



South Korea

Study Abroad Participant Code of Conduct Form

To participate in the South Korea study abroad program connected to Parkland College, the student must agree to abide by the following standards of behavior. The provisions of this Student Code of Conduct for Study Abroad Participants in South Korea are supplemental to other policies, rules, and regulations governing conduct of Parkland College students as outlined in Parkland's Student Code of Conduct (<https://www.parkland.edu/Main/About-Parkland/Administration/Dean-of-Students/Parkland-College-Student-Conduct-Code>).

In addition, any student participating in Parkland College's study abroad program in South Korea must abide by U.S. Federal and Illinois State laws as well as by the laws of South Korea.

All students who participate in Parkland College's study abroad programs are representatives of Parkland College and the United States for the duration of their time on the program. Students studying in South Korea are expected to conduct themselves appropriately and respectfully and will abide by the rules set forth by the faculty leader, Sogang University, and South Korea.

Student Code of Conduct for Study Abroad Participants

Study Abroad Program. Article 1 Laws of South Korea: Students must adhere to all legal regulations of South Korea and are subject to the country's judicial system if they violate any laws. Sogang University and Parkland College's faculty leader will provide appropriate information regarding pertinent legal regulations during pre-trip orientation sessions. These include strict laws regarding illegal drugs, trash sorting and recycling, and slander, for example.

Any student who enters a foreign country becomes subject to the laws of that country. Neither American laws nor diplomatic representatives abroad will be of help if you are arrested and/or convicted. While the Department of State and Consular Officers overseas are concerned about all Americans arrested abroad, they cannot intervene in the legal process of another country nor act as legal counsel on behalf of an imprisoned American Citizen.

Study Abroad Program. Article 2 Cultural Norms of South Korea: Students must adhere to the cultural norms of South Korea during their program stay. Although Korean cultural norms may seem insignificant if not followed or may even seem illogical, once a student has been taught specific cultural norms, they are expected to follow those norms. During the pre-trip orientation sessions, students will learn about several norms they will be expected to follow. Other norms may be taught as necessary while in South

Korea. Some examples of cultural norms are whispering on public transportation, keeping phones on silent/vibrate while on public transportation, not taking food or drink on public transportation, removing shoes at the door of your dorm room, not showing cleavage (females), etc. These examples are not inclusive of all cultural norms but are simply a few.

Study Abroad Program. Article 3 Regulations of Sogang University: Students must adhere to all regulations in effect at Sogang University. Those regulations will be provided to the student during Sogang’s online orientation session prior to the trip.

Study Abroad Program. Article 4 Academic and Behavior Guidelines for all South Korea Study Abroad Participants: Behavior that is disruptive to the Program or other participants of the Program will bring about consequences ranging from a verbal warning to program termination without refund, notification of student’s emergency contact (if applicable), and return home at the student’s own expense.

Poor behavior will have a detrimental effect on Parkland College’s relationships with South Korea and Sogang University and may limit opportunities for students in the future.

Study Abroad Program. Article 4.001 Attendance: Students are required to attend all classes and scheduled programs. Students are not allowed to leave the 4-week faculty-led program unless on a program-sponsored activity or unless a “Program Leave Request Form” has been completed and signed.

Study Abroad Program. Article 4.002 On-time Requirements / Courtesy and Civility: Students must adhere to all schedules as announced by Parkland College’s Faculty Program Director. Schedules may include, but not be limited to, site visits, movement at airport/train/bus stations, informational meetings, academic excursions as part of Sogang’s culture class, and classes.

A student must act with patience and politeness towards Parkland’s faculty leader, all Sogang faculty, all Sogang staff, and all service persons (such as in restaurants, on public transportation, etc.). Students must avoid boisterous, loud, and otherwise disruptive behavior in all public places, especially on public transportation. Keep in mind that what is considered a “normal” volume level in the U.S. is considered very loud (and extremely disrespectful!) in Asian countries. Students must also observe dormitory quiet hours established by Sogang University.

