**Bowdoin College**

Special Waiver and Acknowledgement for Students Who Participate in Off-Campus Study in Countries for Which a Travel Warning Has Been Issued by the U.S. Department of State

The U.S. Department of State issues a Travel Warning when it recommends that Americans avoid travel to a particular country or parts of that country. All Bowdoin students, of whatever nationality, who intend to study in a country for which there exists prior to their departure a State Department Travel Warning are required by the College to complete this form to ensure that they are aware of the warning and its recommendations, and of their personal responsibility for the risks. Bowdoin’s approval of participation in the program is not granted unless this form is signed by the student and a parent/legal guardian. The relevant Travel Warning is attached for the country in which you plan to study abroad. The signed form should be detached and returned to Bowdoin’s Off-Campus Study Office no later than the end of the semester before departure.

With my signature below, I acknowledge that:

1. I have read the U.S. Department of State Travel Warning concerning travel by US citizens to the country where I wish to study. In spite of that warning, I have voluntarily and on my own initiative elected to study in that country through the Bowdoin College Off-Campus Study Program during the 2011–12 academic year.

2. I have read, signed, and returned Bowdoin College’s “Agreement of Participation in Off-Campus Study and Release.”

3. I am aware that Bowdoin College discourages students from studying in countries for which there exists a current U.S. State Department Travel Warning.

4. Bowdoin College, including its employees, is not responsible for my health, safety or security while I am in, or traveling to or from the country under a Travel Warning, and insurance policies may not apply in locations for which a Travel Warning exists.

5. Bowdoin is not obliged to provide academic credit for a partial semester of study or a refund of fees if I decide to leave the country of study before the end of a semester because of safety or security concerns, or for any other reason.

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Student Signature  Student Name Printed  Date

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Parent Signature  Parent Name Printed  Date

Parent’s signature indicates an awareness of the student’s plans and of Bowdoin’s policies as outlined above.

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