

## GTE Immersion Travel Application

PARTICIPANT NAME (*EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT!*)

\_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND DATE OF IMMERSION \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTOR \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Requirements:

Immersion courses are upper level electives and have pre-requisites as specified by the division in which the course is offered. Students must have completed 18 hours of course work before enrolling in an immersion course. Enrollment priority will be given to those in their final year of academic work, graduating seniors, and those who need a particular immersion course to fulfill degree requirements. **The form must be accompanied by all other forms in the application packet and a copy of a valid US Passport. Applications without a valid US Passport will not be accepted.**

### Student Costs:

For Perkins School of Theology Students enrolled in the MDIV program and taking their first immersion course must pay:

1. Tuition
2. All course fees. The GTE course fee will be \$1,000.00 for courses outside the US, and \$500.00 for courses inside the US. The course fee will be charged to the student's account upon academic registration.
3. Personal expenses and one meal a day while traveling.

For Perkins School of Theology Students enrolled in other degree programs or taking a second immersion course the costs of all immersion courses will be tuition, the course fee, and *all travel expenses*. The course fee and tuition will be charged to the student's account upon academic registration. Travel expenses must be paid directly to the GTE program prior to travel. The GTE program does not offer financial aid.

### Non-Student Costs:

For participants who are not registered students with Perkins School of Theology the cost will be based on total travel expenses and must be paid directly to the GTE program prior to travel.

**All Immersion Participants** without exception are responsible to pay the GTE program for any expenses incurred on a student's behalf by the GTE program.

**All Immersion Participants** must acquire medical insurance for travel abroad. SMU students are covered by the university's SOS program. Non-students should check with their primary insurer about options for coverage while abroad.

### Confirmation

Name (Exactly as it appears on your passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

SMU Email address \_\_\_\_\_ (*All correspondence with SMU students will use their SMU email address. No other email address can or will be used. You must check this address regularly or you will miss important information.*)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I confirm that have read the above and will be responsible for paying all required, tuition, fees, and travel costs, and that I, have completed or will complete all course pre-requisites for this course by the start of the immersion course.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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### How to write an Immersion Journal

Your journal for the cross cultural immersion experience is a special type of journal. It is intended to encourage you to be observant of a culture different from your own, and to be conscious of your own reactions to your experience of that culture. The following method will help you do both.

1. From your first arrival begin to note what you are seeing and hearing. In your notes avoid interpretive descriptions. For example “I saw two men gesturing and speaking loudly” is better than “I saw two men arguing.” Or “The table was set with many different dishes, including what looked like roast pork” rather than “The table was set with a feast.” Or “There was a man singing slowly and softly” rather than “the man was singing a sad song.”
2. Later make a note of your personal guesses about the meaning of what you have seen. Note these with question marks so you know to check with others.
3. Then make a note of your emotional reaction to what you have seen and experienced. Did things make you sad, happy, relieved, anxious, angry, irritated? How did you feel about people you saw or met? Attracted, repelled, warm, cold?
4. Then ask yourself *why* you had these feelings. How did they relate to and reveal your expectations and preconceptions? How did they relate to your self-image as a person, as a Christian, and as an American and your expectations of how others would react to you?
5. Finally, make a note of what have you learned and how are you changing. I suggest that you wait three days after your first day in the new culture to make any notes on what you are learning. Give yourself time to process the experiences a little.

Things to observe and describe:

1. the climate,
2. geographical features
3. the physical structure of the community (houses, roads, shops, transport, size of towns, cities, villages and constituent parts)
4. the people (height, build, skin color, hair, other facial features)
5. economic features and structures (what is being sold, what kind of markets are seen, prices, what is being produced, how are people employed)
6. religious structures and activities,
7. educational institutions and activities
8. other social institutions
9. social interactions: the ways that people greet one another, interact in different settings, behave in public places like busses, in the street, or in shops, and behave in private places like their homes.

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### **Release and Waiver to Southern Methodist University**

Whereas, \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter called "Student") is  
(print name of student)

a student currently enrolled at Southern Methodist University (hereinafter called "SMU"); and

whereas, SMU offers its students various opportunities to live, study, and travel in foreign countries in structured educational programs for which the Student may receive college credit towards a degree offered at SMU; and

whereas, Student desires to participate in the Perkins School of Theology Global Theological Education Program which will be run by SMU in \_\_\_\_\_,  
(name of Program location)

from \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

(hereinafter called "Program"); and whereas, SMU desires to allow Student to participate in the Program, but only if a portion of the consideration in exchange for arranging such a Program and allowing such participation is the signing by Student of a Release of Liability to SMU and parties related to SMU.

