Study Abroad Alcohol & Drug Policies

Alcohol

The Alcohol Policy as stated in the SAIC Student Handbook provides as follows: Alcoholic beverages may not, under any circumstances be used by, possessed by, or distributed to any person under the legal drinking age, which in the United States is 21 years of age.

The above rule will be strictly enforced during Study Abroad programs. In addition, students using, possessing or distributing alcoholic beverages while participating in a Study Abroad program must also comply with the following criteria:

1. The student must comply with all local laws pertaining to the consumption of alcohol (e.g., in some countries it is illegal to be publicly intoxicated);
2. The student must not engage in alcohol abuse.

For purposes of this Policy, "alcohol abuse" includes but is not limited to any or all of the following:

- A student misses any scheduled event because of the effects of alcohol consumption;
- A student becomes ill due to the effects of alcohol consumption;
- A student is disrespectful of others sharing the same housing due to the effects of alcohol consumption;
- A student engages in harmful or inappropriate behavior toward other individuals that is the result of alcohol consumption;
- A student engages in destructive behavior toward property that is the result of alcohol consumption;
- A student does not abide by the laws of the country in which he or she is staying as a result of alcohol consumption;
- A student engages in behavior that causes embarrassment to the other members of the group, the faculty member(s) or the in-country host(s) as a result of alcohol consumption; and/or
- A student engages in any other behavior that is disruptive to the Study Abroad program as a result of alcohol consumption.

A student’s failure to abide by the standards stated above may, at SAIC’s discretion, result in the following sanctions:

1. Immediate dismissal from the study trip and return home at the student’s own expense; no credit will be awarded for the course(s) and student will not be entitled to a refund of tuition or program fees; and/or
2. Disciplinary action upon the student’s return to campus.
Drugs

Per the SAIC Student Handbook, a student engaging in any of the following conduct may be subject to disciplinary sanctions under the SAIC’s Student Conduct Procedures:

1. use, manufacture, distribution, or possession of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia; and/or
2. misuse or abuse of over-the-counter or prescription medications.

The above rules will be strictly enforced during Study Abroad programs. A student’s failure to abide by these rules may, at SAIC’s discretion, result in the following sanctions:

1. Immediate dismissal from the study trip and return home at the student’s own expense; no credit will be awarded for the course(s) and student will not be entitled to a refund of tuition or program fees; and/or
2. Disciplinary action upon the student’s return to campus.