TIPS FOR AGGIES STUDYING ABROAD

Make sure you research the alcohol policies of the country you will travel to. Some countries frown upon alcohol consumption or have made it illegal. In some countries, the legal drinking age is lower than in the United States. If this is the case, and you plan on drinking, make sure you are prepared to drink safely and healthily.

If you plan on studying abroad, make sure you are aware of Texas A&M University’s expectations for alcohol use while you represent the University abroad.

ALCOHOL

According to Texas A&M University Student Rules (24.4.13 Appendix VIII), alcohol use, possession, manufacturing or distribution of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on Texas A&M premises and University sponsored events. Individuals may not be in a state of public intoxication or drunkenness at any time during a study abroad program. The laws about the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverage vary in different countries and in some, such as many Muslim countries, alcoholic beverages are illegal. Any alcohol related disruptive behavior can result in dismissal from the study abroad program. Inebriation can seriously compromise your personal safety, especially when you are in unfamiliar places; you will appear more open to unwanted intimate advances and are an easier target for theft or physical assault.

ILLEGAL DRUGS

The act of using, possessing, being under the influence of, manufacturing, or distributing illegal drugs or controlled substances is prohibited on study abroad programs. Laws concerning drugs differ in other countries; the penalties for violating host country laws can be severe. The rights of due process granted to U.S citizens do not apply in foreign countries. Texas A&M University will not tolerate the use or possession of illegal drugs. Any student caught with illegal drugs while abroad may be subject to immediate dismissal from the study abroad program as well as the penalties of the host country.

From the “Terms of Participation for Students” on study abroad programs

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