

**THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

CONDUCT STANDARDS AGREEMENT

For the safety and overall welfare of all Penn State International/Field Trip participants, the College of Communications has established this Conduct Standards Agreement. Each student must read and agree to the terms of this document upon accepting an offer to participate in one of the Field Trips. Please remember that as a participant on a Penn State program you are not only representing yourself but are also an ambassador of Pennsylvania and Penn State. Your behavior during this trip will influence the impressions that others have on Penn State; please keep this in mind during each phase of your Field Trip experience.

The following are the conduct standards each participant is expected to meet for the duration of the trip. Students who fail to uphold these standards may be faced with any or all of the following consequences: sanctions imposed by the faculty in charge of the trip, College of Communications, Penn State's Office of Judicial Affairs, and/or dismissal from the trip or program.

A student may be dismissed without warning or prior notice. If dismissed, credits and grades for completed course work may not be given, and Penn State is not obligated to refund any part of the fees associated with the Field Trip program.

1. Because you are a participant in a program officially sponsored by Penn State, you are expected to maintain behavior that is consistent with Penn State's Code of Conduct (see <http://www.sa.psu.edu/ja/procedures.html>). Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program and/or further judicial review at Penn State upon your return.
2. You are subject to the laws of each state or city you visit during this trip. Neither Penn State nor College of Communications is in a position to protect you from prosecution.
3. Illegal Possession, use or dissemination of illicit drugs is prohibited and may result in termination from the program.
4. Use of alcohol is prohibited and may result in termination from the program.
5. Students must attend all classes as well as mandatory field work and other class activities unless excused by the faculty in charge of the trip.
6. Respect property of the host institution, lodging establishment, host staff, and other students. Should you cause any damage to persons or property while participating in a Penn State Trip, you will be responsible for costs and liability associated with it.
7. Driving laws and customs vary from state to state. Driving while on a Penn State Trip is strongly discouraged. If you operate a motor vehicle, you will run the risk of violating laws and liability requirements with which you are unfamiliar.
8. Where applicable, students must abide by all rules set forth by the host institution and faculty in charge of the trip. Students must comply with the instructions of the faculty/staff member in charge. If you feel your living situation is unacceptable, you must first contact the faculty member accompanying students so other arrangements can be made on your behalf.

9. Behavior that is detrimental to yourself or others (including, but not limited to, sexual harassment) is cause for sanctions and/or dismissal.

In the event of absence due to an emergency situation (i.e., illness or accident) or dismissal, the emergency contacts you have indicated on the Emergency Information Form will be notified immediately.

I have read and understood the conduct standards as outlined by The Pennsylvania State University. I, _____, hereby agree to abide by the standards listed above and will accept disciplinary consequences if I fail to do so. I understand that the Department Head for the sponsoring department and the faculty member organizing the trip will keep a copy of this signed document in the departmental office.

Signature of Student Participant _____

Date _____