

## IBEE Code of Conduct Form

UDM's Internationally-based Educational Experiences offer an **academic experience**, and as such, academic responsibilities take priority over personal interests. As participants in an IBEE you are a cultural ambassador and your conduct will be seen as representative of the United States, as well as the city of Detroit and University of Detroit Mercy. While the consequences of poor behavior at University of Detroit Mercy reflect solely on you, misconduct abroad will be attributed to the entire group. In addition, poor behavior reflects poorly on the faculty leader. Most importantly, it is important to understand that the success and viability of a program rests in your hands. Offensive or indifferent behavior negatively impacts the experience of all participants and will result in negative evaluations by fellow participants and colleagues abroad that could prevent a program from being offered in the future.

### Minor Behavior Problems

Minor behavior problems are not serious enough to warrant immediate dismissal from a program. Inappropriate behavior can affect the atmosphere and morale of the entire group. In addition, minor problems may escalate into major problems.

- **Examples of minor behavior problems include:**
- -excessive tardiness to class or class activities
- -personality conflicts between program participants
- -indifferent or rude behavior towards guests/guest speakers

### Major Behavior Problems

University Of Detroit Mercy expects study abroad participants to abide by the laws, regulations, and custom of the host country, community, institution and program. There are certain areas under which the faculty leader, local resident director or designated staff has the authority to immediately dismiss a student from a study abroad program. The following behaviors are among those that should result in immediate dismissal from the program:

- -conduct that violates University of Detroit Mercy College's Student Code of Conduct
- -violation of laws, rules and regulations, or customs of the host country, community, institution and program.
- -behavior that is disruptive and detrimental to the group learning process and academic success of the program
- -conduct that damages or destroys property of another person, institution or organization
- -behavior that gives the program director and the Office of Study Abroad reasonable cause and 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 of another persons or property or threatens the future viability of the program
- -repeated offenses or severe infractions of the housing rules and regulations as established by the local facilities
- -alcohol misuse
- -physical or sexual assault
- -harassment
- -possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs
- -setting of a fire or possession of explosives
- -possession of a weapon, include BB guns and knives
- -theft
- -repeated bad behavior for which the student has been warned in writing

## **Drugs use and alcohol abuse and misuse**

University Of Detroit Mercy College has a zero tolerance policy regarding the possession, use, manufacture, production, sale, exchange or distribute any alcoholic beverages except as permitted by host country laws and local institutional regulations. Alcohol misuse and abuse are not tolerated anywhere in the world and will not be tolerated on UDM College study abroad programs. Violation of local laws and/or UDM College regulations or policies may result in immediate dismissal from the program and disciplinary action upon return to campus.

Alcohol misuse is defined as any use that is harmful or potentially harmful to self or others. Alcohol abuse is planned, systematic misuse of alcohol.  
What is “alcohol misuse?” Alcohol misuse is present when:

1. A student misses any scheduled event because of the effects of alcohol consumption.
2. A student becomes ill due to the effects of alcohol consumption
3. A student is disrespectful of others sharing the same housing, and congregates with loud group for social purposes.
4. A student engages in inappropriate behavior toward other individuals that is the result of alcohol consumption.
5. A student engages in destructive behavior toward other individuals that is the result of alcohol consumption.
6. A student does not abide by the laws of the country in which he/she is staying.
7. A student engages in behavior that causes embarrassment to the other members of the group, the faculty members or the in-country host (s) as a result of alcohol consumption.
8. Students in a group facilitate/ encourage or ignore a fellow student who is misusing or abusing alcohol.
9. Transporting quantities of alcohol to program sites with the intent of sharing the alcohol with members of the group.

### **Alcohol misuse and abuse will not be tolerated on UDM College Study Abroad programs.**

Students are encouraged to use good judgment if consuming alcohol during non program hours. If members of the group are abusing alcohol, students are encouraged to discuss these issues with the faculty leader. Peers should look out for each other and keep each other safe. If a student becomes incapacitated due to alcohol overuse, or if he/she is in need of medical service and faculty leader immediately, in order to protect the health and well-being of the affected student. The individual needing medical attention will be referred for assistance to address issues of chemical use/abuse. Peers are encouraged to make the responsible choice to notify program or emergency personal quickly. The person (or persons) making the call will not be subject to disciplinary action.

**UDM CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT –ALL IBEE PROGRAMS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that as a participant in this program, I shall be subject to all rules, regulations and requirements as to conduct policies of UDM as well as the national and local laws, ordinances and statutes of the country in which I will be traveling. I understand that UDM reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any participants from the overseas program on account of unsatisfactory academic work or behavior. If my withdrawal from the program is required, I understand that upon dismissal I will no longer be associated with the UDM program. I will be responsible for all program cost incurred on my behalf and any additional costs resulting from my dismissal and early departure. I agree to abide by all program guidelines as determined by the program leader.

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Print Name

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