

ASA Code of Conduct

While abroad, you are not only representing your home country, but ASA as well. For this reason, we expect all students to behave in a legal manner that is respectful of other people, customs, and property. While enrolled in an ASA program it is expected that participants will abide by the following code of conduct. Violation of this code will be met with appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the program.

Alcohol and Drug Use Policy

Participants of legal age who choose to drink alcohol are responsible for their actions at all times. Excessive drinking may be grounds for dismissal as it can affect the safety of the group and/or the individual. Intoxicated students will not be allowed to participate on any ASA excursion or activity, and will not receive a refund for the missed excursion or activity. The use, sale, or possession of drugs by ASA participants is strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the program. Any violation of the alcohol and drug policy will be taken seriously by ASA and the participant will be appropriately disciplined.

While in a foreign country, a U.S. citizen is subject to that country's laws and regulations. That country may not afford the protections available under U.S. law. Any student convicted of a crime abroad can expect incarceration and fines. ASA will not assist in legal matters caused by a participant's use of alcohol or drugs.

Violation of any of the following may result in expulsion from the ASA program:

1. Violation of the alcohol or drug policy
2. Criminal behavior or violation of local laws, including theft or vandalism
3. Violation of rules in effect in the student's residence
4. Repeated intoxication
5. Association with criminals
6. Abusive language or behavior toward ASA staff, university faculty/staff, host family, or other ASA program participants
7. Sexual harassment
8. Disorderly, indecent, or obscene conduct
9. Violent behavior
10. Damage to ASA facilities, housing, university, hotels, or transportation vehicles
11. Plagiarism and cheating
12. Unauthorized use of ASA facilities, host university, residence, or ASA sponsored transportation vehicles or hotel rooms
13. Falsification of documents or personal records submitted to ASA as part of the application or acceptance process.
14. Any inappropriate conduct including but not limited to violation of any ASA policies.

Disciplinary Action

ASA staff will have an investigation and/or review before taking disciplinary action. Please note: If a student engages in violent behavior towards any member of the ASA staff, host family, university faculty/staff or other ASA participants they will be immediately removed from the program.

Disciplinary action may include but is not limited to any of the following:

1. ASA may notify the student's home university of any violation of ASA policies.
2. Restitution: Student may be required to pay for damages or theft.
3. Loss of privileges: Student may be denied permission to participate in ASA activities, excursions, etc. permanently or for a designated time period. No refund is given for missed activities.
4. Housing termination: ASA has the authority to remove any participant from their residence and/or the program in the case of inappropriate behavior. If this occurs, students must then find their own housing at their own expense.
5. Probation: Student may be given disciplinary probation in the case of inappropriate behavior. Any further violation during probation will result in dismissal.
6. Dismissal: Student may be permanently expelled from the ASA program. Dismissed students will not receive a refund of any kind. Termination of participation does not diminish or otherwise affect the student's obligation to make any and all payments to ASA. Dismissed students will not receive any grades or transcript. Dismissed students may be required to reimburse their home universities for financial aid received. The home university may take appropriate action in response to dismissal, such as denying registration, suspension or dismissal from the home university.

By signing below, I certify that I have read and understand the above ASA Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it.

Student Signature

Date