Any student who engages in disrespectful or hostile behavior towards Parkland’s faculty leader will be subject to immediate disciplinary action.

Study Abroad Program. Article 4.003 Dormitory /Hotel Guidelines: The purpose of the program is academic; thus, there are curfews regarding being in the dormitory at certain times and in regard to noise levels. Alcohol is not allowed in the dormitory. Students agree to abide by all Sogang dormitory and any hotel rules.

Study Abroad Program. Article 4.004 Alcohol Abuse and Related Misconduct: Although the laws of South Korea may differ from U.S. laws, students attending Parkland College’s study abroad

program in South Korea are subject to Illinois law and Parkland College policy. Article III of Parkland's Student Code of Conduct governs alcohol usage, of which A.11 is listed below in order to highlight the legal age guidelines which forbid any of the following:

- A.12 Use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of alcoholic beverages on property, or intoxication at any college sponsored event on or off campus, or appearance on campus while under the influence of intoxicants. Alcoholic beverages may not, in any circumstances, be used by, possessed by, or distributed to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age.

During the Korea study abroad program, for those over 21 years of age, any excessive or irresponsible drinking leading to intoxication and behavior that interferes with the rights of others or with class and activity attendance may be subject to immediate disciplinary action including notification of student's emergency contact and possible dismissal from the Program.

Study Abroad Program. Article 4.005 *Illegal Drugs*: The use or possession of illegal drugs during the Program or being knowingly present in instances of use or possession of illegal drugs during the Program will be cause for notification of student's emergency contact and possible dismissal from the Program. Keep in mind that South Korea is much stricter about what is considered an illegal drug than certain states in the U.S. are (such as with cannabis), and penalties are harsh.

Study Abroad Program. Article 4.006 *Destruction of Facilities*: Students will be held responsible for any damage to property, including hotels, the Sogang dormitory, facilities on or off campus, and public transportation. In addition, students are responsible for any fines that are incurred during their stay, such as dormitory or hotel fines for damage to property.

Study Abroad Program. Article 4.007 *Driving Abroad*: Students may not operate motor vehicles of any kind while participating in the faculty-led South Korea program.

Study Abroad Program. Article 5 *Sanctions*: Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in dismissal from the study abroad program. Anyone who is dismissed from this program will no longer be allowed to stay in the Sogang dormitory or attend Sogang classes or activities. (This is an agreement Parkland has in writing with Sogang University.) Keep in mind that behavior that might be overlooked on campus back in the U.S. is more likely to be noticed and dealt with overseas due to the close proximity of you, Parkland's faculty leader, and other students.

Specific steps involved in the discipline process will naturally vary according to the seriousness of the offense. **Some behaviors may result in immediate dismissal from the program in addition to other disciplinary action. Other misconduct may begin with Level 2. These decisions are entirely up to the faculty program director and will not be "negotiated" with the student and/or parents.** However, where possible, the faculty program director will use progressive discipline as follows. The sanction ranges and example possible sanctions are used as *examples only*, and Parkland's faculty leader is in no way bound by these examples.

STEPS	EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE SANCTIONS
Level 1—Verbal Warning	No sanction
Level 2—1 st Written Warning	Sanction: Temporary revocation of privileges
Level 3—2 nd Written Warning; Parents are called	Sanction: Permanent revocation of privileges, significant restrictions on free time activities
Level 4—Probation; Parents are called	Sanction: Unable to participate in any activities other than attending classes until probationary status is lifted
Level 5—Dismissal; Parents are called	Sanction: Participant must leave the dorm and campus, may not attend further class sessions and/or activities, loss of any scholarship or financial aid, loss of semester credit, no refunds

I acknowledge that I have read this entire document and understand its terms.

Participant's Name (Please Print)

Student ID #

Participant Signature

Today's Date