

SAFETY ABROAD

Preparing to Lead Overseas Activities



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INTRODUCTION

- The safety of our students abroad is important to the College.
- This workshop was recommended by Study Abroad Committee and the International Center.
- It was then developed with the approval of the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- Faculty-Leaders are asked to talk with the International Center if they have any questions about the contents of this presentation.





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PRESENTATION CONTENTS

- Legal Issues
- Health and Safety
- Student Conduct
- Other Issues
- Be Prepared
- Additional Resources

**LEGAL
ISSUES**



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LIABILITY



Liability and limits of your authority:

- **As long as you perform your job/duties and act in the course/scope of your employment, you are covered by the Flagler College general liability insurance policy and will have no personal liability for actions that occur.**
- **Make sure students understand the risks of injuries involved in going on this trip and of specific activities.**

EMPLOYEE INSURANCE COVERAGE

- Worker's Compensation Trust Fund
- Flagler College general liability insurance policy

Employees must be acting within the course and scope of their assigned duties to be covered.

***Note for non-faculty employees: If being a leader for a study abroad course is not part of your job description, you will need to have it adjusted in order to be covered by the College.**



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STUDENT-FACULTY RELATIONSHIP

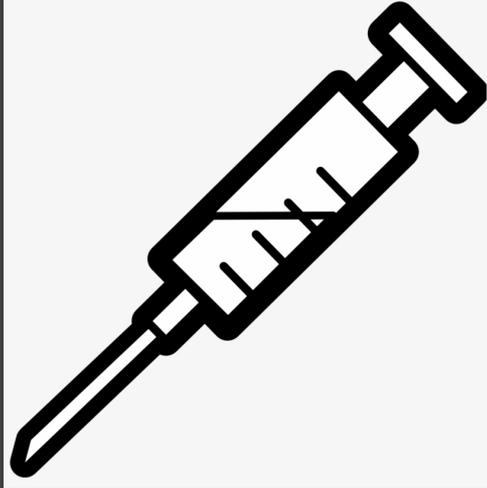
- College regulations and policies that apply on campus also apply abroad.
- Keep faculty–student boundaries clear. You are in charge and the authority.
- Avoid drinking with students.
- Do not share rooms with students.
- Avoid being alone with a student.

**HEALTH
AND SAFETY**



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Contact Health Services for study abroad support:

- Information on immunizations or health alerts about destination countries;
- Available for individual student consultation when needed.
- The Health Services office is located in the southwest side of the Ponce Breezeway
- Holly Doucette RN, MSN, ARNP
- Telephone: (904) 819-6211
- Email: healthservices@flagler.edu



NOTE: Faculty-Leaders are also covered under the College's Travelers Global Companion Policy

GeoBlue Study Abroad Insurance

- Automatic enrollment for trips not with third-party provider
- Great value = \$13.20/week
- No deductible
- Medical coverage at \$100,000.
- Includes medical evacuation and repatriation
- Covers political and natural disaster evacuation services



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OTHER OPTIONAL INSURANCE

- Medical
- Trip Cancellation
- Trip interruption or delay
- Baggage protection
- Special activity

**If you are considering additional insurance,
contact the International Center**



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- **The course syllabus must justify every activity by its relevance to the overall learning experience.**
- **If students want to engage in extracurricular high-risk activities, the Faculty-Leader must decide if it is allowed.**
- **The Faculty-Leader determines what is/is not allowed. The International Center will be happy to discuss with the Faculty-Leader any questions they might have about specific activities.**

HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES

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TRAVEL ISSUES

- There are many items to consider related to local travel such as:
 - Road quality
 - Time of day
 - Pirate taxis
- Talk with the International Center if you are planning travel that is not using standard public transportation or out-of-the ordinary in any way.
- A useful website is for [AISRT](#) - Association for Safe International Road Travel



STUDENT SAFETY SESSIONS (PDO)

A Study Abroad Safety Session is mandatory for all students going abroad.

Safety sessions are not country specific, but focus on generic health/safety issues. These will be provided by the International Center. Students will not be cleared to study abroad without attending.



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STUDENT CONDUCT



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STUDENT CONDUCT

- Talk with students about expectations before trip.
 - Group activity – not individual travel
 - Academic Rigor – not vacation
- The *Office of Student Services* reviews student records prior to trip.
- All policies in the Flagler College Student Handbook apply abroad:
 - Reserves the right to impose discipline based on any student conduct that may adversely affect the College community.
 - Every student has the right to due process.



