ASU’s Charter provides that ASU assumes “fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves.” By assuming fundamental responsibility and accountability for ourselves, each other and our community, Sun Devils build a community of care where everyone contributes to a healthy environment. While this community of care is always of utmost importance at ASU, it is especially critical as we all continue to collectively navigate the challenges before us with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pursuant to the Study Abroad Student Agreement, by signing this COVID-19 Behavioral Commitment, I affirm that I will take responsibility for my own health and will help keep the community in which I choose to live and study safe. Further, I commit to do my part to slow the spread of COVID-19 by following the requirements of ASU and the recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and any applicable local health authorities in my Study Abroad Office (SAO) program location.

While in transit to my SAO program (Program) location or any other destination, and for the duration of my participation in the Program, I pledge to:

1. Protect Myself and Others
   In an effort to protect myself and others involved with the Program, I will adhere to and follow all requirements and recommendations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Such requirements may include:

   • Submitting a negative result to the SAO from a COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours from the published Program start date;
   • Continually monitoring my health while traveling and in my Program location, and reporting my health status if/as required by ASU and by local/national authorities;
   • Observing the local campus, city, country and ASU guidelines and requirements for physical distancing and wearing a face covering;
   • Not allowing any guests in my Program housing (including other Program participants);
   • Keeping shared living spaces clean and sanitized;
   • Staying in my Program housing and resting if I feel ill;
   • Notifying my Program leaders if I feel ill, and isolating myself at the direction of my Program leaders if I display any symptoms that could be related to COVID-19;
   • Self-quarantining if diagnosed with COVID-19 or after exposure to someone who is ill or has tested positive for COVID-19;
   • Keeping my Emergency Contact updated on my wellbeing throughout the duration of my Program.
2. **Protect the Community**

For the duration of my participation in the Program, I will:

- Make myself aware of, and adhere to, any requirements of local or national authorities;
- Continue to follow current [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) and [WHO](https://www.who.int) guidelines to the best of my ability;
- Be aware of the local COVID-19 threat, abide by any changes of protocols and follow the instructions of my Program leaders and local authorities;
- Participate in health screening, testing and/or contact tracing as requested to preserve the wellness of the community.

Depending on conditions in my host country and region at the time of my Program, I understand that I may be subject to limitations on my ability to engage in independent travel. For example, ASU may not allow me to travel outside of the Program country due to the risks inherent in crossing borders during a pandemic.

When on independent time, including any permitted independent travel I may engage in during the Program, I will:

- Make myself aware of, and adhere to, any requirements of local or national authorities;
- Continue to follow current [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) and [WHO](https://www.who.int) guidelines to the best of my ability, including maintaining physical distance, wearing a face covering, and avoiding spending time in crowds of 10 or more.

I acknowledge that the SAO reserves the right to dismiss me from the Program at any time if the SAO determines that I have violated the terms of this **COVID-19 Behavioral Commitment** or if my actions or general behavior otherwise adversely affect the health or welfare of any person (including myself). Per the terms of the [Study Abroad Student Agreement](#), if dismissed from the Program, I understand that:

- I will not be permitted to participate in any Program activity and will no longer be entitled to any Program benefits, including travel, meals and lodging.
- No refund will be guaranteed for any part of the Program not completed or for any accommodation or Program service(s) not used.
- I will not be entitled to any hearing regarding termination while abroad. The appeal of such termination requires my return to the ASU campus and is processed through my ASU Academic Dean for academic topics and through the Dean of Student Life for code of conduct topics. I may then be subject to action under the [ABOR Student Code of Conduct](#) procedures.
- I may not be eligible for participation in any future ASU study abroad program.