Short-term Study Abroad Student Expectations
Indonesia

- All expectations outlined in the document labeled as *Short-term Study Abroad Student Expectations* apply. This document provides additional, specific expectations of students traveling to Indonesia.
- You are a guest in a country where the cultural values are conservative by most American standards. This should be kept in mind at all times.
- 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. All expenses incurred due to such dismissal are your sole responsibility.

Luggage Limitations

1. All efforts have been made to make this study abroad program enjoyable and affordable. Bringing too much luggage can result in additional transportation expenses.
2. If you exceed luggage number/weight/size requirements, the study abroad director reserves the right to box up your excess baggage, store these box(es) in Indonesia until the end of the trip, and charge you for any storage/shipping costs linked to your boxed luggage.
3. Please adhere to these luggage limitations:
    a. Number of bags:
        i. ***You may only bring one piece of checked luggage, in addition to your carry-on***.
        ii. This restriction is necessary as there are space limitations when traveling.
    b. Weight of bags:
        i. The total weight of your checked luggage cannot exceed 50 pounds (23 kg).
        ii. Be aware that several international airlines are now restricting the weight of carry-on luggage, citing safety concerns.
            1. You must abide by these restrictions or pay substantial overweight penalties.
            2. Do not plan to put all the heavy stuff in your carry-on.
        iii. Remember, hard-sided luggage can be convenient, but be sure to assess whether your luggage is adding unneeded weight to your total allotment and plan accordingly.
    c. Size of bags:
        i. Refer to the officially posted airline expectations.
        ii. Size of your checked and carry-on luggage must adhere to the dimensions allowed by your airline.

Curfew

1. All students must respect a curfew of 10 p.m..
    a. This means each student must be in their own assigned hotel room at that time or in a public area within the hotel (not the bar).
    b. Taxis can be slow to come to pick you up (1-2 hour delays do happen). You need to keep this in mind when you leave the accommodations for non-scheduled outings.
2. Exception: If a group activity extends past the curfew or permission is obtained from the Faculty Director, **in advance**.
3. If you are concerned you might not return to the assigned hotel on time, it is your responsibility to contact the Faculty Director immediately to explain the circumstances.

4. Violation of the curfew
    a. Violation of the curfew will result is a written warning by your Faculty Director.
    b. Repeated occurrences may result in dismissal from the program.

Dress Codes in Indonesia

1. Dress conservatively at all times. Do not take your cues from other Western tourists; you are expected to respect local traditions.
    a. Shorts and dresses should be below the knee when sitting.
    b. Short sleeve shirts/blouses are best for all genders.
    c. Women: Do not display your shoulders or collarbones.
    d. Your swimwear should be conservative.
        i. Men: No speedos or other tight-fitting swimwear.
        ii. Women: One-piece swimwear or two-piece with covering. No cleavage is allowed.
2. Consider buying an inexpensive sarong once you reach Indonesia.
    a. This can be beneficial for all genders.
    b. Hindu temple visits, for instance, ask visitors to avoid wearing casual dress, such as shorts and T-shirts. Sarongs make a great cover-up item.

Demeanor

1. Do not express criticisms of Indonesian society or cultural norms in public. Especially on Java, a public display of amiability/calmness is the cultural norm.
2. Remember, even if the Indonesians in your vicinity do not speak American English well, they are well attuned to reading body language.
3. Occasionally, public officials may be present and they have a social obligation to provide a greeting to their guests.
    a. By American standards, these greetings seem lengthy. You are expected to present an interested, respectful demeanor at all times.
    b. Do not talk over these welcoming speeches and do not present yourself as bored.
    c. If needed, practice your body language skills in front of the mirror prior to your study abroad visit. This will raise your awareness of how you are perceived in Indonesian society.
    d. Be sure to thank each official, personally, for the time they gave to you.
4. Several information sessions may be presented in a style that is different from that to which you may be accustomed.
    a. You are expected to be attentive; do not present yourself as disinterested.
    b. Do not talk over these presentations.
    c. Do not interrupt or wander off (either mentally or physically).
    d. Do not use your cell phone or any other electronics.
    e. Be sure to thank each guest presenter, personally, for the time they gave to you.
5. Single gender accommodations
    a. In order to keep the costs realistic, room assignments will be based on 2-3 persons of the same gender.
    b. If this is not comfortable, request a separate room.
        i. Note that the full costs of this separate room assignment will be added onto your program costs.

ii. It is imperative you make this request in a timely manner to facilitate the necessary arrangements.

c. A cultural norm in Indonesia is that unmarried couples of different genders do not to reside together. Be prepared to recognize/respect this cultural difference.

6. In Indonesia, women are expected not to smoke, drink alcohol, or casually socialize with men in public.
   a. Because of this, women on the trip will need to be more circumspect than may be the norm in the United States.
   b. Women should not walk on their own, either at night or during daylight hours. For both men and women: No one should walk the streets alone; be sure to move in groups.
   c. Generally, "hanging out", in public, with your friends of the opposite gender, is not the norm in Indonesia.

Mopeds/Motorcycles

1. Riding a moped or motorcycle in Indonesia is dangerous.
2. Riding a moped or motorcycle during the study abroad trip is not allowed and is grounds for immediate dismissal from the study abroad program.

Body Alterations (Such as Tattoos or Piercings)

1. Body alterations are a commonly available from street vendors or in tourist areas.
2. You may not obtain a body alteration -- either permanent or temporary -- while in Indonesia.
3. There is a significant health risk associated with such behaviors.
   a. Sanitation is not closely monitored by any governmental entity.
   b. Some graphic pictures of scarring can be seen here: https://www.pinterest.com/akmehndi/black-henna-scars/

Fragrance-free Class Environment

1. Because of the close quarters required during traveling it is necessary that no perfumes, colognes, or scented aftershaves be used.
2. Buy and use unscented soaps, shampoos, and deodorants
3. There is a no smoking policy. Exception: During your free time you may smoke in a public area, but must shower and change clothes before rejoining the study group.