

Study Abroad 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 the University of the Fraser Valley (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.

UFV requires student behaviour to conform to that normally expected of university 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](#) on 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 subjected to disciplinary action. For more information see [UFV policy](#) on Student Conduct.

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).