

Interpretation and Clarification of UGA Alcohol Policy as it Applies to Study Abroad Programs

Information for Students

Full UGA Guidelines Concerning University Events Where Alcoholic Beverages Are Served or Provided are posted on the Provost's website:

<http://provost.uga.edu/index.php/policies-procedures/academic/academic-affairs/5-facilities-and-other-policies/501-use-of-campus-space-/501-3-guidelines-concerning-university-events-where-alcoholic-beverages-are-served-or-provided/>

Penalties for violation of university alcohol policies may be found in the student Code of Conduct:

http://conduct.uga.edu/code_of_conduct/index.html

The following information does not supplant the UGA guidelines; rather, it clarifies how this policy applies to study abroad.

1. UGA strongly discourages faculty from providing alcohol for or purchasing alcohol for the students participating in study abroad programs; faculty are not permitted to purchase alcohol from program funds.
2. All regular student conduct regulations, including those related to alcohol, are applicable while a student is studying abroad. Students are expected to abide by the legal drinking age in the country or countries in which they are studying, as in the Conduct Regulations for Students (see

http://conduct.uga.edu/code_of_conduct/index.html

3. If students choose to consume alcoholic beverages while participating in a study abroad program, UGA expects responsible behavior and moderation. Students are responsible for their behavior and any misconduct that is related to the consumption of alcohol.
4. Students must be aware that alcohol will impair judgment and will make one more vulnerable to crime and accidents while in unfamiliar surroundings.
5. Public drunkenness is less common among university age young people in most other countries. Such displays can reinforce negative stereotypes of U.S. citizens and make one look foolish in the eyes of citizens of the host country.
6. Students should note that limited service of alcohol may occur in homestays and facilities contracted to provide housing services for students on a University of Georgia study abroad or exchange program, provided the primary purpose of those facilities is to provide housing. All Code of Conduct policies are in effect in such locations, as they are anywhere a UGA student finds him- or herself, internationally and domestically, on-campus and off.

7. In establishments contracted by the University or during events in which a private entity is contracted by the University to provide meals to students, policies regarding alcohol established by the University of Georgia shall be in full effect.

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