

Alcohol and Drug Policy for UCA Study Abroad

Students should be reminded that they are subject to the laws of the host country, rather than U.S. laws. Foreign Governments can prohibit certain prescription drugs. Faculty should work with the Office of Study Abroad before departure to make appropriate arrangements for students who need to take prohibited prescription drugs abroad.

Although UCA students are subject to local laws abroad and may be legally of age to purchase alcohol all participants in a UCA sponsored education abroad program represent their university, state, and country and are therefore expected to uphold the same standards for conduct as on campus.

While consumption of alcohol is not prohibited on Education Abroad programs for students who are of legal age, students who are legally allowed to consume alcohol outside the U.S. should drink responsibly. UCA study abroad program itineraries should in no way inhibit the full participation of individuals who do not consume alcohol.

Examples of alcohol misuse faculty should not tolerate:

Alcohol misuse is defined as any use that is harmful or potentially harmful to oneself or others. The planned, systematic misuse of alcohol becomes alcohol abuse. Alcohol misuse may be present when:

- 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 to others sharing the same housing.
- A student engages in inappropriate behavior toward other individuals as a result of alcohol consumption
- A student does not abide by the relevant laws of the country in which he or she is staying
- 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
- Students in a group facilitate/encourage or ignore a fellow student who is misusing or abusing alcohol
- Students transport alcohol to program sites with the intent of sharing the alcohol with the group. Faculty Leaders abroad may choose to report the behaviors above and any others they see fit. Faculty Leaders should use the incident report to document alcohol misuse

During the proposal period, faculty leaders should request approval for any itinerary activities that involve faculty consuming alcohol in the presence of students or the students drinking as a group. Examples of activities that can be approved include group visits to locations that offer a sample of an alcoholic beverage or group dinners included in the program itinerary All such

approved activities assume that alcohol will be consumed by all in moderation with the latter defined as one drink.

Faculty Leaders: Alcohol and Drug Use

Faculty should refrain from buying alcohol for students, accepting alcohol from students, and entering student's personal accommodations unless in the event of an wellness check.

- Leaders should not consume alcohol in the presence of students unless this is part of an approved and scheduled event on the program itinerary. Events must be approved by the university during the program approval process.
- Alcohol consumption by faculty, staff, or group leaders during free time should be in moderation (1 to 2 drinks) because the expectation for faculty, staff, and group leaders is to be on call 24/7 and to immediately and capably perform their duty as a group leader in an emergency.
- Faculty must be able to respond appropriately during an emergency.
- Program participants should be fully informed of the policies.

When abroad, faculty leaders are to adhere to policies outlined in the UCA Faculty Handbook: <https://uca.edu/academicaffairs/files/2014/07/fhb-current.pdf>

The faculty leaders are expected to follow the core values as outlined in the UCA Faculty Handbook including:

Integrity: We are committed to ethical and responsible behavior in our own actions and to developing the same commitment in our students, thus fostering individuals who will have the skills, knowledge, and ability to engage positively with a diverse and changing world. Our commitment extends to all levels of our campus to foster a climate of ethical conduct, respect, responsibility, and trust.

Ethics: We believe in acting with honesty, courage, and trustworthiness.

Respect: We support a community and climate of respect and thoughtfulness among students, faculty, staff, and the people of our community, state, nation, and the world.

Responsibility: We commit to being responsible and accountable in our operations at all levels of the institution, including continuous assessment of our academic programs and transparency in our fiscal and operational proceedings.

Trust: We value and continually seek to earn the public's trust in all of our actions and words.