This program requires rigorous travel between many locations over a tight period of time. Changes may occur and sometimes we will have to switch to Plan B versus the original itinerary. You will be required to make good decisions independently that are in support of the group objectives of this program. You will find that your usual supports of family and friends may not be available to you for most of your travel time. You will be immersed in communities that may live very different lives than any you’ve experienced, with different cultural practices and challenges of extreme poverty and gender inequality. Respect and tolerance for others – both in your group and those you will meet along the way - is paramount in all your actions and activities.

Additionally, you will be in shared modest accommodations and will not always have access to running water and electricity. Travel between locations will often be using basic transportation and sometimes along unpaved and uneven roads. There is a fair amount of walking and light hiking involved on this Group Study Program often in remote communities in uneven and muddy terrain. The food may also be different from what you are used to and not all tastes may be accommodated. You will also need a certain amount of personal vigour, stamina and an ability to work and live under pressures that may not be found at home or on campus.

Should you be accepted into this program it is important that you are prepared to work in a cohesive group, to interact with locals and others, many of whom you may not share a language. Often you may need to surrender your concepts of what should be to the good of the entire group and in respect of the communities who have welcomed you in. Please consider the nature of this program as you submit your application.

I, ____________________________, have read the previous statements about the Ubuntu & The Sustainable Development Goals Group Study Program. I understand that I can speak to Dr. Sarah Skett or a Group Study Program Advisor at the Study Abroad Office if I have any concerns regarding any aspect of this application.

Date: ________________________________

Please Print Name: ________________________________

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Signature: ________________________________