

Florida Gulf Coast University
Study Abroad Program Participant Contract

1. As a FGCU study abroad program participant, I understand that possession of basic health insurance (valid outside the U.S.) is a requirement for participation. I agree to demonstrate proof of such coverage to the International Services office. I understand that I am responsible for exercising caution and common sense at all times to avoid injury. _____ (initial)
2. All FGCU study abroad participants must conduct themselves in a manner that shows respect and consideration for their host country. Any member of a study abroad program whose behavior is deemed detrimental to the functioning of the program or offensive to the host culture will be subject to dismissal. Disruptive conduct or inappropriate sexual behavior similarly merits dismissal. _____ (initial)
3. Students expecting to earn FGCU credit must maintain the same standard of academic work as would be required on the home campus. Students are responsible for arriving on time for classes and required meeting and cultural excursions, and for following the program schedule set forth by the program director or accompanying instructor. _____ (initial)
4. FGCU study abroad students agree to show courtesy and respect to their fellow group members, their instructor, and host institution. Students will not disrupt others who are sharing housing accommodations during the program. _____ (initial)
5. Students understand that the program itinerary/schedule is subject to change, at the final decision of program director. Due to insurance regulations, only those students officially enrolled in the FGCU study abroad program may participate in organized site visits or cultural excursions. _____ (initial)
6. Students who travel independently during free time while participating in the study abroad program are required to notify their program director/instructor of their whereabouts, and give the names of persons with whom they are traveling. Students assume responsibility for their personal safety and conduct when engaging in non-FGCU organized travel and/or activities, and release FGCU from any liability. _____ (initial)
7. Students should understand that services taken for granted in the U.S., such as telecommunications, might be more difficult to access when abroad. It is also understood that citizens of other countries are strongly committed to the concept of energy conservation. The cost of electricity is very high. Students agree to use electrical appliances with discretion, and hot water (which relies upon electricity) sparingly. Air conditioning should not be expected. _____ (initial)
8. Students understand that while their in-country program hosts will try to accommodate special requirements (such as vegetarian meals), they should not expect the same level of ability to meet such requirements/provide special services as at home. Students agree to make an effort to adapt to the host culture and customs as much as possible. _____ (initial)
9. In other countries, the sale of wine, liquor, and other alcoholic beverages may not be restricted. Students are expected to exercise personal responsibility and limit their use of such beverages. The use of, possession or commerce in illegal drugs of any form is in violation of the rules of the program and a violation of the laws of the host country. Program participants found with any illegal substances will be immediately dismissed from the program and are subject to the laws of the host country. _____ (initial)

10. FGCU study abroad programs involve a full schedule requiring students to maintain an active pace. By signing this agreement, students attest to the fact that they are in good physical and emotional health and capable of adapting to the rigors of traveling in a foreign environment. _____ (initial)
11. Students understand that they are responsible for any and all costs arising out of withdrawal from the program before its completion, including withdrawal caused by illness or disciplinary action. Early withdrawal of dismissal may result in academic penalty. _____ (initial)

I understand that as a FGCU student, I will be viewed as a representative of my country and my university. I agree to abide by the above stated rules of participation and conduct.

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(date)