

STUDENT BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

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Study Abroad
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

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Student Name (Last, First)	SAM ID
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Program Location	University/Provider

To participate in any study abroad trip with Sam Houston State University, students must agree to abide by the following common-sense standards of behavior. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the program, forfeiture of program payments, and/or other academic penalties.

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INITIALS
1. I recognize I am an ambassador of SHSU and the United States. Therefore, I will not engage in any behavior which creates a negative impression or that is detrimental to the image of SHSU, Texas, or the United States. I will also obey the laws of both the United States and the country I am traveling to.
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INITIALS
2. I understand the provisions of this Student Behavior Contract are supplemental to other policies governing conduct of SHSU students, including, but not limited to, the [SHSU Code of Student Conduct](#). Conduct that violates the SHSU Code of Student Conduct will be deemed to be a violation of this Contract as well.
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INITIALS
3. I will treat all property, including temporary and long-term lodging facilities and personal property, with care and respect in order to avoid damage or other abuse. If damage does occur, it will be my responsibility to pay for it.
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4. I will act with patience, politeness and civility towards all service persons, hosts, and others, promptly pay charges for food, beverages, etc., avoid boisterous, loud, and otherwise disruptive behavior in all public places, and observe quiet hours when other residents and guests are attempting to sleep.
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5. I will respect the right to privacy and personal integrity of other course participants. I will not engage in argumentative, disrespectful, and otherwise negative or inappropriate behavior that adversely impacts the quality of the trip.
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6. I will not use or possess illegal drugs. Should authorities be involved, I understand I will be subject to the laws of the state and county we are visiting, and will be responsible for retaining and paying for legal representation.
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7. I understand that occasional drinking of alcoholic beverages in moderation is permitted provided that I am of legal drinking age in the U.S (21 years). I will not engage in excessive and irresponsible drinking leading to intoxication.
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8. I will be on time for scheduled events or activities. If I miss a travel departure time, I understand I will be on my own and at my own expense to catch up with the group. The program leader(s) will not stay behind, but will continue on schedule with the group. Unless otherwise stated, **I understand my participation in ALL scheduled activities is REQUIRED.**
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9. I will always notify the program leader of my whereabouts if I deviate from the group activities.

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10. I will show respect for the course participants and leaders, and in return, can expect the same level of respect.

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11. Because a positive attitude is so important to the morale and success of the trip, and because I am, by virtue of being a U.S. citizen and a student of SHSU, a representative of my country and my university, I agree to:

- a) be patient and flexible if things don't go exactly as planned;
- b) stay focused on the purpose of the trip;
- c) be open to new experiences (that's why I'm going!)
- d) keep a positive attitude – which keeps others positive!
- e) refrain from complaining about situations that cannot be changed.

I have read all of the foregoing points and I agree to abide by the requirements of this behavior contract. I understand and agree that I may be subject to immediate disciplinary action, including termination in the program, parental notification, and *return to Texas at my own expense*, if I engage in certain misconduct, including but not necessarily limited to: *(a) use of illegal drugs; (b) excessive and irresponsible drinking; or (c) other behavior that substantially interferes with the rights of others, the enjoyment of the trip by others, or the conduct of the trip itself.* I further understand and agree that the determination as to the imposition of such discipline rests in the discretion of the program leader, and that their decision is final.

I agree that if I do not adhere to the policies listed above, I will be removed from the program, receive an F in courses, and will be required to go to the nearest airport and return home at my own expense. I further understand that I will be responsible for my own safety at this time, as I will no longer be enrolled as a student in the study abroad program. I also understand that I will not receive a refund for any of the tuition & fees. I understand that all the above requirements are intended to promote the success, safety, and fun of this trip and I voluntarily agree to all of them.

I certify that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, medically and mentally sound, physically fit to participate in the study abroad program for which I am applying, and competent to enter into this agreement. I further certify that no oral promise, agreement, warranty or representation concerning safety or liability has been made to me.

Student Signature

Date

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