

Niagara University

STANDARDS FOR CONDUCT ON FIELD TRIPS AGREEMENT

To ensure that there exists a consistency of acceptable student conduct, as well as to maintain a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for all field trip participants, the Niagara University has developed this agreement. Once a student is accepted into any off campus activity sponsored by the university, that involves a one-day excursion or an extended overnight trip, the participant must read and agree to the terms of this contract. High expectations, consistent with conduct expected on campus, must be met by all participants. You are not only representing yourself but also the University. Your behavior during this trip will influence the impressions that others have of us; please keep this in mind during each phase of your field trip/group travel/international experience.

The following are the conduct standards each participant is expected to meet for the duration of the trip. Students who are judged to have failed to uphold any of these standards may be faced with any or all of the following consequences:

Sanctions imposed by the field trip director or his/her representative. This may include immediate dismissal without warning from the trip. If dismissed, any credits and/or grades which were dependent upon the successful completion of the trip may not be given which may result in failure. The university is not obligated to refund any part of the fees associated with the field trip/student group travel program. The dismissed student is also responsible for arranging and paying for the trip home. These sanctions will apply regardless if the student paid for all, some or none of the fees associated with the trip:

1. Upon return to campus, any or all sanctions applicable to the situation may be imposed by the University. The decision to proceed with sanctions will be made by the dean after consultation with the field trip director and any witnesses. Any sanctions imposed will become part of the student's college file and could impact the ability to participate in future university sanctioned activities.
2. Further sanctions could include but are not limited to:
 - a. No further participation in trips for a designated period of time.
 - b. Exclusion from future on campus events
 - c. Letters of recommendation which may contain reference to the episode, if in the judgment of the faculty member writing the recommendation, the behavior, if repeated on the job, might impact on the students' ability to meet the requirements for that job.
 - d. Mandatory counseling.
 - e. Mandatory community service.
 - f. Revocation of membership in the sponsoring organization.

Expectations of Participants:

1. Because you are a participant in a program officially sponsored by Niagara University you are expected to maintain behavior that is consistent with all university rules and policies. Failure to do so may result in any or all consequences stated above.
2. You are also expected to adhere to all written and verbal policies provided to you by the field trip director, including policies and standards of any host/sponsor.
3. You are subject to the laws of each state, county, city, or other nation you visit during this trip. The college and university will not protect you from prosecution and will not be responsible for bail or any legal fees.
4. Illegal possession, use or dissemination of illicit drugs is prohibited and may result in termination from the program and the university.

5. Use of alcohol is prohibited during the designated hours that you are representing the university. You will be informed by the trip director what those hours are. Any abuse of alcohol during designated as well as non-designated hours that results in behavior on your part which is construed as harmful to yourself or others as well as behaviors that are judged as harmful to the reputation of the University may result in immediate termination from the field trips well as further sanctions. The trip director will inform you of any relaxation of this rule (E.g. attendance at a reception where alcohol is provided by the host establishment as part of the reception). If the trip director allows alcohol consumption during a designated period, this consent in no way relieves the student from his/her responsibility to conduct themselves in a professional manner.
6. Students must attend all classes and/or mandatory field work and other activities unless excused by the trip director.
7. Respect property of the host institution, lodging establishment, host staff, and other students. Should you cause any damage to persons or property while participating, you will be responsible for costs and liability associated with it.
8. Lodging provided to the student, regardless if the student contributes financially to pay for the room, should only be occupied by the student and any other individual authorized by the university. This means no guests. This policy also applies to any vehicles provided by the university.
9. As a representative of Niagara University and the sponsoring/host organization for your specific off-campus learning experience, you are always in the public eye. Please keep the following in mind as you participate on social networking web sites such as Facebook, blogs, and Twitter:
 - Understand that anything posted online is available to anyone in the world. Any text or photo placed online is out of your control the moment it is placed online—even if you limit access to your site.
 - You will not post any information, photos, or other items online that could embarrass you, your family, faculty and staff, Niagara University, other students, or the sponsoring/host organization. This includes information, photos and items that may be posted by others on your site. Posting of photos with alcohol is strictly prohibited. We reserve the right to monitor the sites of those on the trip for that specific purpose.
 - Behavioral expectations in the online world are the same as in the real world. Students will be subject to discipline or sanctions as described in this policy for violations revealed online.
10. Where applicable, students must abide by all policies and guidelines set forth by the host institution
11. Any behavior that is detrimental to yourself or others (including, but not limited to, sexual harassment) is cause for dismissal from the program you are participating in and further, may lead to dismissal from the college and even the university.

I have read and understood the conduct standards as outlined above.

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 field trip director, will keep a copy of this signed document in the International Relations office.

Signature of Student Participant

Date

August 2023

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Field Trip I Group Travel

Trip Destination:

1. Assumption of Risk: I am fully aware of the risks and hazards connected with participation in the International trip or field trip experience I am going to be involved in, including risks of negligent or criminal acts of third parties. I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in this program, and I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me as a result of participating in this International Trip, class, research, service learning, field trip, or internship experience.
2. Release from Liability: I understand and do hereby agree that Niagara University, its officers, employees, agents and representatives shall not be liable for any claims, demands or causes of action based upon or arising out of any illness or injury (including death), property loss or damage, deviation, delay or curtailment, however caused, which I may suffer in connection with my enrollment in this international trip or field trip program.
3. Consent to Emergency Medical Treatment: I understand that on rare occasions an emergency may develop which necessitates the administration of medical care, hospitalization or surgery. Therefore, in the event of injury or illness to myself necessitating emergency medical care, I hereby authorize Niagara University, by and through its authorized representative(s) or agent(s) in charge of said program, to secure any necessary treatment, including the administration of an anesthetic and surgery. It is understood that such treatment shall be solely at my expense and I agree to reimburse the University for any expenses which it might suffer in account of said injury or illness or treatment thereof.
4. Indemnification: I understand and do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Niagara University, its officers, employees, agents and representatives from any and all claims, demands, causes of action and all expenses incidental thereto (including reasonable attorney's fees), based upon or arising out of any personal injury (including death) or property damage or loss caused by or resulting from my acts or omissions during participation in this international trip or field trip program.
5. Program Cancellation and Withdrawal: I understand that Niagara University reserves the right to decline any application or to cancel any program without notice, in which event all monies paid will be refunded in full. If the student cancels out on the trip, the field trip director is under no obligation to refund any or all money paid by the student. Any decisions on the refunding of money will be made on a case by case basis. The field trip director reserves the right to require withdrawal from the program of any participant whose continuation would be detrimental to himself, to others, or to the University. Return passage and any other expenses due to such involuntary withdrawal are to be defrayed by the student concerned.

I have informed myself on the current conditions in the region of my destination, and accept full responsibility for placing myself in that environment. I acknowledge that I have read this memorandum, have been given the opportunity to ask any questions about it and/or the planned travel and educational experience, and have had these questions answered. My participation in this event is entirely voluntary. I understand that I will receive a signed copy of this consent form. With the intent to be legally bound, I acknowledge and represent that I understand this memorandum of understanding and sign it voluntarily with full knowledge of the educational benefits and possible risks associated with my participation in this field trip/group travel program.

Print Name

Name of Program

Signature of Student Participant

Date