Now, therefore, for and in consideration of SMU's arranging the Program and allowing Student to participate in the Program, Student understands and voluntarily and knowingly agrees as follows:

1. Student is participating in the Program of his/her own free will and is not required by any degree program provided by SMU to participate in the Program.
2. Student is aware that there are certain risks and dangers which accompany international travel, including, but not limited to, those risks associated with the unpredictability of terrorist acts against citizens of the United States of America and others around the world, and Student acknowledges and assumes all such risks, including, but not limited to, loss or damage to personal property, injury or fatality due to (1) travel to and from the Program; (2) the condition of facilities where the Program will occur which are not under the control and maintenance of SMU; (3) physical exertion; (4) emotional or psychological stress; (5) inclement weather; and (6) suffering illness or accident in an area where there may not be easy access to medical facilities, among others. I agree to advise the Program instructor at any point when I question my ability to participate in any activity related to the Program.
3. Though arrangements for travel may be made in conjunction with the Program, Student understands and acknowledges that he/she is solely and ultimately responsible for the selection of his/her travel arrangements to and from the location of the Program and assumes all risks relative to acceptance of such transportation.
4. Student understands and agrees that aspects of the Program include opportunities for activities over which SMU cannot exercise control, or provide the same protection for Student as it does in an on-campus setting.

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5. Student is solely responsible for acquiring his/her own insurance which Student believes is necessary to cover him/her throughout the duration of the Program from departure date to return date. Student acknowledges and understands that he/she may not be covered by any insurance policy owned by SMU.
  
6. Student has fully investigated the nature of the Program, including whether participants will be subjected to physical and emotional stresses, and Student assumes all risks of participation.
  
7. Student represents that since being accepted into the Program, Student has advised the" Program Director of any physical or mental disabilities and/or needs which may affect Student's ability to participate fully in the Program and has received reasonable accommodation if needed.
  
8. Student signs this Release and Waiver with the intent of binding himself/herself, his/her spouse (if applicable), his/her heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.
  
9. STUDENT ASSUMES ALL RISKS AND AGREES FOREVER TO RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS SMU, ITS TRUSTEES, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND CORPORATELY, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES AGAINST ALL LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, SUITS, OR DEMANDS FOR INJURIES TO HIMSELF/HERSELF, ANY OTHER PERSON AND/OR PROPERTY RESULTING FROM OR GROWING OUT OF HIS/HER PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND/OR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE DESTINATION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS CONSTITUTING NEGLIGENCE BY SMU, OR ANY OF ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR REPRESENTATIVES. STUDENT HEREBY COVENANTS AND AGREES IN FURTHERANCE OF HIS/HER OBLIGATION UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER AS ACCEPTED, TO DEFEND THE PARTIES RELEASED HEREIN BY AND THROUGH COUNSEL CHOSEN BY SMU.
  
10. The terms of this Release and Waiver are to be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Texas and shall be deemed to have been fully performed in Dallas County, Texas. Student agrees that exclusive venue for any dispute arising between SMU and Student involving this Release and Waiver in any way shall be in Dallas County, Texas.

I am eighteen (18) years of age or older and competent to sign this Release and Waiver. Witness my signature at \_\_\_\_\_, on this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

City

State

Student's Signature

Telephone

Student's Printed Name

SS#

Address / City / State / Zip Code

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### SMU/ Perkins School of Theology Global Theological Education Program

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT CONSENT AND INFORMATION FORM

A program of study abroad can create emotional and physical stress as one attempts to meet the demands of living in a new and different environment for an extended period of time. So that SMU can help you make your experience a positive one, please be candid in your answers to the following questions:

1. Please identify all known dietary restrictions, allergies to foods, drugs, insect bites, dust, etc., and the nature of your reaction. If none, please put N/A.

2. Please identify any current medications you are taking and the reason for their use. If none, please put N/A.

3. Do you have any reason to believe that change of diet, carrying luggage, or strenuous travel overseas might present hardship to you? yes no If yes, please explain.

4. Optional: Will you require any special disability accommodations? yes no If yes, please explain.

5. In case of emergency, the following person should be

contacted: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Night Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the foreign and potentially remote nature of the Global Theological Education Programs, access to hospital and medical facilities may be limited. Please sign below to provide consent for emergency medical treatment. Please note that those faculty and staff accompanying GTE groups are not trained medical professionals and may not be able to help if a serious accident or illness occurs. We highly recommend that a student consult a physician before going overseas. He/she can best advise you as to any need for vaccinations, medications, and any restrictions on your activity.

I hereby authorize SMU/Perkins School of Theology to arrange, at my expense, any and all necessary emergency medical care required for me while I am participating in an international program in \_\_\_\_\_, during ^\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_. This authorization (check one) does does not authorize blood or blood products to be provided to me.

By (student): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

