

Interpretation and Clarification of UGA Alcohol Policy as it Applies to Study Abroad Programs

Full UGA Guidelines Concerning University Events Where Alcoholic Beverages Are Served or Provided can be found at <http://www.uga.edu/vpaa/polproc/aapm/facilit/general/50104.html>

The following information does not supplant the UGA guidelines; rather, it clarifies how this policy applies to study abroad.

1. Faculty are strongly discouraged from providing alcohol to or purchasing alcohol for the students participating in their study abroad programs.
2. Students are expected to abide by the legal drinking age in the country or countries in which they are studying, as in the Conduct Regulations for Students (see <http://www.uga.edu/ojp/code/>). All regular student conduct regulations are applicable while a student is studying abroad.
3. In homestays and facilities contracted to provide housing services for students on a University of Georgia study abroad or exchange program, provided the primary purpose of those facilities is to provide housing (although they may additionally provide meals), and the university is not directly paying a salary to any employee (other than a general fee which covers housing services), the owners, managers and employees of such facilities are not officials, employees, or agents of the University. Therefore, policies established by the University of Georgia are not applicable in these situations.
4. In establishments contracted by the University or during events in which a private entity is contracted by the University to provide meals to students, policies regarding alcohol established by the University of Georgia shall be in full effect.
5. In choosing facilities to provide meal services, program directors should seek to avoid facilities that allow unlimited self-service of alcoholic beverages included in the price for meals. Whenever possible, program directors should clarify to the facility employees and the students that pre-paid meals do not include alcohol.