

California Polytechnic State University

International Education and Programs

Thailand Off Campus Study/Internship Program

Spring Quarter 2008

Program Dates: **March 26 to June 13, 2008**

Student Participant Agreement

This agreement is entered into by and between the Trustees of the California State University and California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, hereinafter referred to as "University," and

_____, Hereinafter referred to as "Student"
(Print name)

And, if participant is a minor, parent or legal guardian of "Student"

_____,
(Print name)

For whose benefit said parent or legal guardian is entering this agreement.

University and Student agree as follows:

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

Participation in this Off Campus Academic Program is VOLUNTARY. Participation in this Off Campus Academic Program is not mandatory for completion of degree requirements.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Participant agrees to properly conduct himself or herself at all times during the course of the Program. Any violation of University standards of conduct could lead to sanctions being imposed consistent with CSU Student Discipline Policies and Procedures, including, but not limited to suspension or expulsion from the program.

During your participation in a Cal Poly study abroad program, you are responsible not only for your own personal conduct, but also for how your conduct reflects on Cal Poly, the State of California, and the United States of America. You are, in essence, an "ambassador" throughout your stay. You should, therefore, learn the rules of appropriate conduct in your host country and abide by them.

Examples of some unacceptable behaviors in any country include: cheating or plagiarism in your academic work; forgery or misuse of legal documents; physical abuse of property; sale or possession of illegal drugs; engaging in lewd behavior; failure to attend classes to the extent normally required; violation of the rules and regulations of

the host university; violation of the laws of the host country; conduct which endangers others; flagrant disregard of local customs, mores, or beliefs which might result in offending or antagonizing host country citizens or officials. Serious violations of acceptable behavior may result in your disenrollment from the program. A serious illegal act by a student participant may result in expulsion from the program without any possibility of financial refund or chance to complete any academic credit requirements.

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Early Withdrawal and Dismissal Policy

A student may leave the program prior to the group's return to California for a limited number of reasons, such as:

- a. The occurrence of a death or serious illness in the family.
- b. Illness (physical/emotional): In this instance, the student and the Resident Director and other faculty should decide on the best course of action, in some cases treatment in a neighboring country with better health facilities;
- c. Discipline. The Resident Director may decide that a student's continued participation in the program is detrimental to the program as a whole, due to poor conduct and/or difficulties with local authorities.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy

Participants in study abroad can have a major impact on their own health and safety through the decisions they make before and during their program and by their day-to-day choices and behavior. Cal Poly is committed to creating a safe and healthy learning environment for all members of the community.

While the moderate consumption of alcohol may be an acceptable part of certain social activities, alcohol and other drug abuse conflict significantly with the mission and values of Cal Poly. Study abroad participants of legal drinking age (in the host country) are permitted to consume alcohol in accordance with laws of the host university and the host country. Prior to departure, students are advised to research their host country's alcohol-related customs and rules. It is essential that one not only conform to the legal system of the host country but also obey the codes of conduct required of program participants. Program participants will be responsible for any consequences related to excessive drinking or illegal drug use. Illegal drug use and possession will not be tolerated abroad. Penalties vary with each country. Neither Cal Poly nor the U.S. Embassy or Consulate will be able to help students who are arrested. Any student caught with illegal drugs is subject to immediate dismissal from the program and possible deportation.

The intent of this alcohol and substance abuse policy is to help Cal Poly achieve the following goals:

- Lower the potential risk of students becoming a victim of crime
- Lower the potential risk of accident and injury
- Ensure that the consumption of alcohol is not the sole purpose of any Cal Poly event
- Communicate to program participants that they are expected to act responsibly regarding their consumption of alcohol while living abroad
- Raise student awareness that, when choosing to consume alcohol abroad, they are subject to the local laws related to alcohol consumption
- Remind Cal Poly Resident Directors and staff that they should strive to create an atmosphere that does not encourage students to drink alcohol and that they should respect those who choose to abstain
- Warn students that excessive drinking or drunkenness is not condoned and will never serve as an excuse for misconduct
- Encourage students to be aware of local customs and laws related to alcohol consumption

Assistance with Alcohol and Substance Abuse Problems

If a study abroad participant has alcohol or substance abuse problems, the Resident Director is available to give assistance. The student should go to the Resident Director and explain the problem. In cases in which additional expertise or care is necessary, competent health care professionals will be recommended. Unfortunately, support services of this nature are often unavailable on all campuses abroad/or program sites, and the student could be financially responsible for any necessary treatment. However, these fees are usually less expensive than those at home and may be covered by health insurance. If a student becomes incapacitated due to alcohol overuse, or if he or she needs medical attention, other participants are strongly encouraged to immediately contact the Resident Director or other faculty in order to protect the health and well being of the affected student.

