

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR STUDY ABROAD

As program director(s) of the Middle Tennessee State University's program in _____, I (we) are hoping to make your experience rewarding. Because we are aware of potential conflicts, Middle Tennessee State University has prepared information about conduct which all program participants are expected to respect. Students have a right to expect that all program participants will exhibit appropriate conduct in order to protect the personal safety and educational rights of everyone involved. Middle Tennessee State University has the right to expect good faith efforts by the students to see that they take seriously their responsibilities as members of a group. Knowledge of the information included below can prove most beneficial to students in utilizing and protecting their rights. It is important to add, however, that unfamiliarity with this information is not grounds for excusing infractions.

What follows constitutes an official record of general conduct guidelines for Middle Tennessee State University's study abroad participants and other individuals who might accompany participants as spouses or physical aides. Program participants are expected to abide by these guidelines and program faculty are expected to enforce them. These guidelines are to be read broadly, and are not designed to define prohibited conduct in exhaustive terms. Additional conduct guidelines may be added from time to time; announcements will be made upon adoption of the changes or additions. All terms of the "Agreement and Release" are incorporated herein.

Signature of Faculty Member

INFORMATION ABOUT CONDUCT

- All MTSU rules, policies, and regulations about appropriate behavior and all MTSU rules, policies, and regulations about disciplinary actions apply to this program.
- Students must be willing to comply with requests and directions from Middle Tennessee State University staff and faculty.
- Students must be aware that they are subject to the laws of the host country and that Middle Tennessee State University provides no legal assistance in the event of arrest or other legal action in the host country.
- Students should learn and respect the customs of the host country (refer to the bibliography of suggested reading in the packet of student information).
- Program participants are expected to be punctual to and attend all classes and mandatory excursions, remaining with the program for the full academic term, and enrolling in at least one course for academic credit. Unexcused absences from classes and/or excursions will result in a lowering of the student's final grade.
- Cheating, plagiarism, or doing work which will receive academic credit for another person is all unacceptable.
- The possession, whether open or concealed, of any deadly weapon is strictly prohibited.

- Sexual misconduct is prohibited. Sexual misconduct is defined as any interaction where there is an absence of full consent by one party involved. Obnoxious behavior which may lead to sexual misconduct should be reported to a Middle Tennessee State University representative immediately.
- Harassment in any form is prohibited. Harassment is defined as intimidation, inappropriate comments or suggestions, or coercion. Behavior involving harassment should be reported to a Middle Tennessee State University representative immediately.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in Middle Tennessee State University facilities.
- Use of any controlled substance including, but not limited to, amphetamines, barbiturates, hallucinogens, narcotics, marijuana, cocaine, anabolic steroids, or other intoxicants and drug paraphernalia is strictly prohibited.
- Students are not permitted to operate any motorized vehicle while abroad.
- When traveling apart from the program, students must always inform the program's faculty member of where they plan to go and when they plan to return. In addition, students should tell at least one other person where they plan to go if leaving the program site. Traveling alone is strongly discouraged.

CONDUCT WHICH MAY RESULT IN EXPULSION

- Use and/or possession of drugs or other illegal substances;
- Abusive, drunk and disorderly, violent, or excessively noisy conduct at the program site or during program-related travel;
- Engaging in activities which impair, disrupt, embarrass or interfere with the Middle Tennessee State University mission;
- Sexual misconduct;
- Harassment;
- Acts of vandalism;
- Possession of a weapon;
- Cheating, plagiarism and/or violations of academic policies as defined herein;
- Lack of sensitivity or respect for the rules of the host family or program accommodations;
- An unwillingness to abide by other specific rules of the program as deemed necessary by the faculty member.

Middle Tennessee State University reserves the right to expel from the program any participant who is charged with or convicted of a crime while abroad.

IF EXPELLED FROM THE PROGRAM, THE STUDENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO SEPARATE FROM THE GROUP. IN SUCH CASES, NO ACCESS TO PROGRAM HOUSING OR PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM ACTIVITIES WILL BE PERMITTED. IN ADDITION, THE STUDENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING AND PAYING FOR HIS/HER RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

I have read and understand the information contained herein.

Participant's Signature

Date