

Conduct and Discipline Policies

Policy/Procedure

At Dickinson College, study abroad is not about travel to an exotic destination. It means becoming an active participant in the life and culture of a foreign locale in order to gain useful knowledge about a place and its people. By applying to a program, you have taken a significant step toward expanding your mind, engaging other cultures, and becoming a more active participant in our global society.

In a very real sense, you go abroad as an ambassador of Dickinson College. Your attitude, interactions, and presence abroad will speak volumes about you and about us. You are privileged to be abroad as a full-time learner, both academically and in all other aspects of daily life. Many study abroad participants are used to being the “majority,” and once they become a minority abroad they realize their actions are viewed as representative of their entire group. Resolve instead to develop understanding and show respect for the culture you are visiting.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

All students studying abroad are expected to abide by the code of conduct as expressed in the Student Agreement that you signed as part of your application.

It is a fundamental expectation that students will respect the norms of the host culture with regard to behavior and dress and will obey host country laws as well as all policies and regulations of the host institution and/or Dickinson Program. It is further expected that students enrolled in Dickinson programs will:

- Attend and participate in classes and complete assignments
- Participate in planned group excursions
- Observe the rules and respect the property of the host institution, housing accommodations, and any temporary program accommodation such as hotels or hostels
- For safety purposes, provide the Resident Director with contact information and/or itinerary to the extent possible when they leave for private travel.

Students shall respect the rights of other students whether on the program or at the host institution, as well as those of homestay families, staff, and faculty. Dickinson College policies regarding student conduct as outlined in the Dickinson College Student Handbook, including academic infractions such as plagiarism, apply to students enrolled overseas as well. In Dickinson programs abroad, conduct violations will be first reported to CGSE and then sent to Student Conduct.

DRINKING AND DRUG USE:

Most cultures have well-established customs with regard to acceptable social drinking. Mature behavior and respect for local customs is expected of all students. The misuse of alcohol will not be tolerated and can result in dismissal from the program. The use, purchase, or sale of illegal drugs is prohibited. A student caught using, purchasing, or selling drugs will be sent home immediately without refund.

Legal penalties with regard to drugs and alcohol may be more severe in the host country than in the U.S. and may entail fines and/or jail time. A student charged with breaking local laws will be subject to the rulings of local courts. U.S. laws and constitutional guarantees do NOT apply. The ability of program staff or U.S. Embassy personnel to assist is very limited. In most countries release on bail while awaiting trial is not an option.

REMOVAL FROM PROGRAM FOR DISCIPLINARY REASONS:

Students can be dismissed from programs for violating policies, rules or regulations, for engaging in disruptive behavior, for academic infractions or failure, and for conduct that could bring the program into disrepute. In such cases, students will be discharged without a refund. The Associate Provost and Executive Director of CGSE will make the judgment in consultation with the Resident Director and Dean and Director of Education Abroad.

Related Information

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