

**ANTH 2121-Field Studies in Anthropology**  
***Sri Lanka Bio-Cultural Anthropology Field School***

**Field School Participant's Agreement**

I ....., understand and agree to the following statements:

I am 100% committed to participate and bear the costs associated with the field school as described in the field school brochure including additional expenses as described by the instructor/coordinator at information sessions.

I will complete all components of the International trip including the mandatory pre-departure orientations on assigned dates; pre-departure and post-field schools classes/debriefs at MRU.

I will observe assessment deadlines.

I will engage with course materials and be open to all associated field experiences.

I accept the authority of the designated instructor throughout my participation in this field school.

I understand and accept the itinerary as described. I understand that the instructor and organizers reserve the right to adjust and modify plans if and when the necessity arises. I will accept changes and challenges in stride.

I will be punctual and observe start and end times of activities, early morning excursions etc. as described by the instructor. I understand that failure to follow timelines, tardiness and being unprepared for set activities will significantly lower the quality of the field school for other participants, instructors and coordinators. I will manage my time.

I will take all necessary precautions and preventative measures to ensure my personal safety (e.g. be aware of surroundings, protect money and valuables from theft, wear sunscreen/a cap, mosquito repellent etc.).

I understand that in the field context, I am expected to follow a low-maintenance personal routine that is simple, efficient and timesaving.

I understand that accommodation abroad is of differing standards, and may not be comparable to Canadian housing. I agree that I must adjust my expectations accordingly. I will accept the living arrangements made for by the field school organizers and abide by the regulations of those lodgings. I agree to pay for any damages for which I am responsible.

I commit to maintaining positive relations with my group members. This field school involves an extended period of time where I will function as a group member and I accept the lack of free time when participating within such a group setting. I understand that I have to approach group situations in a mature and professional manner.

I understand and accept the limits to personal freedom as described by the instructor and coordinators for this field school. I understand that these rules and norms are in place to ensure my safety and wellbeing (e.g. clothing requirements, alcohol consumption, smoking, walking alone, communication protocols etc.).

I understand that my behavior reflects on MRU, Canada and their established partner relations. I am prepared to assume the “ambassadorial” role and represent MRU and Canada honorably and respectfully during each step of the field school process.

I consider myself to be emotionally mature and aware of what is considered proper behavior and conduct. Therefore, I do not need specific rules for every situation, but will follow good judgment and abide by MRU policies and the laws and cultural norms of Sri Lanka.

If I fail to follow the regulations of the class and/or behave in a manner in any way that the instructor deems to:

- significantly lower the quality of the field school experience for others
- endanger oneself or anyone else
- damage relations between the group, the local people, or the host institution/s
- be culturally insensitive
- damage the reputation of MRU,

then, the instructor, in consultation with the MRU International Education Office and the Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, has the authority to terminate, at any time, my field school participation. Return travel and any other expenses due to such program termination are my responsibility.

Prior to departure, I will access and read literature made available by the instructor/coordinator/ International Education website. I will take the initiative to prepare myself emotionally and practically for the field school experience.

The coordinator/instructor/organizers of the field school will need to devote time and attention to the group as a whole. I will not expect or require “special” consideration and/or attention.

I am in a satisfactory state of health and have identified any health concerns that would affect my ability to participate in the field school.



I understand and accept the risks to personal safety inherent in international travel and field studies. I will carefully adhere to measures and policies set in the MRU Off-Campus Safety Policy forms that I sign prior to departure.

I will always stay with the group or smaller units and “check-in” regularly with the group/unit/instructor as appropriate. I will closely follow communication protocols and emergency protocols.

I will take my academic assignments seriously. I recognize that I am required to attend all course activities. I will accept and complete the workload for the field school, including the required preparation, ongoing tasks, activities and assignments as described in the ANTH 2121 course outline and documents on the class Blackboard site.

**I have carefully read the statements above and fully understand them. My signature below acknowledges the significance of these statements. I agree to abide by them.**

*The participant must sign in the presence of the International Education Coordinator and/or Instructor.*

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Participant's Name

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Student Number

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Participant's Signature

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Date

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Coordinator, International Education

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Date

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Instructor, Sri Lanka Field School

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