EvCC Short-term Study Abroad Student Expectations

- Read the information contained in this document carefully. The purpose of this information is to aid you in having an enjoyable, trouble-free study abroad experience.
- You are expected to be familiar with the contents. Ask for clarifications about any part of this document that you do not fully understand.
- You are expected to conduct yourself responsibly at all times. Failure to do so can result in loss of academic credit and dismissal from the program.
- The Faculty Director may decide that you must be separated from the study abroad program due to violation of rules or conduct that could bring the program EvCC or the parent institution disrepute.
- Separation from the program will result in you being sent home and/or the loss of academic credit. All expenses incurred due to such dismissal are your sole responsibility.

Keep in mind:

1. Study Abroad students are representatives of their country and their campuses. Thus, you are expected to be respectful to your host country, your fellow students, and study abroad personnel.
2. Interacting with a group of people, many of whom you have never met, can be challenging and stressful. Be sensitive that your study abroad program is a shared experience and act in ways that are supportive to those around you.
3. Short-term study abroad programs are experiential, but also incorporate academic work on par with more traditional methods of instruction.
4. Because this course is a short-term study abroad option, you should not expect much free time.

Criteria for Participation

1. You must complete an application, receive approval, and pay all costs by the deadlines announced.
2. You must be at least 18 years of age at the time the study abroad program commences. The Faculty Director will not act as a chaperone for youthful students; you will be treated as an adult, with both the freedoms and responsibilities this implies.
3. You must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) when applying for a short-term program.
4. Twelve (12) college credits must be successfully completed prior to beginning the program, through either EvCC or an associated academic institution.
5. You may not be on an academic warning when applying or have been placed on an academic warning prior to leaving for the host country.
6. If you are placed on behavioral probation during the approval process and/or after being approved, you are no longer eligible to participate. Refunds will be subject to the specifics of the cancellation fee schedule.
7. Falsification of any information is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program. All expenses incurred due to such dismissal are your sole responsibility.

Academic Matters

1. You are required to attend all classes, excursions, and events scheduled as a part of the study abroad program.
2. You are obliged to follow all instructions of the Faculty Director.
3. Short-term study abroad program participants receive a grade based on the criteria outlined in the course syllabus. Coursework cannot be audited.
4. Faculty Directors have full authority to act on behalf of the parent institution in regards to any issue associated with the academic program, travel procedures, student personnel, and financial matters that fall within the limits of the program budget.
5. Failure on your part to demonstrate a satisfactory interest in the academics of the study abroad program will result in a written warning by the faculty. Failure on your part to remedy the issue(s) outlined in the written warning, in a timely manner, may result separation from the program.

Laws Abroad

1. You are legally bound by the laws of the host country during your study abroad stay and those of any country through which you travel internationally prior to the commencement of the study abroad program or after the program is completed. If you break these laws you are subject to the legal system of that country
2. Ignorance of the law will not keep you out of jail. In some countries, the laws are severe.
3. The American Embassy is limited in what it may do on your behalf if you are arrested; for instance, they do not have the authority to get you out of jail. They will work to ensure you are fed and that your other basic needs are met.
4. Read more at this site: http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1212.html

Statement on Use of Illegal Drugs Off-Campus

1. Do not take illegal drugs while abroad, even if those around you encourage a more relaxed attitude about such behavior.
2. Study Abroad students are sometimes the specific target of police attention. Both fines and arrest may be the result.
3. The use of illegal drugs, whether an arrest is associated with this violation or not, is grounds for immediate dismissal from the study abroad program.

Statement on Responsible Use of Alcohol Off-Campus

1. You must abide by the laws of the country in which you are studying.
2. You must abide by the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) sections applicable concerning use of alcohol. Among these, but not limited to, is WAC 172-64-133: Student violations of the university alcohol policy
3. You must abide by all EvCC student conduct policies. If your parent institution is not EvCC, you must also abide by their policies.
4. You will not miss any scheduled event due to the effects of alcohol consumption.
5. You will not engage in inappropriate behavior toward other individuals and/or vandalism of property due to your consumption of alcohol.
6. You will not engage in behavior that causes embarrassment to others.
7. You may not facilitate, encourage, or ignore a fellow student who is abusing alcohol. You are expected to bring your concerns to your Faculty Director.
8. You are responsible for knowing U.S. customs laws regarding the possession of alcohol upon returning to the U.S.
Statement on Responsible Consumption of Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages

1. The temptation to purchase and consume “street” food should be avoided in countries where your Faculty Director advises against such behaviors.
2. In some countries, the level of personal hygiene of the vendor and the sanitation of the food-delivery equipment is not up to safety standards.
3. In addition to placing yourself at significant personal health risk, you also risk the expenses of a hospital visit/stay and long-term health challenges.
4. Your potential health issues could also compromise the experiences of fellow students, the Faculty Director, and other personnel who would be required to alter schedules to assist you.

Health Information/Immunizations

1. EvCC requires that short-term study abroad students have international student medical insurance, recommended through EvCC. The cost of this insurance is the sole responsibility of the student.
2. If you are bringing controlled substances such as ADD medications or antidepressants have your healthcare provider provide you with a letter stating they prescribed the medication and you are under their care.
3. Make sure you are up to date on your routine immunizations. These include:
   - MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella)
   - Tetanus
   - Varicella (if you have not had chicken pox).
4. Students traveling to a tropical location are required to bring a prescription anti-diarrheal medication or a doctor’s note indicating that such medicine is counter-indicated.

Travel Information

1. Students are responsible for obtaining flights that coincide with the dates/accommodations designated by the study abroad program schedule.
2. Airline ticket insurance, which includes the ability to alter or cancel flights, is a requirement for all international flights.
3. Any costs associated with international travel are the sole responsibility of the student.
4. All independent, in-country travel is the responsibility of the student.
5. Any difficulties that arise during international travel and/or independent, in-country travel are the sole responsibility of the student. This includes flight cancellations, lost documents failure to pass through customs due to violation of the law, and so forth.
6. You are required to communicate any travel difficulties to the Faculty Director at the time they occur.
7. The study abroad Faculty Director, EvCC, and the parent institution are not responsible for any difficulties that arise if a student elects to extend his/her trip in the host country or other country.
8. Students are responsible for obtaining a passport on their own and applying in sufficient time so as not to jeopardize their ability to travel as planned. Application and renewal information is available at [http://www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)