STUDY ABROAD DRUG POLICY

In addition to International Drug Policies, Delaware State University students studying abroad will uphold the University’s Drug and Alcohol-Policy stated in the Delaware State University Student Judicial Affairs Handbook and if he/she violates the policy even though he/she is abroad; he/she will face judicial procedures at DSU. You are expected to abide by laws of the U.S. and of your host country. Even though the legal drinking age may be 18 in the country you are visiting, availability and public consumption of alcohol, along with other drinking laws, may vary depending on the country you are visiting. By signing this form, you are stating that you have read and understand the DSU Student Handbook.

When you are in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws and are not protected by U.S. laws or judicial procedures. Many countries have laws regarding alcohol and other drug use that are more severe than laws in the United States. Familiarize yourself with local laws and regulations, and adhere to them. If you disobey them, remember that most countries don’t allow bail, most don’t have bondsmen, and many don’t have jury trials. International laws hold drug users and dealers criminally accountable for their actions. There are penalties to individuals who buy, sell or use harmful drugs.

According to the U.S. Department of State, each year more than 2,500 American citizens are arrested abroad – about half on narcotics charges, including possession of very small amounts of illegal substances. In many countries, conduct that would not result in an arrest here in the U.S. constitutes a violation of local law.

Drug laws in most foreign countries are severely enforced, and penalties for drug violations, including possession of small amounts of cocaine or marijuana, are ordinarily stern. Drug convictions often carry a minimum two-year prison sentence overseas, and in some countries they carry the death penalty. Don’t get involved with illegal drugs overseas in any manner. It can ruin more than your time abroad, IT CAN DESTROY YOUR LIFE!

REASONS NOT TO USE DRUGS

- Your consumption of alcohol or another drug, and/or your behavior while under the influence, might lead to a violation of local laws.
- Certain types of alcoholic beverages abroad may be stronger than what you are used to in the United States.
- You are not only representing Delaware State University, but also the state of Delaware, and the U.S. and your actions will reflect either positively or negatively.

I have read and understand the Study Abroad Drug Policy distributed by Delaware State University. I further understand the possible actions that can be taken should I violate the university’s policy or international laws in a manner that is inconsistent with the required behavior. I assume all responsibility and risks associated with this trip and fully and completely release Delaware State University from any and all liability for events that may happen during my trip.

Print Name

Signature

Program: ____________________________

Date

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