

Participant Information

Education Abroad and Overseas Travel: Illegal Drug Use Policy

This form must be returned to the Office of International Programs, Maxwell Library, Rm. 100B, with your signature prior to your departure.

Name: _____ Soc. Sec. #: _____

Program: _____ Semester/Year: _____

The use of illegal drugs is no more acceptable in foreign countries and cultures than in our own and is treated as a serious criminal offense. Many U.S. students and travelers have suffered greatly as a result of drug-related incidents. U.S. citizens in a foreign country are subject to the laws of that country. Americans suspected of drug violations can face severe penalties, even the death penalty, in some countries. The U.S. Embassy cannot obtain release from jail for a U.S. citizen, but can only aid in obtaining legal assistance.

Illegal activities place not only the individual, but the group and the program in jeopardy; therefore, all participants in Bridgewater State College education abroad programs must agree to the conditions as stated below, and sign this agreement prohibiting them from using illegal drugs during the period of the program. Bridgewater State College has adopted the policy outlined below for dealing with illegal drug use.

The consequences of illegal drug use during an education abroad or overseas travel program include:

- **immediate expulsion from the program**
- **total forfeiture of all fees paid to the program**
- **loss of all course credit**

Program participants should take responsibility, both individual and as a group, for assuring that Bridgewater State College policies regarding illegal drugs are strictly observed. For the latest travel safety information visit the U.S. Department of State web site at <http://travel.state.gov>.

I have read the above and understand that use or possession of any quantity of marijuana, cocaine, or other illegal drug is strictly prohibited throughout the period of the Bridgewater State College education abroad or overseas travel program. I understand that this prohibition applies not only while I am in the company of fellow participants, but also when I am alone or with people not associated with the program.

I have read the consequences for violation noted above and I accept the above conditions.

Signature of Participant

Date