



# DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

## ITALIAN CAMPUS ♦ SEDE ITALIANA

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### Alcohol Agreement Policy

- 1) **You must be 18 to purchase alcohol in Italy:** The drinking age for the Italian Campus is 18 years of age. No person under 18 years of age is permitted to consume, transport, possess, or be in the presence of alcoholic beverages. Students under the legal drinking age are absolutely prohibited from consuming alcohol, and may be expelled from the Duquesne University Italian Campus program without recourse or refund if they violate this rule.
- 2) **You are never to be drunk/intoxicated:** You are still at Duquesne University, even though you are in Italy! You are still bound by the Duquesne University Residence Life Handbook ([http://www.duq.edu/Documents/residence-life/\\_pdf/Residence\\_Life\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.duq.edu/Documents/residence-life/_pdf/Residence_Life_Handbook.pdf)), which is clear on its policy of never being intoxicated: *“All students of legal drinking age are responsible for their actions while drinking alcoholic beverages, including being intoxicated while being in public. Any student may be cited by a University official for public intoxication. It is to the University official's discretion whether or not a student may be considered publicly intoxicated. Public intoxication includes, but is not limited to, endangering the safety of other students or the self. All alcohol policy violations will result in disciplinary action and/or educational programming by Duquesne CARES.”*
- 3) **The Italian Campus is a “dry campus”:** As clarified in the “Amendments to the Duquesne University Residence Life Handbook for the Italian Campus” (pg. 28, Student Handbook), *“No alcohol is allowed on the actual Italian Campus, except for special events when alcohol will be provided by the program. All alcohol purchased for gifts, etc. must be checked in with the Student Services Office.”*
- 4) **You are responsible for YOU!:** Each Duquesne University Italian Campus student is individually and personally responsible for complying with all legal requirements of the nations where they are located, the rules and regulations of Duquesne University and the Italian Campus Student Handbook. Any and all consumption or usage of alcohol by an Italian Campus student is wholly the **student's own personal responsibility**. Each student is responsible for knowing the country's laws, Duquesne University's rules, and the Italian Campus rules *before* using or consuming alcoholic beverages. As an Italian Campus student I understand and agree that the Italian Campus will not assume any responsibility whatsoever should I, or other students, choose to consume alcohol, and I understand that alcohol is a legally controlled substance, which can cause serious health consequences and unacceptable behavioral manifestations.
- 5) **You are an Ambassador:** The Italian Campus's good standing, acceptance, and reputation in Italy is adversely affected if and when Italian Campus students manifest bad behavior, are arrested or otherwise involved in civil or criminal proceedings where alcohol use is implicated. The Italian Campus reserves full discretion to prohibit the use of alcohol by specific students, and/or all students, to establish curfews or to establish conditions for such use or consumption while enrolled in the Italian Campus program, whether such use is on Italian Campus sponsored premises or otherwise.
- 6) **You are expected to use alcohol in a culturally sensitive way!** Through constant observation and mindfulness, you are expected to mimic good Italian social behavior when it comes to alcohol. The American stereotypes of binge drinking (drinking to get drunk), such as “Thirsty Thursdays”, “Tailgating”, “Bar Crawls” and “Kegggers”, are extremely prohibited while studying abroad at the Italian Campus and is considered offensive behavior by the Italians.
- 7) **The Italian Campus will provide alcohol as part of our programs:** The Italian Campus acknowledges that the culture of Italy may promote the consumption of alcohol from time to time: whether wine, beer, liquor or other beverages. When the Italian Campus deems it to be appropriate, the Italian Campus will provide occasional social or program access to alcoholic beverages on a strictly optional basis. On such occasions

each student remains wholly and individually responsible for complying with applicable rules irrespective of usage by others, and no student is required to or expected to consume alcohol.

- 8) **When we travel together:** On Academic Excursions, our hotels and the places we stay become our “Italian Campus” while we are away from Rome. The same rules will apply as if you were at campus. On these excursions, **alcohol is ONLY allowed when provided by the program** as part of group meals or other structured activities.
- 9) **Three strikes, you’re out!:** Please refer to the language in your Italian Campus Student Handbook regarding how strikes work with regard to discipline. **Consequences for prohibited uses or abuses of alcohol are at the Italian Campus’s sole discretion, including without limitation, probation or immediate dismissal from the Italian Campus program, without recourse or refund.**

The Italian Campus does not act *in loco parentis*, and a student’s responsibility for complying with alcohol consumption rules is not reduced in any way whatsoever whether or not the Italian Campus may, or may not act as an alcohol “policeman”. **Warning:** the most severe consequences may be applied by the Italian Campus to any violation of applicable rules, whether or not such rules were previously enforced, and irrespective of how they were previously enforced.

- 10) **Probation and Dismissal from the program:** Students who are placed on probation at the Italian Campus will be provided with an Italian Campus Probation Contract. This contract outlines behaviors that will result in immediate expulsion from the Italian Campus program. In addition to the signature of the offending student, the Probation Contract requires the signatures of the Director and the student’s parents. Two sessions with the Italian Campus Counselor is also mandatory under probation. Copies of the Probation Contract will be forwarded to the Vice President for Student Life on the home campus. If a student is dismissed from the program, they will return immediately to the United States (or their home country) at their own expense.
- 11) **You are bound by this agreement, even when you are not on campus, in Rome, or are traveling throughout Italy/Europe on your own:** I understand and agree that the Italian Campus’s policies apply to me whether I consume alcohol on or off the Italian Campus premises, so long as I am enrolled in the Italian Campus program.
- 12) In consideration of my enrollment in the Italian Campus program, I hereby accept all the above conditions, and I agree to conform to all applicable rules and regulations. I understand that even one violation of such rules and regulations may result in my immediate dismissal from the Italian Campus program without refund or recourse, or other severe penalties, at the Italian Campus’s sole discretion.
- 13) I hereby agree to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the Duquesne University Italian Campus program, its employees, agents, and representatives from any claims, costs including attorney’s fees, actions, arbitrations, lawsuits, and otherwise, arising out of or in connection with use or consumption by me of alcohol while I am a participant in the Italian Campus program and/or utilizing facilities provided by the Italian Campus.
- 14) I further understand that I shall not be entitled to participate in the Italian Campus program unless I agree to this agreement:

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Signature

Printed Name

Date