

**KETTERING UNIVERSITY**  
International/Study Abroad Office

**BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES AND STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDY ABROAD**

Even though your classes are not in the United States, you are still a Kettering student and the University expects you to comply with its codes of conduct (Kettering University Student Catalog). Failure to do so could result in your being sent home immediately at your expense to face disciplinary proceedings at Kettering University. Copies are available from the Student Activities Office (Campus Center).

While you are visiting another University in another country or participating in a Kettering University Study Abroad Program, you should also realize that you are subject to the disciplinary codes of that institution and the laws of that country. Legal protections taken for granted in the United States are left behind when you leave the U.S. The principle of “innocent until proven guilty” is not necessarily a tenet of legal system abroad. The best advice is to know the rules and laws and obey them. If you get in trouble, seek American Consular and local legal assistance as quickly as possible.

**DRUGS**

Avoid any possible involvement with drugs. Drug laws vary from country to country, but in many cases they are extremely severe, regardless of whether the drug in your possession is for personal use or for sale to others.

**AMERICAN EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES**

Should you encounter serious social, political, health or economic problems, the American Embassies and/or Consulates can offer some limited assistance. They can, for example, provide you with a list of local attorneys and physicians; they can contact next of kin in the event of any emergency or serious illness; they can provide assistance during civil unrest or natural disaster; they can contact friends or relatives on your behalf to request funds or guidance; and they can replace a lost or stolen passport. Remember that their primary occupation abroad is to help fulfill the diplomatic mission of the United States government.

**STUDENT AGREEMENT**

- A. I understand that each foreign country has its own laws and standards of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, morals, politics, drug use, and behavior. I recognize that behavior which violates those laws or standards could harm the University’s relations with those countries and the institutions therein, as well as my own health and safety. I will become informed of, and will abide by, all such laws and standards for each country to or through which I will travel during the Program.
- B. I also will comply with the University’s rules, standards and instructions for student behavior. I waive and release all claims against the University, its officers, employees and agents that may arise at a time when I am not under the direct supervision of the University or that are caused by my failure to remain under such supervision or to comply with such rules, standards and instructions.
- C. I agree that the university has the right to enforce the standards of conduct, in its sole judgment and that it will impose sanctions, up to and including expulsion from the Program, for violating these standards or for any behavior detrimental to or incompatible with the interest, harmony and welfare of the University, the Program or other participants. I recognize that due to the circumstances of foreign study programs, procedures for notice, hearing and appeal applicable to student disciplinary proceedings at the University do not apply. If I am expelled, I consent to being sent home at my own expense with no refund of fees.
- D. I will attend to any legal problems I encounter with any foreign nationals or government of the host country. The University is not responsible for providing any assistance under such circumstances.

Participants in Kettering University Study Abroad programs are expected to (1) exhibit sensitivity to the host culture, (2) maintain good behavior, and (3) observe local rules and laws. Kettering University reserves the right to dismiss any participant for reasons of unacceptable personal behavior and/or academic participation. Such dismissal will be without refund and return transportation will be at the student’s expense. **I understand there are some basic and inviolable rules of behavior related to every program.**

1. **The students must maintain an adequate standard of academic work in programs and behave responsibly in their living situation and on group excursions.**

2. I am aware that while in the host country, I should refrain from political activity for my own safety. Students in overseas programs may not participate in such political activities as : joining political parties or unions, demonstrations, soliciting political material or picketing.
3. Illegal drugs in any forms are not tolerated, and students dependent on their use should not apply. Laws state that possession or use of illegal drugs is punishable by fine, imprisonment and/or deportation. Students in a program found using or possessing illegal drugs in any form are subject to immediate expulsion.
4. Violent behavior results in automatic dismissal.
5. Sexual behavior disruptive to the program or offensive to the host culture similarly merits dismissal.
6. Breaches of the local law of the host community or country are referred to and handled by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

**I understand that as a Kettering University student or as a student participating in a Kettering University Study Abroad Program, I will be viewed as a representative of my country and my university. It is my intention to act as a good-will ambassador and conduct myself in a fitting manner. I have read these rules. I agree to follow them, and I understand the violation of this agreement will lead to probation or dismissal.**

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program/Course:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to International/Study Abroad Office – KU, 1700 W. Third Ave., Flint, MI 48504-4898

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