



OFF-CAMPUS STUDY & EXCHANGES

Student Conduct Pledge

Dear Travel Seminar Student,

We are so pleased that you are planning to participate on a travel seminar. As you are aware, your time off-campus will be different from any prior off-campus experience; COVID-19 realities have changed what we can expect at home and abroad.

Although vaccines are being widely administered the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic will undoubtedly have some impact on your semester off-campus. Therefore, students studying off-campus on a travel seminar are required to commit to a conduct pledge with behavior directives meant to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The goals of this conduct pledge are similar to the Skidmore College COVID-19 Student Pledge utilized in prior semesters for those students enrolled on campus – to acknowledge and understand how your individual actions can affect your health and safety, as well as that of your fellow students, program staff and faculty, and the local community in which you have chosen to study.

Each country and region worldwide has developed and instituted its own approach to combating COVID-19. As cities and countries navigate ever-shifting circumstances, studying off-campus will require increased flexibility and patience as conditions, directives, and recommendations concerning COVID-19 may change regularly and rapidly during your time off-campus. You will need to be respectful of both your program and local mandates. There may be a need for your program to adjust class schedules, activities, classroom and/or housing protocols, and program site(s) hours and occupancy based on their own or local requirements. It is important that each student comply with program/university/government guidelines, rules and/or laws.

Off-Campus Study Student Conduct Pledge

As a student studying off-campus through Skidmore College, I understand that coronavirus is a highly contagious virus and it is possible to develop and contract COVID-19, even if I follow all of the safety precautions in this pledge and those recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), local health department, and others. I understand that although Skidmore College and contracted vendors will follow the coronavirus guidelines issued by the local government and health experts to reduce the spread of infection, I can never be completely shielded from all risk of illness caused by COVID-19 or other infections.

Given this reality, I commit to the following principles to protect others and myself and to preserve the travel seminar's living and learning environment. I commit to:

- Understanding how my actions affect others and considering how my choices could either protect or pose risks for all members of the travel seminar or host community, not just for myself;
- Acting at all times to protect all members of the travel seminar and host community. I will use the resources and power available to me, based on my identities, to be an engaged, educated and responsible member of the travel seminar;

- Engaging in respectful communication regarding this pandemic. I will voice my own needs and risk tolerance and will listen to and respect the needs and risk tolerance of others;
- Erring on the side of caution and safety in my choices, knowing that is what is required to preserve the group; and
- Acknowledging that, as a student studying on a Skidmore travel seminar, I have a collective responsibility for the health and well-being of other travel seminar participants, faculty and staff, and community members.

In addition, I commit to the specific behaviors outlined below to protect others and myself and to preserve the travel seminar's living and learning environment. I understand that failure to adhere to these commitments can result in significant student conduct outcomes, including removal from the travel seminar. I acknowledge that as more is learned about the virus, additional behavioral commitments on my part may be required. I agree to adhere to any future changes/additions to these commitments.

- I agree to wear a mask covering my nose and mouth at all times as required by my program and/or local community. I acknowledge that the mask must meet the specifications of the program and the local government and that my program will inform me of specific circumstances when I can remove the mask.
- If I have a specific medical condition that affects my ability to wear a mask, I will immediately inform OCSE so that they can determine if an accommodation can be granted during the travel seminar.
- I agree to respect other people's space and safety by maintaining appropriate social distance (at least 6 feet/1.83 meters).
- I agree to sneeze and cough into my elbow or cover my mouth and nose with a tissue and properly dispose of all tissues. I also agree to wash my hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds; if soap and warm water are not available, I will use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- I agree to follow the cleaning protocols set forth in all learning and living spaces. I also agree to respect and cooperate with the cleaning protocols posted in relation to student roles and the staff/faculty/vendors that are tasked with these responsibilities.
- I agree to comply with any restrictions on personal travel implemented by my program, including any mandates to not travel outside the host city or region. I will avoid travel destinations with local health conditions that may negatively impact my studies and others within the travel seminar. I also agree to follow all program travel protocols and requirements, including providing my travel itinerary to the travel seminar faculty and/or staff; submitting all required travel documentation in the timeframe requested; immediately providing an updated itinerary to the travel seminar faculty and/or staff if there are changes to my travel plans; and understanding any and all travel restrictions in place, as well as the current conditions in the location to which I will be travelling.
- Upon the conclusion of any personal travel, I agree to meet all applicable quarantine requirements independently prior to returning to my assigned program housing, in-person classes and program space, including covering costs for the required quarantine.
- I agree to comply with all relevant policies regarding guest and visitors in residential and program spaces.

- I agree to comply with any program restrictions on informal student gatherings in all learning and living spaces.

During the travel seminar, I agree to the following:

- I agree to comply with any COVID-19 testing requirements instituted by the program.
- I agree not to engage in behavior that poses a risk to the health or safety of myself or others, including close contact with individuals who are sick.
- If I test positive for COVID-19, I will comply with all directives from the program, including participating in mandatory quarantine in order to reduce the risk to other members of the travel seminar. I will not engage in contact with other travel seminar participants while knowingly positive for COVID-19. If I do so, I understand that I will face significant student conduct outcomes, up to and including, removal from the travel seminar.
- I agree to honest and regular self-screening for COVID-like symptoms throughout the travel seminar.
- I agree to immediately contact travel seminar faculty and/or staff if I think I have been exposed to or had close contact with (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from two days before illness onset) a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, whether I am having symptoms or not.
- I agree to immediately contact the travel seminar faculty and/or staff if I have any COVID-like symptoms and to follow their directives regarding next steps.
- I agree to remain in my accommodations, refraining from attending classes and program activities and avoiding all group settings when I am sick or exhibiting COVID-like symptoms.
- My off-campus study program will take seriously any violation of these expectations (i.e. intentional coughing or sneezing on another person, hosting large scale gatherings, exposing others if I test positive, etc.) and I may face significant student conduct outcomes if found responsible for violations, including removal from the travel seminar.
- I agree to monitor my Skidmore email account on a daily basis.
- I agree to provide, and update when necessary, travel seminar faculty and staff with my local contact information and that of my emergency contact(s).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the foregoing. I acknowledge that violation of the terms, commitments and agreements outlined above could result in my immediate dismissal from the travel seminar. I understand that if I am dismissed from the travel seminar, I will be sent home, at my own expense. If I am dismissed from the travel seminar, I will not earn credit nor be refunded any expenses that have been paid. I know that a decision to terminate my participation in the travel seminar is final and appeals are not allowed.

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge that I have received via email and/or U.S. mail the above referenced pledge regarding participation of my son/daughter/ward in an off-campus study travel seminar.

Print Name of Student Studying Off-Campus

By signing below, I certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of the above named student. I have read, understand and acknowledge the provisions of the pledge which my son/daughter/ward has signed.

Signature

Date

Printed Name