RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRAM-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

In addition to the general travel risks outlined in the Study Abroad Risk Advisory, this program South Africa — From City to Safari (hereinafter “Program”) has specific activities which may pose a heightened level of risk for participants. UC Davis Study Abroad provides this information so that students can make an informed decision about consenting to participate in the Program. Participants in the South Africa — From City to Safari program will be expected to participate in the activities below.

If participants do not want to participate in an activity, they must inform the Faculty Leader or Program Coordinator immediately and ask to opt out. In some cases, an activity may be a required in order to participate on the Program (e.g. travel to another site). In these instances, participants wishing to opt out may not be able to participate in the Program at all and may need to choose another program. Study Abroad will try to keep opt out decisions confidential, but due to the group nature of certain activities (such as group travel/tours), it may be impossible for the decision to be kept confidential.

**By participating in a UC Davis Study Abroad Program, participants voluntarily assume these additional associated risks, both known and unknown. If participants do not ask to opt out, UC Davis Study Abroad will assume they consent to the risks associated with participating in the activities.**

- **This Program includes non-traditional motorized transportation** both during Program hours and/or as the primary means of transportation for students during free time via:
  - Private car-for-hire (similar to taxis, but operated by regulated or unregulated private drivers)
  - Private motorcoach or van-for-hire (similar to a small public bus but may be operated by regulated or unregulated private drivers)

  This form of transportation is a common form of public transportation in the country abroad but may have limited or no governmental regulation. This means vehicles may or may not be inspected, drivers may or may not be licensed or certified, drivers may or may not have insurance, and safety standards (if they exist) may be significantly lower than those in the U.S.

- **This Program requires the use of public transportation.** Travelers on this Program will be required to utilize public transportation (buses, trains, taxis, etc.) as the primary means of conveyance. Travelers may be provided with transportation passes as part of their Program fees. Public transportation services are regulated by local governments and are typically held to minimum standards of repair, safety, timely service and accessibility. Public transportation is often very safe and, in some areas, is the only means of transportation. However, local regulations may differ or be less than those for public transportation in the U.S. Use of public transportation include the risk of injury from accident (including operator negligence), transit delays, fines or penalties for improper use, impacts or shutdowns related to worker strikes, petty theft and assault, and minimal but elevated risk from terrorist activities.
• **This Program includes a prolonged stay in a remote, rural environment.** Although the Program site is not inherently dangerous, travelers will be staying in a remote area for a prolonged period of time. There may be limited or no access to immediate medical facilities (major incidents would require evacuation), pharmacy and grocery stores may be limited or non-existent (travelers will need to bring their own personal supplies), transportation to and at the site may be limited and subject to weather or environmental conditions, and travelers may have limited or no access to phone/cellular/internet services or reliable electricity.

• **This Program includes a substantial amount of travel and relocation.** This Program is a “multi-site” or “traveling” program and requires that students change locations on a periodic basis. While the frequent travel is not inherently dangerous, there is a slightly elevated risk of injury or accidental loss of property associated with the frequent moves. While unlikely, there is an increased risk of accidental loss of belongings, delays and changes to the Program itinerary due to transportation delays, the possibility of small additional costs to students (baggage fees, meals purchased in transit), and some travelers may experience stress or fatigue associated with frequent moves/travel.

• **This Program includes a safari.**

Part of this Program explores natural conservation efforts for wildlife and natural environments in the region. A portion of the Program will include travel via safari to protected conservation sites to view wildlife and participate in indigenous activities and/or conservation efforts. Activities include, but are not limited to: extensive walking in a wilderness environment, accommodations in tent-like facilities, travel by open-top Jeep (or similar) on unimproved dirt roads to specific game or plant sites, the possibility to interact with protected animals under the supervision of a local biologist, participation in “staged” indigenous activities such as spear or boomerang throwing and basket weaving, night-time wilderness tours to view nocturnal animals, etc. There are elevated risks associated with: physical injury/exertion, exposure or interaction with animals and insects, travel by unconventional vehicles, accommodation in primitive facilities, limited phone/cellular/internet access, etc.