

Participants should be respectful of cultural differences and promote a positive learning environment while studying abroad or away. Students must conduct themselves in an orderly manner, always respecting all other program participants, the Program Director (s), representatives at local institutions/schools, provider representatives, guest lecturers, guides, drivers, local community members, and the TU Study Abroad & Away Office staff. Disruptive or disrespectful behavior will be addressed and may result in disciplinary action.

Students should practice sound judgment regarding their personal behavior to ensure their own health and safety, and the health and safety of others and are expected to take accountability for their actions and behavior during the program.

All students participating in Towson University faculty-led study abroad/away programs remain subject to the [TU Code of Student Accountability](#) and all relevant academic policies. Violations of the TU Code of Student Accountability may result in actions including but not limited to reductions in course grades, removal from the study abroad/away program, referral to the TU Office of Student Conduct and Civility Education, and/or disciplinary action upon return to TU. The Program Director, in consultation with the Towson University Study Abroad & Away Office and other university representatives as appropriate, has the right and responsibility to suspend or remove from the program any participant if it is deemed such action will be in the best interest of the individual and/or group. In such instances, no refund or credit will be awarded to the suspended participant.

Any breaches of the code will be reported to the TU Study Abroad & Away Office by the Program Director immediately. The following framework is a program-level process designed to address concerns promptly while ensuring appropriate referral to university units when required. The levels indicated may or may not be implemented sequentially.

Level 1: Formal Warning – Academic/Behavioral Correction

Minor misconduct, unprofessional behavior, missed obligations, or failure to follow program rules.

Actions:

- Meeting with the Program Director to review expectations.
- Verbal warning documented by the Program Director.
- Possible reduction in course grade (e.g., professionalism or participation).
- Other actions/sanctions as appropriate.

Level 2: Formal Warning – Program Participation at Risk

Repeated Level 1 behavior or a more serious incident affecting safety, learning, the host environment, other program participants, host staff or community members, or implementation of the program.

Actions:

- Required Zoom meeting with the Program Director and Study Abroad & Away Office to review actions that must be taken by the student to remain in the program.
- Written warning and agreement signed by the student, Program Director, and the Study Abroad & Away Office acknowledging expected behavior and actions that must be taken by the student to remain in the program and repercussions for failure to comply.
- Consultation by the Study Abroad & Away Office with the Office of Student Accountability & Restorative Practices and/or other units on campus as appropriate.
- Possible reduction in course grade, and/or inability to participate in specific program activities, and/or placement in alternate housing at student's expense (as applicable).
- Other actions/sanctions as appropriate.

Level 3: University-Level Disciplinary Action

Serious misconduct, legal violations, harassment or discrimination, endangerment, or any behavior explicitly prohibited by the TU Code of Student Accountability.

Actions:

- Notification to the Study Abroad & Away Office, AVP for International Initiatives, Provost's Office, and other units/university officials as appropriate.
- Official referral to the Office of Student Accountability & Restorative Practices for university disciplinary proceedings.
- Possible removal from the program with no academic credit or program fee refund. Student will be responsible for all program costs and any additional expenses associated with their removal from the program.
- Other actions/sanctions as appropriate.

This system operates in conjunction with, not in place of, the TU Code of Student Accountability. All students retain the rights and responsibilities outlined in TU policies, including due process, notice, and the opportunity to participate in accountability procedures. Program-level actions supplement TU's formal processes to ensure student safety, academic integrity, and responsible conduct while participating in study abroad or away programs.
