

Study Abroad Policy Regarding Judicial Violations and Conduct Abroad

The State University of New York requires a judicial review of all applicants for its study abroad programs. The existence of judicial records does not necessarily mean denial of admission to a program; however, the information will be reviewed by SUNY Cortland International Programs Office staff and, where applicable, the faculty Program Director in order for a determination to be made. The SUNY Cortland International Programs Office reserves the right to deny admission in cases of concern.

For certain judicial violations, the student may be asked to submit a written account of his/her conduct along with a plan to manage his/her behavior abroad. In addition, the student may be asked to meet with an International Programs Office staff person to discuss their record and plan further.

The SUNY Cortland International Programs Office will receive a report directly from the SUNY Cortland Student Conduct Office for Cortland students. Non-Cortland students will be required to complete the [SUNY Judicial Review](#) form in cooperation with your home campus Judicial Officer confirming the absence of, or disclosing, a student's judicial record. Should a student's judicial standing at their home campus change at any time, SUNY CORTLAND International Programs Office will review and possibly reconsider the student's admission.

All SUNY Cortland students studying abroad or a non-Cortland student studying on a SUNY Cortland program must abide by the following policies with regard to their conduct abroad:

The State University of New York College at Cortland requires that all college students positively affirm that they have read and understand the SUNY Cortland Code of Student Conduct. The [Code of Student Conduct](#) may be accessed at the [Student Conduct Office](#) site and/or a paper copy can be obtained from said office. Students that do not abide by the code while abroad may be subject to the student conduct process and sanctions. As the Code is subject to annual updates, it is the student's responsibility to check for updates as they are required to abide by the current Code of Student Conduct.

Students are also required to abide by the directions of an overseas Program Director and his or her designees. The Program Director has the right to enforce appropriate standards of behavior and that the student may be dismissed from the Program at any time for failure to comply with such standards. SUNY Cortland reserves the right to dismiss the student from the Program at any time should his/her actions or general behavior impede the operation of the Program or the rights or welfare of any person, including but not limited to their own welfare. Similarly, if the student's conduct violates any policy or procedure of SUNY Cortland, the student may be required to leave the Program at the sole discretion of SUNY Cortland's agents and representatives, and may be referred to the appropriate SUNY Cortland official for further disciplinary or other action. If the student's participation in the Program is terminated by the Program Director, he/she will be sent home with no refund of fees. If the student is sent home before completion of the Program, the student will be responsible for any and all costs and expenses associated with returning home. In addition, the student will forfeit all credits and rights of further participation in the Program.

Students will affirm an understanding that each foreign country has its own laws and standards of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, morals, politics, drug use and behavior. The student shall recognize that behavior which violates those laws or standards could negatively impact their own health and safety as well as SUNY Cortland's relations with those countries and institutions. Students will conduct themselves with awareness that standards in the particular country may be markedly different from standards to which they are accustomed. They are required to take appropriate steps to familiarize themselves with such standards and customs so their actions reflect well on themselves and SUNY during the course of their travels related to the Program.

While United States nationals are under the protection of a United States passport, certain acts will place them beyond this protection. The same may be true for nationals of other countries. In particular, the breaking of any local law, including the possession, use of, or association with, illegal drugs or public drunkenness may subject them to severe legal penalties. Any student possessing, using or associated with illegal drugs will be immediately dismissed from the Program.