



ALCOHOL USE STATEMENT

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Claiming ignorance of any Joseph S. Bruno Auburn Abroad in Italy policy does not excuse a violation.

From the Office of International Programs of Auburn University:

U.S. colleges and universities have experienced problems on campus and in their local communities with alcohol use among its student population. Unfortunately these problems are also being reflected in study abroad programs. The following statement is in line with the practice that many US colleges and universities are implementing on campus and on their abroad programs regarding this problem.

1. The inappropriate use of alcohol on Auburn University programs overseas or on campus is prohibited, and can have serious health, academic, legal and insurance coverage consequences. Inappropriate use of alcohol and drugs that leads to injuries or other related health issues may result in loss of coverage by health and emergency assistance insurance benefits.
2. Students on this and all Auburn University programs abroad are subject to the rules and regulations of Auburn University, and the laws of the country(ies) that the programs are operating in, regarding inappropriate alcohol consumption and abusive behavior.
3. The United States Department of State has issued the following warnings:
 - a. When you are in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws and are under its jurisdiction and are not under the protection of the U.S. Constitution.
 - b. Criminal Penalties: While in a foreign country, a U.S. citizen is subject to that country's laws and regulations. They may differ significantly from those of the United States and may not afford the protections available to the individual under U.S. law. Penalties for breaking the law can be more severe than in the United States for similar offenses. Persons violating Italian law, even unknowingly, may be expelled, arrested or imprisoned.
 - c. While abroad, do not use illicit drugs, refrain from drinking excessive amounts of alcoholic beverages, and avoid associating with people that do either.
 - d. Individuals under the effect of alcohol are more likely to become victims of crime, including robbery, physical and sexual assault, due to their impaired ability to judge situations and make decisions.

Italian Laws regarding Alcohol Consumption, Sale, and Distribution

(Excerpts quoted from: <http://www.saci-florence.org/generalinfo/ADAPolicy.htm>)

According to the Italian Criminal Code, an individual is considered intoxicated if, as a result of consuming alcoholic beverages, the individual exhibits a total or partial reduction of his or her mental capacities.

Article 234 of the Italian Criminal Code states that, whenever a judge ascertains that an individual is alcohol dependent or that there is a concrete danger to individual's health or to public safety owing to alcoholic dependency, the judge may prohibit the individual, for up to one year, from entering public places where alcohol is served or sold. Such prohibition is always applicable in the event of a criminal judgment for crimes committed while drunk.

Article 688 of the Italian Criminal Code prohibits, in a public place or in a place open to the public, clear drunkenness that could cause a danger to society at large.

Article 690 of the Italian Criminal Code prohibits, in a public place or in a place open to the public, the serving of alcoholic beverages to an individual that cause the individual to become intoxicated.

Article 690 also prohibits, in a public place or in a place open to the public, the serving of alcoholic beverages to an individual who is already clearly intoxicated.

You have been advised of the consequences of inappropriate behavior on this program via the following forms that you have electronically signed through Auburn Abroad:

- a. Discipline Policy
- b. Policy on Classroom Behavior and Palazzo Use
- c. Chigi Palace Housing Policies
- d. Code of Conduct

If the use of alcohol by the student is deemed to be a threat to his/her health and safety, AU and the Federal Department of Education policy allows for notification of appropriate local authorities, health personnel and family members.

In closing, we encourage you to go to the US Department of State web site for more information on safety, health and related issues (<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/go/checklist.html>). We are providing you with this information in order to enable you to have a productive, positive, safe and rewarding study abroad experience.