ALCOHOL USE/ABUSE

Advise students on expectations regarding alcohol:

- **Represent Flagler College while abroad**
- **Different laws and cultural customs**

Consider the effects of alcohol abuse:

- **Sets up scenario for student to be victimized**
- **Reflects poorly on the College**
- **Affects classroom attendance and performance**
- **Can affect other students**
- **Possible severe effect on student / course if the student is injured, robbed, jailed, or worse**

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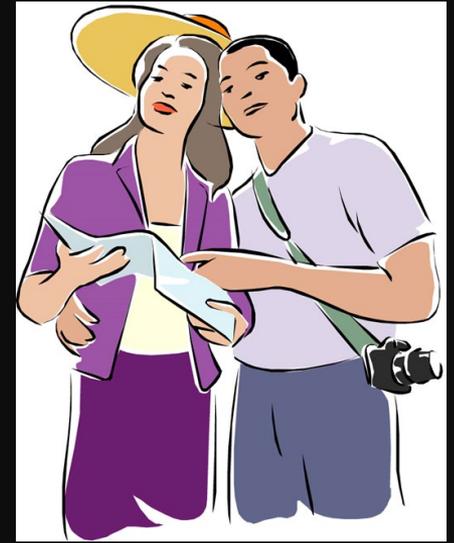
**OTHER
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FREE TIME

- Clarify to students exactly what this means, as options must be given.
- Pre-select options for students to consider.
- Faculty-Leader should know “free time” choices of all students.
- Students should know how to contact Faculty-Leader, and Faculty-Leaders should know how to contact their students.
- Location of study abroad will have bearing on options.
- Students should never go out alone on their own. A “Buddy System” (group of 3) should always be followed.





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Non-Course Travel

- Student travel is pre-approved only in regards to a specific course itinerary.
- If a free weekend is built into course itinerary, identify pre-approved options for possible travel, bearing in mind distance and accessibility to program location.
- Faculty-Leaders are expected to travel to these sites if student has a problem.
- Students must always follow the buddy system.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

- Flagler College is committed to creating an Inclusive Campus.
- Foreign countries do not have to comply with ADA.
- There may be physical or other barriers to equal access in foreign locale.
- Faculty-Leaders should not assume a student has a disability until verified by the Disability Resource Center.
- Students with disabilities who wish to participate in activities abroad should:
 - Research access and service limitations of travel location
 - Meet with Faculty-Leader to assess if student will be able to participate fully
 - Register with the Disability Resource Center (L-211)
 - Email: disabilityservices@flagler.edu



BE PREPARED



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Problems do happen!

- **Have a plan:**
 - **Syllabus and itinerary**
 - **Emergency Action Plan**
 - **“Free time” oversight**
 - **Buddy system implemented**
- **Communicate:**
 - **With students before and throughout trip.**
 - **With the International Center and College.**
 - **Have a cellphone that can call locally and internationally.**



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Be sure to follow up with a message (text, call, email) to Lisa Fiala about any issue/incident.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

**Contact the Flagler College
Safety & Security Office
24/7**

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

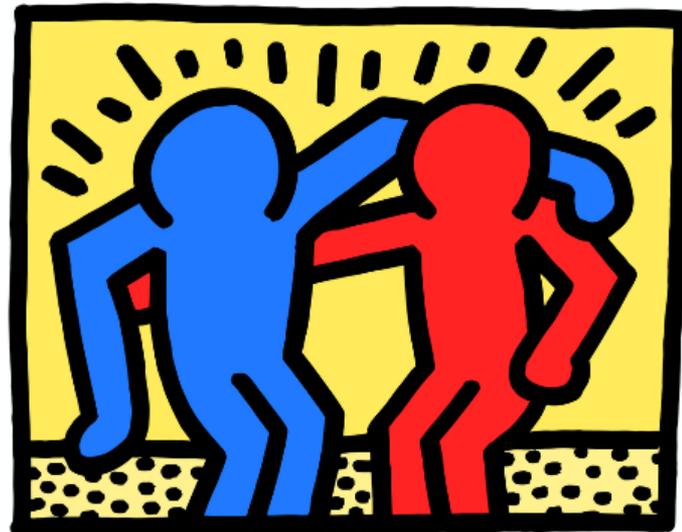


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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Handouts and Materials on International Center website:

- GeoBlue Insurance Information
- Alcohol, Drugs, and Study Abroad Brochure
- Smart Traveler Enrollment Program



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