

Off-Campus Travel Involving Students

The possession, use, or distribution of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs by students or employees is strictly prohibited on the property of the college, even if an activity does not involve students or employees. No college funds will be expended for the purchase of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs at any group activity taking place off college property or in another country (e.g. a reception or dinner in a culture with different laws and regulations on alcohol use and distribution). The guidelines (see below) for the application of the college policy on alcohol and drugs to study-abroad programs and activities in other countries are available at college services. Students and sponsors are expected to follow these policy guidelines. (Southwestern College Policy Manual 2.12.8)

Alcohol and Drug Policy Guidelines for Students Participating in Travel-Abroad Programs

The Southwestern policy prohibits the procession and use of alcohol and illegal drugs on the residential campus. The guidelines below are not intended to violate or undermine the Southwestern College policy. They serve as a practical means of reinforcing the core values inherent to that policy in settings that are not controlled by the college, and to assist you in addressing your responsibilities as a student in lands where the laws and customs differ from those in the United States, the State of Kansas and from the policies of Southwestern College.

1. As a responsible adult, you always make your own choices in regard to the legal use of alcohol and drugs. As a student representing Southwestern College, you are expected to make informed decisions and to act responsibly, whether on campus or in off-campus settings.
2. You are expected to know the laws concerning alcohol and drug use in the country you are visiting and to obey the law.
3. Choosing not to drink alcohol is a socially acceptable choice.
4. Coercing other students, even subtly, to drink or to abuse alcohol is prohibited.
5. A student may not misrepresent their age, or in any way alter, deface, or falsify their identification offered as proof of age, with the intent of purchasing alcoholic beverages, whether for their own use or the use of any other person. A student may not make a false statement as to their age in order to procure sale or delivery of such beverages. A student under the legal age may not make arrangements with any person to purchase or in any way procure alcoholic beverages.

6. Knowingly furnishing alcohol to a person under the legal age is prohibited.
7. Driving a car, van, or any other motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol is prohibited.
8. Excessive drinking or drunkenness will not be tolerated. Public drunkenness (identified by slurred speech, erratic behavior, or difficulty with physical coordination), disorderly conduct, property destruction, violations of rights of others, intimidation, or other infringements of the rights of others as a result of alcohol use are prohibited.
9. Intoxication is no excuse for misconduct or infringing upon the rights of others. Individuals and groups will be held accountable for their behavior whether or not they have been drinking.
10. Students who use drugs or alcohol illegally or abusively while taking part in a trip, or in any way violate this policy, may have their grade lowered in the course, or be sent home at his or her expense, without refund of monies, and/or failed for the course.