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

The University shall provide appropriate academic supervision for the courses offered and shall grant academic credit for their successful completion. The University reserves the right to cancel the Program, or to cancel or add courses or to change the academic format of the Program at its discretion where student interest, availability of adequate faculty or resources, or other relevant criteria indicate such cancellation or addition to be appropriate.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students shall be enrolled at Cal Poly State University in a full quarter load of academic course work (minimum of 12 units) selected from courses announced as available for the Spring Quarter, 2008 Program in Thailand.

SUPPORT PROGRAM

1. Air Flight -- The program will include at least two flights. Participants will fly from:
 - a. Los Angeles (LAX) / San Francisco (SFO) to Bangkok
 - b. Bangkok to Los Angeles (LAX) / San Francisco (SFO)
3. Ground Transportation -- There will be multiple train trips and trips by chartered buses. Participants will travel as a group on all scheduled trips in Thailand.
4. Housing -- Standard quality lodging will be provided for participants at program locations.
5. The program will provide a group insurance policy, which will cover all participants.

SERVICES NOT PROVIDED

The University is not furnishing and is not responsible for and assumes no liability in connection with matters other than academic instruction and logistical services detailed above. The University is not furnishing and is not responsible for and assumes no liability of guarantee or assurance of safety of participants and/or elimination of all risks from the environment. The University is not furnishing and is not responsible for and assumes no liability for the safety of personal property during participation in the program. The University is not furnishing and is not responsible for and assumes no liability for monitoring and/or control of all the daily personal decisions, choices, and activities of the individual participants. The University is not furnishing and is not responsible for and assumes no liability for prevention of participants from engaging in illegal, dangerous or unwise activities, including but no limited to situations that may arise due to the failure of a participant to disclose pertinent information.

The University is not furnishing and is not responsible for and assumes no liability for assumption of responsibility for the actions of person not employed or otherwise engaged by the University, for events that are not part of the program, or that are beyond the control of the University and its subcontractors, The University is not furnishing and is not responsible for and assumes no liability for assurances that home-country culture values and norms will apply in the host country.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Student shall execute program application, assumption of risk and release agreement and medical information and authorization form.

Student shall obtain all necessary passports and health certifications for participation in the Program.

If Student is a minor, Student agrees to submit a written statement signed by Student's parent or guardian authorizing the program Director to act in Student's behalf, in the event of a medical emergency that might jeopardize the health of the student.

Student acknowledges and agrees that any logistical arrangements entered into by him/her to enable his/her participation in the Program are the sole responsibility of the student and that the University is not responsible for the services, payments or guarantees provided pursuant to such arrangements.

PROCEDURES AND POLICY ON EMERGENCY WITHDRAWAL OR CANCELLATION

Should the student withdraw from the program prior to January 18, 2008, student will be refunded all payment less \$100 (\$75 processing and \$25 non refundable application fee). If student withdraws from the program on or after January 18, 2008, student will forfeit the entire program deposit (\$500) plus any costs incurred by the program up to that point.

UNIVERSITY FEES

Student shall pay the established University registration fees.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT FEES

The program fee of \$3,500 is approximate and **includes** airfare, lodging, in country travel and excursions.

Students are responsible for passport, international student ID, recommended health coverage, textbooks, food and incidentals. These out of pocket expenses [based 12 units] are between \$3,300 and \$4,000, depending upon college based fee cost and personal spending habits of the student.

TOTAL FEES

The total estimated fees are between \$6,800 and 7,500, which includes program fees, health coverage, tuition, texts, food, passport and incidentals.

LAWS, REGULATIONS AND REFUNDS

This Agreement is subject to all applicable laws and regulations. If performance of this Agreement involves violation of applicable law or regulation thereby making it legally impossible to perform and such illegality is not the fault of the student, the University shall refund to Student all fees paid pursuant to this agreement as authorized in section 41802 of title 5 of the California Administrative Code; upon payment of said refund all rights of university and Student are expressly waived under this agreement.

No refunds will be made for fees already paid in the event of expulsion of the participant from the Program or if the participant leaves the Program.

SOLE AGREEMENT

This Agreement and the Assumption of Risk and Release Form which is incorporated into this agreement by attachment, contain the sole and entire agreement between the University and Student and shall supersede any and all other agreements between the parties. The University and Student acknowledge and agree that any statements or representations that may have, heretofore, been made by either of them has relied thereon in connection with his or her or its dealings with other.

SEVERABILITY

If any one or more of the terms or provisions of this agreement shall to any extent be declared invalid, unenforceable, void or voidable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, none of the remaining terms or provisions of this agreement shall be affected thereby, and each provision of this agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

JURISDICTION

The laws of the State of California, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this agreement or to the Program shall govern this agreement.

This agreement is approved and accepted:

Student Signature

Date

Address: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature
(If student is a minor)

Date

Address: _____

Program Coordinator at Cal Poly

Date