Conduct Code

Knowing that in a foreign culture I represent my College and my country, I will respect the rights of other people, especially those of my host country, and I will refrain from impolite or improper actions.

As a participant on a Union College program, I agree to follow and be subject to the Union Conduct Code which can be found in the Student Handbook. In accordance with the norms of good conduct, I further agree to follow these specific rules while participating on Union College sponsored programs:

- I will accept in good faith the advice and suggestions of Union College or its agents in matters relating to the Union College program or personal conduct of program participants.
- I understand that class and group trips and lectures are mandatory program events, and I will willingly participate in program organized trips and lectures.
- I will not tamper with the property of any lodging or other facility in any way whatsoever, and I will keep noise levels down.
- I will take care of and be responsible for my belongings.
- I understand that the lack of sobriety or any use of illegal substances (as determined by U.S. law) is grounds for immediate dismissal of the program. I have read a copy of the College’s Alcohol and Drug Policy for International Programs.
- I will notify a Union College representative of my travel plans and place of accommodation before I leave the group for any length of time.
- I understand that Union College has the right to retain or dismiss me from the program at any time should my actions or general behavior impede the operation of the program or the rights or welfare of any person.
- I understand that if my conduct violates any policy or procedure of the College or program requirement, I may be required to leave the program in the sole discretion of the Program Director, in consultation with the Dean of Student’s Office, and I may be referred to the Dean of Students Office for further disciplinary or other action.
- If my participation is terminated, I consent to being sent home at my own expense with no refund of fees.

Union College international programs strive to incorporate intercultural learning. As a part of being abroad, life will be different. In particular, the following attitudes and behaviors are expected:

- I understand that changes in housing, food, customary practices, transportation, and more will require flexibility and adaptability
- I understand that living in an unfamiliar city, communicating in a different setting or language, and more will require resourcefulness, problem-solving skills, and people skills.
- I understand that being in a foreign country, away from family and familiar resources, will require self-reliance and personal responsibility.
- I understand that values and norms may be different, and I will be respectful of others and take advantage of opportunities to learn about those differences.