

University of Puget Sound Student Agreement
For Students Studying Abroad in the 2020-2021 Academic Year

The University of Puget Sound maintains Study Abroad programs to provide students with opportunities to live and study in cultural settings other than their own. Such experiences contribute toward the University goal of developing an “informed appreciation of self and others as part of a broader humanity in the world environment.” Consistent with the educational objectives of these programs, student participants are expected to exhibit sensitivity to the host culture, to respect and observe local rules and laws, and to conduct themselves in ways that demonstrate a high regard for the intellectual and cultural experience in which they are engaged. The University of Puget Sound or its agent reserves the right to dismiss any participant for reasons of unacceptable personal behavior or inadequate academic participation. Such dismissal will be without refund, return transportation will be at the student’s expense, and the student’s parent/guardian may be informed of the student’s dismissal.

Some basic and inviolable rules of behavior apply to every program:

1. Students must maintain full-time enrollment, attend classes regularly, complete all required examinations and papers before leaving the program, achieve at least an adequate standard of academic work, and behave responsibly in their living situations and on group excursions.
2. All Puget Sound students, on any program, must stay in program-approved housing. No independent housing arrangements are permitted while students are enrolled and participating in a study abroad program.
3. While in the host country, students must refrain from political activity for their own safety. Students in overseas programs may not join political parties or unions, participate in demonstrations, solicit political material, or engage in picketing.
4. Illegal drugs in any form are not tolerated, and student dependent on their use should not apply. Varying national laws make possession or use of illegal drugs punishable by fine, imprisonment or deportation. Students in a Study Abroad program found using or possessing illegal drugs in any form will be subject to immediate expulsion from the program and to further disciplinary action on the part of the University of Puget Sound.
5. Violent behavior will result in automatic dismissal.
6. Sexual behavior disruptive to the program or offensive to the host culture may similarly merit dismissal.
7. Breaches of the local law of the host community or country will be referred to and handled by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
8. Students must refrain from traveling in areas where travel has been prohibited by the host country government or by program representatives.

By selecting the box below I indicate that I have read and I understand the information set forth in the University of Puget Sound Study Abroad Handbook. I will provide a written questionnaire of my program to the Office of International Program the semester I return to campus. I understand that as a University of Puget Sound student, I will be viewed as a representative of my country and my university. It is my intention to act as a good-will ambassador and to conduct myself in a fitting manner. I have read the rules above, and I agree to follow them in both letter and spirit. I understand that violation of this agreement may lead to probation or dismissal from the University of Puget Sound, return to the United States at my personal expense, and my parent/guardian may be informed.