



# HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY

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## Marijuana and THC-Related Substance Policy: Study Abroad Programs

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### Purpose

This summary outlines High Point University's Office of Community Standards expectations regarding marijuana, THC, and related substances for students participating in university-sponsored or affiliated international programs. The policy is designed to ensure compliance with host country laws, promote student safety, and uphold university conduct standards while abroad.

### Scope

This policy applies to all students participating in:

- Study abroad programs
- Faculty-led international travel
- Exchange programs
- Internships, research, or service-learning conducted under university sponsorship

The policy applies regardless of whether marijuana or THC is legal in the student's home state or country.

### Key Definitions

- **Marijuana/Cannabis:** Any product derived from the cannabis plant.
- **THC-related substances:** Products containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), including edibles, oils, vapes, concentrates, and synthetic variants (e.g., Delta-8, Delta-9).
- **CBD products:** Cannabis- or hemp-derived products that may contain trace amounts of THC.

### Legal Compliance

Students must comply with:

- All host country, regional, and local drug laws
- Import/export and customs regulations
- Rules of host institutions and housing providers

Many countries impose severe penalties for possession or use of marijuana or THC, including fines, detention, deportation, or imprisonment.

## **Prohibited Conduct**

While abroad on a university-sponsored program, students may not:

- Purchase, possess, or use marijuana or THC-related substances
- Distribute, sell, or share marijuana or THC products
- Possession and/or purchase of drug-related paraphernalia
- Transport of marijuana or THC products across state and/or international borders

This includes products legally purchased elsewhere.

## **CBD and Medical Marijuana**

- CBD products are discouraged due to uncertain legality and possible THC content.
- U.S. medical marijuana prescriptions or cards are not valid internationally.
- Students may not possess or use medical marijuana or THC products abroad.

## **University Authority**

Students who violate this policy may face:

- Removal from housing or program activities
- Dismissal from the international program
- Referral to the university student conduct process

Disciplinary action may occur even if local authorities are not involved.

## **Possible Sanctions**

Sanctions may include:

- Written warning
- Educational or substance-use assessment
- Loss of program privileges
- Program dismissal
- University suspension or expulsion

Sanctions depend on severity, local law impact, and prior conduct history.

## **Medical Amnesty**

Students seeking medical assistance for themselves or others related to substance use will not be disciplined for personal possession or use, provided the request for help is made in good faith.

## **Student Responsibility**

Participation in an international program constitutes agreement to follow this policy. Students are responsible for learning and following host country drug laws prior to departure.

## **Related Policies**

For more information about our community standards and processes, please refer to the Student Guide to Campus Life:

- Student Rights and Responsibilities – Page 87
- University Conduct Procedure – Page 96
- University Conduct Code – Page 124