

EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM STUDENT CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Name of Education Abroad Participant: _____

Student Number: _____

Education Abroad Program Name/Location: _____

Education Abroad Program Dates: _____

POSSESSION, USE, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS:

Avoid any and all possible involvement with illegal drugs. Drug laws vary from country to country, but in many cases they are extremely severe, regardless of whether the drug in your possession is for personal use or for sale to others. Legal protections taken for granted in the United States are left behind when you leave the U.S. The principle of “innocent until proven guilty” is not necessarily a tenet of legal systems abroad. The best advice is to know the rules and laws and obey them.

U.S. EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES:

Should you encounter serious, political, health, or economic problems, the U.S. Embassies and/ or Consulates can offer some limited assistance. They can, for example, provide you with a list of local attorneys and physicians; they can contact next of kin in the event of an emergency or serious illness; they can provide assistance during civil unrest or natural disaster; they can contact friends or relatives on your behalf to request he funds or guidance; and they can replace a lost or stolen passport.

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT RELATED TO STUDENT/TRAINEE CONDUCT:

- A. I understand that each foreign country has its own laws and standards of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, morals, politics, drug use and behavior. I recognize that behavior which violates those laws or standards could harm University's relations with those countries and the institutions therein, as well as my own health and safety. I will become informed of, and will abide by, all such laws and standards for each country to or through which I will travel during the program.
- B. I also will comply with the University's rules, standards, and instructions for student behavior. I waive and release and claims against the university, its officers, employees, and agents that may arise at a time when I am not under the direct supervision of the University or that are caused by my failure to remain under such supervision or to comply with such rules, standards, and instructions.
- C. I agree that the University has the right to enforce the standards of conduct described above, in its sole judgment, and that it will impose sanctions, up to and including expulsion from the Education Abroad program, for violating these standards or for any behavior detrimental to or incompatible with the interest, harmony, and welfare of the

University, the Program, or other participants. I recognize that due to the circumstances of Education Abroad programs, procedures for notice, hearing and appeal applicable to student disciplinary proceedings at the University do not apply. If I am expelled, I consent to being sent home at my own expense with no refunds of fees.

- D. I will personally attend to any legal problems I encounter with any foreign nationals or the government of the host country. The University is not responsible for providing any assistance, including the provision of legal counsel.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:

Participants in an Education Abroad program sponsored or organized by the University are expected to 1) exhibit sensitivity to the host culture, (2) maintain good behavior at all times, and (3) observe local rules and laws. The University reserves the right to dismiss any participant for reasons of unacceptable personal behavior and/ or academic participation. Such dismissal will be without refund and return transportation will be at the participant's own expense. Such dismissal will typically result in a failing grade in the course, internship, module, or rotation.

I understand there are basic and inviolable rules of behavior related to every Education Abroad program:

- A. Student must maintain an adequate standard of academic work in programs and behave responsibly and appropriately in their living situation and on group excursions.
- B. Students should refrain from political activity for my own safety. Students in overseas programs may not participate in the following political activities: joining political parties or unions, demonstrations, soliciting political material, or picketing.
- C. Illegal drugs in any form are not tolerated. Foreign laws related to the possession and/ or use of illegal drugs can be harsh. Violation of these laws could be punishable by fine, imprisonment, and/ or deportation. Students in a program found using possessing illegal drugs in any form are subject to immediate expulsion from the program.
- D. Violent behavior of any type will result in automatic dismissal from the program.
- E. Sexual behavior that is disruptive to the program or that is offensive to the host culture similarly merits dismissal from the program.
- F. Breaches of the local laws of the host community or country will be referred to and handled by the appropriate law enforcement authorities

I understand that as a student enrolled at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and participating in a university-sponsored/organized Education Abroad program, I will be viewed as a representative of the United States, the State of Texas, my home community, and the University. It is my intention to act as a good ambassador and conduct myself in a fitting manner. I have read these rules and I agree to follow them, and I understand that violation of this agreement will lead to failure of the course, disciplinary sanction, academic probation, or dismissal from the University.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____