

International Risk Committee Rules Governing Alcohol on CU Boulder International Programs Involving Students



The rules governing alcohol on CU Boulder International Programs exist to:

1. Reflect Boulder campus policies
2. Maximize the safety of students and the group in general
3. Create an inclusive environment for all students
4. Protect the reputation of the university or program in the host community/country
5. Minimize risk for all participants in CU Boulder international programs.

The terms of the rules governing alcohol on CU Boulder international programs involving students are the following:

- No alcohol may be purchased with CU program funds, to follow the [CU policy on Alcoholic Beverages Purchased for University Events](#).
- No alcohol may be served at any formal or informal CU program event since [the provisions of CU Boulder policy for alcohol service on campus](#) cannot be easily implemented abroad.
- No alcohol may be consumed by faculty/staff or any students regardless of local drinking age at any formal or informal CU program event.
- Faculty, staff, or group leaders, including student leaders, ("group leaders") cannot engage in drinking with students or purchase alcohol for students.
- Group leaders cannot make recommendations to students on places to drink.
- Alcohol consumption by group leaders during free time should be in moderation because the expectation is for group leaders to be on call 24/7 and to immediately and capably perform their duty as group leader in an emergency.

Group leaders may request a waiver to the rules in some situations such as:

- Academic activities where alcohol is relevant to the academic content of the course (e.g., wine tasting when visiting a winery or beer tasting when visiting a brewery)
- An alumni or similar event that is part of the program.
- A group meal (i.e., a farewell dinner) that is part of the program.

Waiver requests must be submitted to Education Abroad at least one month prior to departure. Education Abroad then submits it to the International Risk Committee for Student Travel for consideration. If a waiver is granted, events where alcohol is served cannot be used to advertise the program. Contact registertravel@colorado.edu for more information about the waiver request process.

All [University policies](#) continue to apply to students, faculty and staff while traveling abroad on CU international programs. Such policies include, but are not limited to, the Student Code of Conduct, the Discrimination and Harassment Policy, the Sexual Misconduct Policy, and the Amorous Relationships Policy.

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