

Summer 2019 Study Abroad Code of Conduct



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Student Name: _____

ID: _____ Date: _____

Please carefully read this entire document. Initial the items in the box and sign at the bottom.

International travel and living in international locations is an adventure which exposes me to risks, inconveniences, living conditions, and standards that I do not normally encounter at home.

I understand my responsibilities as a participant and agree to the following:

Pre-departure

- I assume responsibility for all the elements necessary for preparation for the study abroad program including, but not limited to, reading pre-departure materials, attending pre-departure orientations, completing required program or host institution materials, and attending on-site orientation(s).

Conduct

- As a representative of TCU and the U.S., I understand I will be held to a higher standard of conduct and level of personal responsibility while on the program.
- I will willingly participate in all required activities and conform to all applicable rules, regulations, and policies of the program.
- I will make reasonable and good faith efforts to become informed of and abide by all local laws, and I understand that I am solely responsible for consequences of not following such laws.
- I understand program activities are exclusively for students, and any visitors, including friends and relatives, are not permitted to attend any portion of the program. I will inform them of the restrictions on my time.
- I understand I will not be chaperoned 24/7 and I am expected to make responsible, adult decisions.

Communication

- I will maintain regular communication with TCU and the program staff, including checking my TCU email account, responding to calls and texts, and updating my contact information, from the time of application through the end of the program.

Accommodations

- I am required to reside in the program housing. Moving out or being dismissed from housing is grounds for dismissal from the program.
- I am expected to adapt to differences in physical accommodations, which may be perceived as inconvenient or uncomfortable by U.S. standards.
- I may be asked to change accommodations in the best interest of the program, and I agree to such changes if required.
- I am responsible for paying any damages to accommodations or facilities if charged.
- I understand guests are not entitled or permitted to enter or stay in the program-arranged housing.

Alcohol

- I understand that the lack of sobriety is grounds for immediate dismissal of the program.
- I understand any use, production, distribution, sale, or possession of illegal substances (as determined by the TCU Student Handbook) is grounds for immediate dismissal of the program.
- If I consume alcohol, I recognize I am consuming a drug that can cause serious health consequences and can impede and limit decision-making abilities.
- I understand that laws regarding alcohol consumption, including public intoxication, vary and I am solely responsible for my decisions that could lead to arrest or civil or criminal proceedings.

Safety and Health

- I understand that traveling or living in a foreign country may involve health and safety risks, including personal injury, property theft, civil unrest, unsanitary conditions, and substandard public transportation.
- My own conduct is the central factor in promoting safety and well-being, and I will exercise good judgment to minimize potential safety and health risks while abroad.
- I have seriously considered my own health, personal circumstances, and suitability for the program abroad, and I certify that I am prepared to deal with my personal needs to the best of my ability.
- I will review all materials from *On Call International* and consult with my health care professional to create a health plan for my personal health needs, including any recommended immunizations.
- I will make reasonable efforts to acquaint myself with the health factors and issues endemic to the study abroad areas and to prepare myself accordingly for my study abroad travel and activities.
- I will comply with the program’s safety procedures.

Personal time

- If personal travel is allowed on my program, I will follow protocols any time I leave the host city.
- Personal travel schedules cannot interfere with academic requirements of the program and I agree not to miss any classes or any other academically-related functions.
- I will not rent, lease, or operate motor vehicles (including motorcycles, mopeds, and Vespas) while participating in a TCU program. Operating a motor vehicle abroad can be extremely hazardous, creating a significant risk (including death), for the student and other motorists and pedestrians. Injuries resulting from operating a motor vehicle are not covered by TCU’s medical insurance.

In accepting a place on the study abroad program, I agree to: *(Initial each item)*

- adapt to differences abroad (including such aspects as housing, food, noise, customary practices, and transportation).
- exhibit the highest form of good manners, civil behavior and respect for my program leaders, peers, and individuals of my host country.
- exercise sound judgment, exhibiting maturity, self-reliance and personal responsibility.
- respectfully comply with the directions of program, university, and/or host institution officials acting in the performance of their duties.

I have read the above policies and agree to the terms.

Signature:

Date:

**Please return to Center for International Studies:
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