

CODE OF CONDUCT WHILE ABROAD

While participating on a Global Fairfield program, all students are required to adhere to Fairfield University's [Code of Conduct](#) and the [Global Fairfield Responsible Engagement Policy](#). Students are required to read through this document and complete the assessment to ensure that they understand the University policies and expectations of students' behavior while abroad.

Introduction

As a Jesuit and Catholic university, Fairfield has a distinctive mission. The University focuses not only on excellence in teaching, learning, and scholarship, but also on the growth and development of the whole person. We value life outside the classroom as essential to the educational mission - to foster not only individual growth, but spiritual, moral, and social growth as well. Our community holds high expectations of how we live and interact with one another, as the successes and failures of each member of our community shape Fairfield. Respect for self and respect for others, both within and outside the University community, lie at the heart of our community standards. Students are held accountable for their actions as a necessary part of our community life.

Because we are a community committed to Jesuit and Catholic ideals and to the growth of each individual, the standards established for members of the Fairfield community are not always exactly the same as those within society at large. The University's Student Conduct Code goes beyond what is simply required for public order. The Code incorporates what is good and developmental for the individual and for the University community.

At times, the process of calling students to accountability can be very difficult. This is particularly the case on those occasions when the conduct in question is so contrary to our community standards as to warrant restriction from University activities or dismissal from the University. However, even in these most difficult situations, the University seeks first and foremost to serve its students in an educative role. Since education is our primary mission, university procedures in the student conduct process are not identical to due process in criminal or civil courts.

The Student Conduct Code applies to behavior both on and off campus, including while participating in international programs and other University-sponsored programs and activities. In the event of a discrepancy between the information contained in this section of the Handbook and another University publication or document, the terms in this section of the Handbook will apply. Fairfield University reserves the right to withhold issuance of a diploma, regardless of degree requirement completion, where a violation of this code, the law, and/or our policies on academic dishonesty are implicated.

It is important to know that although Fairfield Students may be studying at an institution abroad or other than on Fairfield University's campus, all violations of the

Student Code of Conduct will follow the on-campus process and procedures for the following Community Standards as found in the Student Handbook.

- Aiding, Abetting, or Complicity
- Alcohol Policy
- Arson, Fire Alarms, and Emergency Equipment
- Inappropriate Communication with University Personnel
- Non-Compliance with Requests or Directives
- Damage to Property/Vandalism
- Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct
- Drug Policy
- Housing and Guest Policy
- Harassment
- Campus Resources
- Indecent Conduct
- Misrepresentation and False Information
- Physical Violence, Threat of Force, and Fighting
- Retaliation
- Right to Privacy
- Sexual Misconduct
- Solicitation
- Smoking and other Tobacco Products
- Theft
- Unauthorized Entry
- Weapons, Knives, Firearms, Fireworks, and Projectiles
- FERPA
- Release of Student Conduct Records

This Academic Year we are requiring students attending a Global Fairfield Program to also follow the new COVID specific directives outlined below that have been put in place in order to maintain the health and safety of the University community and those who live and work within it.

Face Covering

- Students are required to wear a face covering (e.g. mask) which covers the nose and mouth at all times *except* when in their assigned room in University housing or where otherwise provided by applicable protocols. Students must also follow the local in-country COVID policies.

Visitors and Guests

- Fairfield University has suspended the student guest until further notice. Please also see the **Residential Engagement & Responsible Living section** within Global Fairfield's Responsible Engagement Policy below for specific policies for students on a program away/abroad.

Social Gatherings

- Fairfield University has limited social gatherings and set restrictions on numbers of students who can be together in university housing.
- Gathering in groups and impromptu social gatherings are not allowed in your housing abroad.

- Please also see the **Residential Engagement & Responsible Living section** within Global Fairfield's Responsible Engagement Policy below.

Testing and Isolation

- Fairfield University is requiring that all students to be tested for COVID-19 within the 14 days prior to returning to campus this academic year.
- Global Fairfield will follow all COVID Testing Policies for Students studying abroad required by the US State Department, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and/or the Host Country Policies for U.S. students attending an institution for the spring semester. Specific information can be found in the learning content section of the student's application portal.

Health Monitoring

- As you know this academic year, Fairfield University is requiring all students to complete a daily health questionnaire via LiveSafe.
- Our students on our Global Fairfield program should expect that you must follow any local regulations in a similar nature.

