

## Code of Conduct



Although you may consider yourself independent at home, when you are abroad you are part of a program and serve as a representative of UFV and Canada. The best way to avoid disciplinary action is to take responsibility for your own behavior and to also look out for your peers. Conditions as stated in the Statement of Responsibility apply to all students.

UFV requires student behaviour to conform to that normally expected of college students in an educational setting. Students are expected to respect all persons on campus, maintain integrity in scholastic work, meet contractual obligations, conduct themselves in a mature manner, and obey the law. Failure by students to maintain a satisfactory standard of conduct may result in disciplinary action. For more information see UFV policy [310.12](#), Student Conduct. These regulations apply to students in study abroad programs.

UFV expects study abroad participants to abide by the laws, regulations, and customs of the host country, community, institution and program. There are certain areas under which the faculty leader, local resident director or designated UFV staff has the authority to dismiss a student from a study abroad program. Any behavior that endangers another person or property can result in immediate dismissal. The following behaviors are among those that may result in immediate dismissal from the program or temporary suspension pending a final resolution of the matter:

1. violation of the laws, rules and regulations, or customs of the host country, community, institution and program
2. behavior that is disruptive and detrimental to the group learning process and academic success of the program
3. conduct that damages or destroys property of another person, institution or organization
4. behavior that gives the program director and UFV International reasonable cause to believe that the continued presence of the student in the program constitutes a danger to the health or safety of themselves, persons or property or threatens the future viability of the program
5. repeated offenses or severe infractions of the housing rules and regulations as established by the local facilities
6. alcohol misuse
7. physical or sexual assault
8. harassment
9. possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs
10. setting a fire or possession of explosives
11. possession of a weapon, including BB guns and knives
12. theft
13. repeated bad behavior for which the student has been warned in writing

If a student is alleged to have violated the UFV General Student Code of Conduct or participated in these aforementioned behaviors while participating in an UFV study

abroad program, he or she may be subject to disciplinary action. For more information see UFV policy [310.12](#), Student Conduct.

In the event of serious infractions of housing regulations or behavior that negatively impacts the housing situation, may result in possible expulsion from the housing facility or other consequences.

If a student misses three or more consecutive class days without explanation, the faculty leader will seek to determine the location of the student. If the student cannot be located, it will be considered an emergency situation and the emergency contacts listed on the student's application will be contacted.

Consideration will be given for the student who leaves a study abroad program because of an emergency situation or illness (either personal or of a family member).

### **Dating and sex**



It is important to note that different cultures have different norms in regard to gender. Women and men should both be aware that the ways people interact vary widely by region and country, and issues around dating and sexuality can be particularly difficult in a cross-cultural setting. Such things as eye contact, the way one dresses, and body language can send very different messages by region and culture. Observing interpersonal interactions within a culture can be useful in helping you choose the way you communicate verbally and non-verbally with others in that country.

Some people consider traveling an aphrodisiac. Meeting new, exciting, and different people may stimulate action that you would not have taken under similar circumstances in Canada. Don't be foolish in assuming that you are invulnerable because you are a visitor in the country and no one is judging your behavior.

If you choose to be sexually active, practice safe sex and protect yourself and your partner against unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, and misunderstanding about the meaning of the relationship. Sexually-transmitted viruses and bacteria do not respect national borders. Take a supply of condoms with you since conditions of availability and purchase may be limited, and conditions of manufacture and storage may be questionable. Emergency contraception (EC) is birth control that prevents pregnancy after sex, which is why it is sometimes called "the morning after pill" and can be very effective if you think your birth control failed, you didn't use contraception, or you were forced to have sex.

Don't leave the country with anything you didn't bring: this means a pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, or AIDS.