

JCU Short-term Study Abroad Alcohol Policy

To the faculty leader(s):

1. The faculty leader is free to set policies that are stricter than the ones stated in this document, provided that they are enforced and enforceable.
2. No alcohol may be purchased for students with university funds.
2. JCU employees (FSA) are not permitted to purchase alcohol for students. This includes buying drinks for them at social gatherings.
3. “Drinking with students” is discouraged, although there certainly are situations where, for example, sitting around a table discussing the events of the day over a glass of beer or wine at a local establishment would be acceptable, if students are over the age of 21.
4. Each program, as part of its pre-departure and on-site orientation, should include a discussion about responsible use of alcohol as well as the program rules pertaining to alcohol consumption. Penalties for violations need to be clearly stated, preferably in writing as part of the program “code of conduct.”
5. With permission from the faculty leader(s), at certain events, such as group meals or program receptions, and in countries where it would be customary to drink wine or beer with a meal, students may purchase, with their own funds, a glass of wine or beer with dinner (alcohol consumption during lunch is not permitted). In no case may such an occasion serve as an excuse for excessive alcohol consumption. Faculty leaders should always make certain that no student feels obligated or pressured to consume alcohol during such events.

To the Students:

1. The national/local laws of the host country only govern your behavior after program hours and off premises, unless stated otherwise in the program rules.
2. JCU policy governs your behavior during program operation hours (typically, but not exclusively, during the day) as well as on the premises of the program, be that a hotel, hostel, dormitory, university campus, etc. Consequently, if you are under 21 years of age, you are never permitted to be in possession of alcohol in your room, regardless of whether it is a university residence hall or a hotel room or any other facility, and regardless of what the local laws or rules may permit.
3. At all times you are responsible for the consequences of your behavior. If you consume alcohol and you subsequently violate university policy, program rules, or local laws, or otherwise engage in conduct that is harmful to the reputation of the university or program (as judged by the faculty leaders), your conduct may be punished more severely than had the conduct occurred without alcohol being involved.
4. Students should familiarize themselves with the consequences of JCU alcohol policy violations (as found in the JCU student code of conduct and various supplements thereto).
5. Excessive alcohol consumption that creates a danger to yourself or to others in the program is considered a violation of program rules and is subject to disciplinary measures up to and including dismissal from the program.