

Comportment

Students are expected to behave as mature adults who are positive ambassadors of VT and the US. See the IES Code of Conduct contained in the Student Responsibilities document for a description of responsibilities and sanction. Virginia Tech's Student Life Policy is also relevant to your actions and contains a similar Code of Conduct. Attendance at all classes, lectures, briefings, and scheduled visits is mandatory, including the classes in Blacksburg.

Independence outside of class and scheduled excursions comes with increased responsibility. On your own time, you can travel where you want; eat where you want; do nothing if you want (if you've completed your homework!). You determine your agenda on the "days off."

Nonetheless, you are responsible for conducting yourself in a manner that brings honor to yourself and others. The more you can assimilate into the local culture through your behavior, your dress (not wearing American flags, obviously American clothes, baseball hats, etc.), your speaking, and your attitudes, the better representative of the US and VT you will be. We expect everyone to make an effort to represent us well. This is a safety issue (for you and for the group) as well as a learning issue.

Damage to IES facilities, the furnishings or structure of your homestay, public property, your or other people's cell phone and its accessories, or other property are serious issues that will be considered as violations of the IES and VT Codes of Conduct.

Students who disrupt the program or besmirch the reputation of the program or VT through their actions during scheduled activities or during their free time can be dismissed from the program immediately.