

Your Conduct Abroad

UAA Student Code of Conduct

You are subject to the UAA Student Code of Conduct as well as the code of conduct for your program and/or host institution during your education abroad experience. Please review UAA's Student Code of Conduct published in the [UAA Student Handbook](#).

Understanding Legal Issues Abroad

The following information was adapted from text written by Brent Barker, Barbara Lindeman, Carl Herrin and John Pearson on behalf of the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Education Abroad Knowledge Community Health and Safety Subcommittee.

The vast majority of U.S. students who study overseas have no problems with the laws and customs of the country they are visiting. Occasionally, though, students do find that they are confronted with the legal system of another country. It is important to understand that neither the U.S. government nor the home or host institution can get a student out of jail if s/he is arrested abroad. That is why it is vitally important for students to understand and obey the laws of the host country and any other countries to which a student plans to travel. It is the intent of this guide to provide some basic overview of rights, services and responsibilities.

For additional information on host country laws, read the US Department of State [country specific information] found at travel.state.gov.

What happens if a student is arrested?

U.S. citizens have the right to request to speak to a Consular Officer from the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

- Carry an emergency card containing key emergency phone numbers, including the phone number of the nearest US Embassy or Consulate and your insurance cards.
- If students are arrested or detained abroad, they should NOT make any statements to the host country police prior to contacting the U.S. embassy or consulate (or the home country embassy, if not a US citizen) and NOT make any statements to the host country police without having a lawyer present. .
- Students should call the on-site program director/host university contact person and the home campus 24-hour emergency numbers as soon as possible.

The U.S. Embassy/Consulate CAN:

- Provide a list of local attorneys. The U.S. Government cannot assume responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of these individuals or recommend a particular attorney.
- Intercede with local authorities to make sure that Americans' rights under local law are fully observed and that you are treated humanely, according to internationally accepted standards.
- Visit Americans in jail. Local authorities should notify the U.S. consulate when an American is detained.

The U.S. Embassy/Consulate CANNOT:

- Demand your immediate release or get you out of jail or the country.
- Represent you at trial or give legal counsel.
- Pay legal fees and/or fines with U.S. Government funds.

Additional Information:

To find a list of U.S. embassies and consulates, go to www.usembassy.gov

Further information on emergencies and help for U.S. citizens abroad is available at travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/emergencies.html.

These web pages are part of the U.S. Department of State's travel.state.gov resource.

*Note: The UAA University Police Department answers the phone 24/7 and can be reached at any time at **1-907-786-1120**.*

For more information:

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