



## Penn Semester Abroad Student Compact

*Fall / Academic Year 2021*

Penn Abroad expects a high level of dedication and commitment from students embarking upon a Semester Abroad experience during the COVID-19 pandemic. The health and safety of our students, and the communities which they join during their experience abroad, is of the utmost importance during this global crisis. We have a shared responsibility to ensure the health and safety needs of our community, to the greatest extent possible, while fulfilling Penn Global's mission of bringing the world to Penn and Penn to the world. To uphold the highest standards of precautions and concern, Penn's Semester Abroad Student Compact is modeled on Penn's Campus Compact from the 2020-2021 academic year and applies to every student participating in a Penn Abroad program regardless of the level of risk and the COVID-19 status of any particular geographic region. The terms and conditions of the Semester Abroad Student Compact have been created in consultation with Penn's Committee on Travel Risk Assessment (CTRA), Penn's Office of Student Conduct, and input from host universities abroad.

There are three core goals of this Compact:

- To stress the important role that every student plays in the health and well-being of the students, faculty, and staff they interact with at their university abroad, as well as the local community abroad;
- To clearly communicate the behavioral expectations of all students studying abroad during the Fall / Academic Year 2021 semesters; and
- To outline the possible consequences for violating this Compact.

Students are expected to abide by the guidelines set forth below. Students are expected to initial at the bottom of each page and sign the document in its entirety to signify their understanding and agreement with the terms and conditions therein.

- I understand, as a member of the Penn community and global community during Fall / Academic Year 2021, that we are stronger as a community when we all do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- I understand that I serve as an ambassador and a representative of Penn while abroad.
- I understand that the health and safety measures I am being asked to undertake are necessary to protect the health and safety of others in my community abroad. I also understand that prior COVID-19 illness or vaccination against COVID-19 does not absolve me of following all public health guidance.
- I agree to abide by all local, national, host university, and University of Pennsylvania directives, policies, protocols, and procedures related to COVID-19, and I agree to participate in any required testing and training.
- I understand that violations of this Compact will be reviewed by Penn's Office of Student Conduct who will identify appropriate actions.

- I understand that disciplinary action may include a permanent disciplinary record.
- I understand that disciplinary action may include suspension from my program abroad, in which required departure would be at my expense.

Expectations of students abroad in Fall / Academic Year 2021 include but are not limited to:

#### Travel Procedures

- Agreeing to arrival quarantine measures, any associated testing, and participation in campus contact tracing procedures as defined by the host university.
- Agreeing to all conditions set forth by CTRA, including travel restrictions.
- Agreeing to arrive and depart within the dates and time windows specified by Penn Abroad.
- Agreeing to book my roundtrip flight via World Travel per the instructions provided by Penn Abroad.
- As necessary, agreeing to input all flights or travel into [MyTrips](#), so that Penn can contact me in case of emergency and provide appropriate health insurance coverage and support.

#### Public Health Measures

- Agreeing to actively participate in health and safety measures which may include but are not limited to: frequent hand washing, health monitoring, wearing face coverings, social distancing, and following local, national, and host university COVID-19 protocols, rules, and guidance.
- Agreeing to receive the final dose of a COVID-19 vaccination at least two weeks prior to departing for my host location abroad unless I have a medical or religious exemption.
  - *As with all other immunizations, students should upload documentation of their COVID-19 immunizations here: [Uploading Immunization Records – Student Health Service \(upenn.edu\)](#)*
  - *If you are not able to be vaccinated, please contact [travelsafety@upenn.edu](mailto:travelsafety@upenn.edu) to discuss risk mitigation or let your Penn Abroad Global Programs Manager know that you are not able to participate in the program.*
- Understanding that health and safety measures at my abroad location will be relative to the local environment and in alignment with local government regulations. This means that measures in place at Penn may not be identical to measures in place at my host university.
  - *During pre-departure orientation, all students will have access to university-specific COVID-19 measures at their host institution.*

#### Social

- Agreeing to participate in additional programmatic activities or check-in requirements set forth by Penn and/or the host university, as outlined per program to students prior to arrival abroad.
- Agreeing to all protocols and guidelines for social behavior set forth by my host university, including those that outline parameters for hosting of guests (including family members) in my place of residence and those related to organizing, hosting, or attending social gatherings on or off campus.
- Acknowledging that drinking alcohol, even if of a legal age abroad, and using other drugs will increase risk of engaging in risky behavior and/or needing medical treatment, including the increased risk of being exposed to higher-risk contact with others. Alcohol consumption and recreational drug use will not be considered an excuse for unauthorized risky COVID-19-related behavior.

#### Other

- Understanding that Penn may recommend a “shelter-in-place” in lieu of departure from my host location, pending the stability and severity of the local health situation.

- Understanding that CTRA may rescind travel approval at any time which may result in a disruption to my academic studies resulting in any of the following:
  - Necessity to complete coursework remotely and potentially in a different time zone
  - Necessity to take a Leave of Absence in the event my program is cancelled after Penn's Fall 2021 term commences.
- Understanding and agreeing to the financial risks and costs associated with pursuing Fall / Academic Year 2021 abroad, as outlined in detail within the Financial Risks signature document on PASSPORT.
- Actively maintaining a working cell phone while abroad and providing the phone number to Penn Abroad upon arrival to my host location.
- Identifying an emergency contact and providing relevant contact details to Penn Abroad.
- Stating commitment to Penn Abroad to remain in active communication throughout the term abroad, including providing timely follow-up to outreach from Penn Abroad for the duration of the semester. When prompted for a reply, Penn Abroad expects a response from all students within 24 hours.

***By signing my name below, I understand the tenets contained in this Penn Semester Abroad Student Compact and what is expected of me as an ambassador on a Penn Abroad program. By signing my name below, I agree to abide by the guidelines set forth.***

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Date