

## **Conduct and Discipline Policies**

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At Dickinson College, we are committed to building just, inclusive sustainable communities. We have created a Student Agreement form that helps students understand their responsibilities while studying off-campus and their commitment to these Dickinson values as well as the consequences if they do not abide by our code of conduct and policies.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT:**

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

It is a fundamental expectation that students will respect the cultural norms of the host culture and will follow host country laws as well as all policies and regulations of the host institution and/or the Dickinson/partner program. It is further expected that students enrolled in these programs will:

- Adhere to program arrival and departure details as outlined by the program;
- Review and complete all required program materials, processes, and procedures by their respective deadlines;
- Check their email regularly to stay updated on important program information and promptly respond to emails when requested;
- 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 on-site staff 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 roommates/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. In partner programs, the partner's conduct policies will also be followed.

### **DRINKING AND DRUG USE:**

Most cultures have well-established customs regarding 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 regarding drugs, including marijuana, 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/on-site staff and Dean and Director of Education Abroad.

### **Related Information**

[https://www.dickinson.edu/info/20056/center\\_for\\_global\\_study\\_and\\_engagement/2672/policies](https://www.dickinson.edu/info/20056/center_for_global_study_and_engagement/2672/policies)

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