



INTERNATIONAL Field Trip Policies and Liability Waiver



TO: Students Participating in Earth Sciences Field Trips
FROM: Chairperson of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Department
SUBJECT: Field Trip Policies and Liability Waiver
FIELD TRIPS: GEL490E Applied Geology & Mining History of Germany

All participants **MUST INITIAL & SIGN** this **LIABILITY WAIVER** in order to be eligible for registration!

All students participating in field trips taught by the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences should be aware that there is always an element of risk in such trips. These risks involve travel by vehicles, including commercial, state, and private vehicles, and in certain cases travel by canoes and rafts, walking as pedestrians on or near roadways, as well as strenuous hiking in mountainous terrains which are sometimes in remote areas. Instructors will use all reasonable precautions and students need to exercise prudent behavior during field trips, but even then there exists the possibility of an accident. Students need to assess their own physical abilities and not exceed their capabilities. Students must be alert and aware of possible risks and dangers during field trips.

Policies, Rules & Regulations for ALL Participants

Read carefully and **initial each item** on the line provided. Your initial indicates FULL understanding and acceptance of each policy, rule &/or regulation.

- _____ All students are under the professional responsibility concerning the consumption of alcohol, as well as impairing drugs and medications. Drinking and Driving is a serious offense in Europe with many countries invoking draconian punishments even for first time offenders.
- _____ Smoking will NOT be permitted within cars or hotel / youth hostel rooms, only in designated areas allowed by foreign law. Smokers must plan accordingly. Because of eminent fire dangers in the many areas visited, absolutely NO smoking will be allowed during field hikes or outside designated areas. Students who smoke should be considerate of nonsmokers during field trips.
- _____ There will be strict enforcement of “quiet hours” according to hotel / hostel regulations. During this time, there will be no loud music, boisterous activity, or other disturbance allowed.
- _____ Students with medical problems, including but not limited to asthma and allergies, **must** consult with instructor prior to participating in field trips. Such students **must** carry appropriate medications with them AT ALL TIMES during the field trip. In case of a medical emergency during the field trip, such students must be prepared to pay for expenses incurred for their evacuation.
- _____ Students will exercise good common sense at all times and will ASK the instructor or other knowledgeable personnel when in doubt.
- _____ Students who violate any laws of the host country or who violate any of the field trip policies or stipulations or who fail to conform to directives from the instructor may be immediately dismissed from the field trip. The instructors have the right to terminate any student found in violation of these responsibilities, and such actions will terminate him or her from continuing on the trip. The fees already submitted shall be non-refundable in such cases. Terminated students must fly home on their own expense and are liable for any additional charges. Such students may also be subject to a failing grade in the course, be required to withdraw from the course, and be subject to disciplinary action by the University.

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Other Policies, Rules & Regulations

Read carefully and **initial each item** on the line provided. Your initial indicates FULL understanding and acceptance of each policy, rule &/or regulation.

_____ I, the undersigned, will exchange US\$ 20.00 upon entry for “Restroom” coins. It is my, the students, responsibility to secure restroom accessibility.

_____ I, the undersigned, will bring an internationally capable cellphone with appropriate international coverage or I will purchase an operational phone upon arrival. I, the student, will share my contact number immediately with the instructor and other students.

_____ I, the undersigned, will apply for and purchase in due time an International Youth Hostel card to bring with me on the trip. I, the student, will share this document number with the instructor.

_____ I, the undersigned, will abide by decency laws in the host country. This includes, but is not limited to pyjama use for dorm rooms, appropriate clothing for visiting cathedrals (Girls NO shorts or tank-tops; boys NO see through sports jerseys), etc. I, the student, also understand that certain events, such as visiting an opera in Europe, require formal wear and in case of noncompliance might not be admitted to these events, regardless of my payment.

_____ I, the undersigned, understand the refund policy and my fiscal obligations for this international trip. I understand that the trip fee collected does NOT include airfare or tuition.

Policies, Rules & Regulations for Drivers of Vehicles in Foreign Countries

Read carefully and **initial each item** on the line provided. Your initial indicates FULL understanding and acceptance of each policy, rule &/or regulation.

_____ All drivers must be at least 25 years of age and must purchase an International Driver’s License.

_____ All drivers must abide by a ZERO alcohol policy during the whole trip. NO EXCEPTIONS! If you can NOT abide by this law, do NOT volunteer as a driver.

_____ All drivers must take responsibility for the rented vehicle assigned to them, including but not limited to making sure the vehicle is gassed up, has correct tire pressure, has the trash taken out, etc.

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in this activity, I, the undersigned hereby: release and hold harmless the Trustees of Metropolitan State University of Denver, the Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Department, and respective employees, from all claims, losses, damages, or expenses because of property damage or personal or bodily injury incurred or caused by me during or in conjunction with the above mentioned activity. In filling out this form, I acknowledge that I fully understand the risk that is inherent to off-campus activities. Furthermore, I have fully read and understand the department policies and my liability and do accept the restrictions.

Print Name

Student ID or Social Security Number

Sign Name

DATE