ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

This Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability pertains to travel to Mexico during 2014-15.

I, ____________________________, wish to travel to Mexico as part of the OVPIA Exchange at UNAM and hereby state that:

1. Travel to Mexico is not required as part of any degree program in which I am enrolled or as a condition of current or future employment and that, therefore, my decision to travel to Mexico is entirely voluntary.

2. I understand that certain risks are inherent in any foreign travel experience and I fully accept those risks. Those risks may include, but are not limited to, such things as war, quarantine, civil unrest, public health risks, criminal activity, terrorism, exposure to communicable diseases, ill effects of unfamiliar food and water, incidents related to ground, air or water transportation, adverse weather conditions, accident, injuries or damage to property, and other physical, mental, and emotional injury.

3. I also understand that, at this time, travel conditions in Mexico are particularly dangerous. Indiana University has brought to my attention the U.S. Department of State Travel Warning against travel to Mexico by United States citizens dated January 9, 2014. I have read and fully understand this warning: http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings/mexico-travel-warning.html I am proceeding with my travel plans notwithstanding this State Department Warning.

4. I have been advised that no one can guarantee my safety in Mexico and I have been strongly advised to have adequate insurance before my departure, which should include medical evacuation, repatriation of remains and life insurance. I have been advised that if I am currently included on my family’s insurance policy, that I should make sure that the coverage is valid overseas for the duration of my travel.

5. I understand that my safety may be put at even greater risk if I engage in activities not sponsored or approved by Indiana University, such as during free-time, on weekends, or before or after the Indiana University program period. I understand that Indiana University is not responsible in any way for my safety if and when I engage in activities not sponsored or approved by Indiana University. Such activities include taking local transportation, such as a bus, to visit a tourist site or other place, unless that trip is part of the Indiana University program.

6. I fully understand the above risks involved in the proposed travel and I agree to assume the risks of this travel, including the risk of catastrophic injury or death.

7. I agree to indemnify, hold harmless, release and forever discharge Indiana University, its Trustees, employees, agents, and cooperating institutions and their offices and agents (if any) from any and all claims and expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, for any injury, loss, or damage to personal property, including catastrophic injury or death, related to travel to Mexico or suffered by me.

Student's Signature ____________________________  Date __________________

Name (printed) ______________________________