

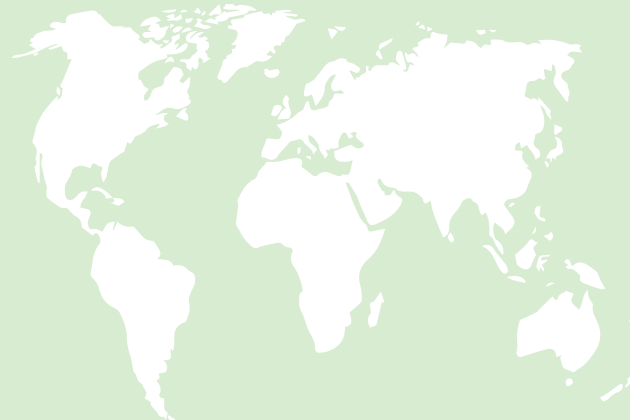
Where will you go?
Make it a safe and positive experience.
The choice is yours!



**DRUGS,
ALCOHOL,
& STUDY ABROAD:**



NOT A GOOD MIX



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INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Available Resources:

Flagler College Health Services
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Phone: (904) 819-6211

Flagler College Campus Security
Phone: 904-819-6200

Flagler College Counseling Center
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Flagler College Student Services
Email: studentservices@flagler.edu
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Other Resources:

U.S. Department of State
<http://studentsabroad.state.gov/>

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
<http://www.niaa.nih.gov/>

National Institute on Drug Abuse
<http://www.nida.nih.gov/>

National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign
Office of National Drug Control Policy
<http://www.abovetheinfluence.com>

Objective and Purpose:



As an educational institution, Flagler College is committed to providing students with experiences that enhance and support intellectual and individual development. We want your study abroad experience to be fun and safe, so we strongly encourage you to make responsible decisions when it comes to drugs and alcohol.

Guidelines for Behavior while Abroad:



Remember that while studying abroad you are a representative of Flagler College and are held to the regulations in the Flagler College Student Handbook just as if you were studying on campus. All rights and responsibilities detailed in the Flagler College Student Code of Conduct also apply while you are abroad.

Points to Remember:



Alcohol Consumption:

The customs regarding drinking alcohol beverages may be different in your host country than in the United States. The minimum drinking age may be lower, and it may be customary to drink wine or beer with meals. Do not engage in binge drinking, or drink enough to put you at risk of being victimized. If you decide to drink, drink sparingly.

Drug Use:

To be safe, stay away from illegal drugs or anyone who uses or sells them. Anti-narcotics laws are strictly enforced in many foreign countries, regardless of whether one might be caught with a small amount of a drug for personal use or with a large quantity for sale to others.

According to the U.S. Department of State, one-third of U.S. citizens arrested abroad are charged with possessing or using drugs.

Worldwide, an average prison sentence for narcotics possession is seven years. In some countries, the sentence for certain drug charges is death. Never transport or deliver a package for anyone. If the package turns out to contain drugs, you can be arrested even if you were ignorant of its contents. Be smart, and stay away from illegal drugs.



Drinking and Drugs:



When traveling overseas, it is important to observe the laws and regulations of the country you are visiting, especially those pertaining to drug and alcohol use. Every year, many American students are arrested abroad on drug charges or because of their behavior under the influence. Ignorance of the law is no excuse, so be informed.

- Avoid underage and excessive alcohol consumption. Many arrests, accidents, rape, and other violent crimes have occurred because of alcohol abuse.
- While abroad, driving under the influence and drinking on the street or on public transportation may be considered criminal activities by local authorities, as they would be in many places in the United States.

Make sure your prescription medication is not considered an illegal narcotic. If you are going abroad with a pre-existing medical condition, you should carry a letter from your doctor describing your condition and medications, including the generic names of prescribed drugs.

- Any medications carried overseas should be in their original containers and clearly labeled. Check with the foreign country's embassy here in the U.S. to make sure your medications are not considered illegal narcotics. A listing of foreign embassies and consulates in the U.S. is available on the Department of State's website: <http://studentsabroad.state.gov>.

Consequences of Alcohol and Drug Use During Flagler Study Abroad Programs:



Flagler College may bring charges of misconduct against a student for disruptive behavior caused by alcohol consumption or the use of illegal substances in accordance with the procedure outlined in the Student Conduct Code.

Special Warning About Drug Offenses Abroad:



Many aspects of a drug arrest abroad can be different from U.S. practice and carry severe consequences. *For Instance:*

- The burden of proof might be on the accused side to show that he or she is innocent of the charges.
- Few countries provide a jury trial
- Many countries do not permit pre-trial release on bail
- Pre-trial detention, often in solitary confinement, can last several months
- Prisons may lack minimal comforts, such as beds, toilets, and washbasins
- Diets are often inadequate and require supplements from relatives and friends
- Officials may not speak English
- Physical abuse, confiscation of property, degrading treatment and extortion are possible.
- Penalties for drug possession and for drug trafficking are often the same abroad

As with any arrest of a U.S. citizen abroad, consular officers perform a variety of services.