

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS IN OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

In Study Abroad, as in other settings, participants can have a major impact on their own health and safety abroad through the decisions they make before and during the program and by their day-to-day choices and behaviors.

1. Read and carefully consider all materials issued by the sponsor that relate to safety, health, legal, environmental, political, cultural, and religious conditions in host countries.
2. Consider their health and other personal circumstances when applying for or accepting a place in a program.
3. Make available to the sponsor accurate and complete physical and mental health information and any other personal data that is necessary in planning for a safe and healthy study abroad experience. It is critical that students accepted into off-campus programs disclose on the Confidential Health Form medical or psychological conditions that could cause them problems and jeopardize the welfare of their programs while abroad.
4. Assume responsibility for all the elements necessary for their personal preparation for the program and participate fully in orientations. Note that prescription medications readily available in the U.S. may not be obtainable outside the U.S., and that access to English-speaking health care providers may be limited.
5. Obtain and maintain appropriate insurance coverage and abide by any conditions imposed by the carriers. Note that the Dartmouth Student Group Health Plan may be purchased by the term if current personal insurance does not apply in the country of the program or cover medical evacuation.
6. Inform parents/ guardians/ families, and any others who may need to know, about their participation in the study abroad program, provide them with emergency contact information, and keep them informed on an ongoing basis.
7. Understand and comply with the terms of participation, codes of conduct, and emergency procedures of the program, and obey host-country laws.
8. Be aware of local conditions and customs that may present health or safety risks when making daily choices and decisions. Promptly express any health or safety concerns to the program staff or other appropriate individuals.
9. Behave in a manner that is respectful of the rights and well-being of others, and encourage others to behave in a similar manner. Will support the academic and social activities organized for the off-campus program and contribute to an atmosphere conducive to meaningful participation on the part of all students, the director, and other individuals associated with the off-campus program.

10. Accept responsibility for your own decisions and actions.
11. Take responsibility to become familiar with procedures for obtaining emergency health and law enforcement services in the host country.
12. Follow the program policies for keeping program staff informed of their whereabouts and well-being.
13. Be aware that program sponsors generally:
 - a) *Cannot* guarantee or assure the safety of participants or eliminate all risks from the study abroad environments.
 - b) *Cannot* monitor or control all of the daily personal decisions, choices, and activities of individual participants.
 - c) *Cannot* prevent participants from engaging in illegal, dangerous or unwise activities.
 - d) *Cannot* assure that U.S. standards of due process apply in overseas legal proceedings or provide or pay for legal representation for participants.
 - e) *Cannot* assume responsibility for actions or events that are not part of the program, or that are beyond the control of the sponsor and its subcontractors, or for situations that may arise due to the failure of a participant to disclose pertinent information.
 - f) *Cannot* assure that home-country cultural values and norms will apply in the host country.