



CAFNR Student Contract Agreement

Student Conduct: Because you will be a foreign guest, and because you will represent not only CAFNR but also your country, you will have to be conscious of your manner of conduct. That includes attention to some of your behaviors: being polite, open-minded and understanding, etc. You may be shocked to learn that, as Americans, we tend to be stereotyped as "obnoxious," "loud" (in the hotels, in the streets and restaurants), and "demanding service" just because we are "paying for it." Do all you can not to perpetuate this stereotype.

Laws of the Host Country: Wherever you are, you are under strict obligation to obey all laws of the host country--particularly including laws concerning the purchase, possession, use, or distribution of "illicit or controlled substances." Neither CAFNR, nor the United States will tolerate "behavior that is illegal, obnoxious, or embarrassing" to our study abroad group. This applies to big offenses as well as to such "minor" offenses as removing objects from restaurants or hotels and can be grounds for termination from the program.

Safe & Proper Conduct: Your proper behavior will include being on guard with strangers. If you can't help projecting an inviting attitude, absolutely do not bring your new acquaintances to your room. You will share rooms with other Program participants and you are NOT to offend their sensibilities and right to privacy. Trespasses of this sort will not be tolerated. Conversely, do not go to your new acquaintances' rooms in hotels at any time--you are potentially putting yourself in grave danger and there is nothing that you professor or your fellow-travelers can do to help you (should you need help).

Respect: Since you will be a part of a group, remember that moods may change and tempers may fly. What do you normally do to deflect a "heavy" situation? As you know, the actions of one can affect the moods of many, so it is important to project a respectful attitude towards each other (not to mention towards our hosts).

Dismissal from the Program: Unacceptable or illegal conduct on the part of any participant will not be tolerated and will result in immediate and unconditional dismissal, with no refund of fees or tuition.

Attendance at Program Functions: Field trip and course attendance is required. There is some built-in flexibility in the Program and some free time. Allow for enough time in the morning, so you can arrive to the sessions on time, alert, and ready. You must also be ready to leave your accommodations or arrive at the designated place on time. Promptness is particularly important on field-days and departure days: the group will not wait for stragglers. Be aware that for some day trips we might have to leave relatively early in the morning and that we may not return until late at night.