Office of Global Fairfield's Responsible Engagement Policy

Fairfield students are invited to responsibly engage with their new host community through a variety of academic, cultural and experiential activities. To ensure both the academic progression and the well-being of our students, Fairfield has set standards of engagement for our students in our Global Fairfield programs. Please become familiar with these policies as it pertains to your time abroad.

Academic Engagement

All students are required to be academically engaged four [4] days per week with a minimum enrollment of 15 credits during their academic term abroad or 3 credits for summer session. Students are responsible for reviewing their degree evaluation and ensuring that their study abroad program has ample curricular offerings to assure their academic progression

Participation is required at all Fairfield Center and Approved programs in all scheduled academic and programming events. ***Failure to participate will result in disciplinary action and/or financial penalty after a formal review.***

Community Engagement

All of our Center and approved partner programs provide students with a variety of activities and program options that students commit to prior to leaving the United States. Volunteering, internships, experiential activities, and service learning are all valuable ways to better understand the culture and to develop both as an individual and a professional.

Our Center programs require all participants to contribute to their new communities through service and mission based programming. These activities and experiences are an intentional part of the program and allow our students to demonstrate their

appreciation to their host community. Students must attend all mandatory program events.

Residential Engagement & Responsible Living

Our students are guests in the housing accommodations provided through our Centers and Approved programs abroad. Housing regulations in our overseas locations reflect both program requirements and local laws. All students must abide by the specific housing rules and regulations for their program. These rules are discussed on-site during orientation and are reflected in the program brochure pages. Failure to follow these rules and regulations can result in code of conduct discipline up to and including expulsion from the program.

These rules include, but are not limited to, abiding by guest and visitor policies; abiding by noise curfew; maintaining the safety of the housing unit by securing the doors and not admitting unknown persons; maintaining the prescribed cleaning standards; maintaining the condition of the physical structure, the furnishings, and the equipment in the housing unit, and being responsible for any damages.

Until further notice, due to the health and safety requirements of COVID, students will be expected to adhere to the cleaning and prevention protocols required by local regulations. These protocols and regulations will be reviewed during the onsite orientation.

In addition, due to the health and safety requirements of COVID, *guests are not permitted* inside the housing assigned to you. Housing as provided by Fairfield University will not allow unassigned occupants to gather in an assigned unit. Any gathering that involves guests outside of your assigned roommates must occur outside of your assigned housing. Other housing regulations may apply by country. Please see your program brochure page for details.

Responsible Health and Safety

Given the seriousness of the COVID pandemic our students participating in study abroad are reminded that responsible management of current medical conditions, illness, treatments or medications is essential to your continued health and wellbeing. Students who have current medical conditions, are under medical care or treatment, or are taking prescription medications are urged to self-disclose to the staff of Student Health Services with the specific request to Student Health Services that they coordinate with the staff in the Office of Study Abroad on a management plan. With this information we will be able to coordinate your continued care, connect you with medical professionals who will be able to advise you on services and support available to you in your host country, and advise you as to any limitations, restrictions or concerns you need to be aware of. Without this collaboration and information we will not be able to ensure your continued health and well-being while abroad.

If, at any point in the program, a student is notified that they have been exposed to COVID19 *all occupants of that housing unit will be required to follow the COVID quarantine protocols of that country and program.* Should this occur, staff from the location you are studying in will work with you to facilitate your needs for medical care and provisions during the quarantine. All institutions abroad are creating curriculum accommodations so that students may stay on par with their studies during quarantine.

Should a student show signs of or have a confirmed case of COVID-19 that student and all roommates will be subject to the governing procedures of the host country for treatment, confinement, quarantine, and testing.

Responsible Travel

Due to the travel advisories, warnings and restrictions in place around the world as a precaution against the spread of COVID, *students attending our Centers and Approved programs abroad are not approved to travel outside of their host country.* If a student violates this policy and finds themselves quarantined away from their study location or unable to reenter their program country the student will be subject to removal from their program, no academic accommodations will be made by the host university and no program fees will be refunded.

All students studying internationally *will be registered with CISI Health and Safety Insurance* for the duration of the program abroad. **All students must complete the CISI travel log weekly and no later than 12 noon local time every Thursday.** The travel log must be completed even if the student intends to remain in their host city. The mandatory travel log is part of Fairfield University's Risk Management protocol and facilitates management of the safety and well-being of our students abroad. Failure to submit a weekly log may result in dismissal from the program.

In the event of early program termination, *all students* must adhere to the procedures and instructions provided by Fairfield University for a timely and safe return home.