DRUG POLICY

The use of illegal drugs or misuse of prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) drugs is not acceptable in the United States or in foreign cultures. It is treated as a serious criminal offense. Many students and travelers have suffered greatly as a result of drug-related incidents. If your off-campus program is international, the U.S. Embassy cannot obtain release from jail for a U.S. citizen, but can only aid in obtaining legal assistance.

Illegal or irresponsible activities place not only the individual but also the group and the program in jeopardy. Therefore, all participants in Augustana College programs must agree to the conditions of participation as stated below and sign this agreement prohibiting them from the misuse of prescription or OTC drugs and from using illegal drugs during the term of the program. Augustana College has adopted the policy outlined below for dealing with illegal drug use or the misuse of prescription or OTC drugs.

The consequences of illegal drug use or the misuse of prescription or OTC drugs include:

- immediate expulsion from the program
- responsibility for all costs related to expulsion, including return airfare
- total forfeiture of all fees paid to the program
- loss of all course credit
- referral to the Dean of Students upon return for further disciplinary action

Program participants should take responsibility, both individually and as a group, for assuring that Augustana College policies regarding drug use are strictly observed.

ALCOHOL POLICY

Augustana College maintains a “responsible use” policy with regard to student consumption of alcohol during participation in study abroad and off-campus programs. Students need to be aware of local laws with regard to age restrictions and alcohol consumption. Underage alcohol consumption or legal alcohol consumption that puts the student or his/her classmates at risk is grounds for expulsion from the program, resulting in forfeiture of all fees, loss of all course credit, and responsibility for all costs related to expulsion including return airfare. **Course leaders may implement a zero-tolerance policy.** It is the program participant’s responsibility to be aware of and comply with the applicable alcohol policy which appears in the course syllabus.

I have read the above and understand that use or possession of any illegal drug is strictly prohibited throughout the period of the off-campus program. I also understand that the misuse of prescription drugs, OTC drugs or alcohol is prohibited. I understand that this prohibition applies not only while I am in the company of fellow participants, but also when I am alone or with people not associated with the program. I have read the consequences for violation of this policy noted above and I accept all the foregoing conditions.

Signature ______________________ Date ____________