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 travel with the seminar is prohibited, I will be subject to the withdrawal penalties outlined in the [PGS Financial Policies](#).
- IX. 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.
- X. I understand that full participation in the course throughout the Fall 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.
- XI. I understand that failure to commit by the stated commitment deadline will result in my acceptance being rescinded, and my spot in the course given to a student on the waitlist.
- XII. 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, and health and dietary information. I agree to provide Penn Abroad with all requested documentation by the listed deadlines.
- XIII. I understand that photos of me will 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 for any purpose without my further approval or compensation.
- XIV. 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. 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.

Student Name Printed

Student Signature

Date

Please upload a copy of this completed and signed contract (2 pages) to the Commitment Contract questionnaire in your online application by the commitment deadline.