

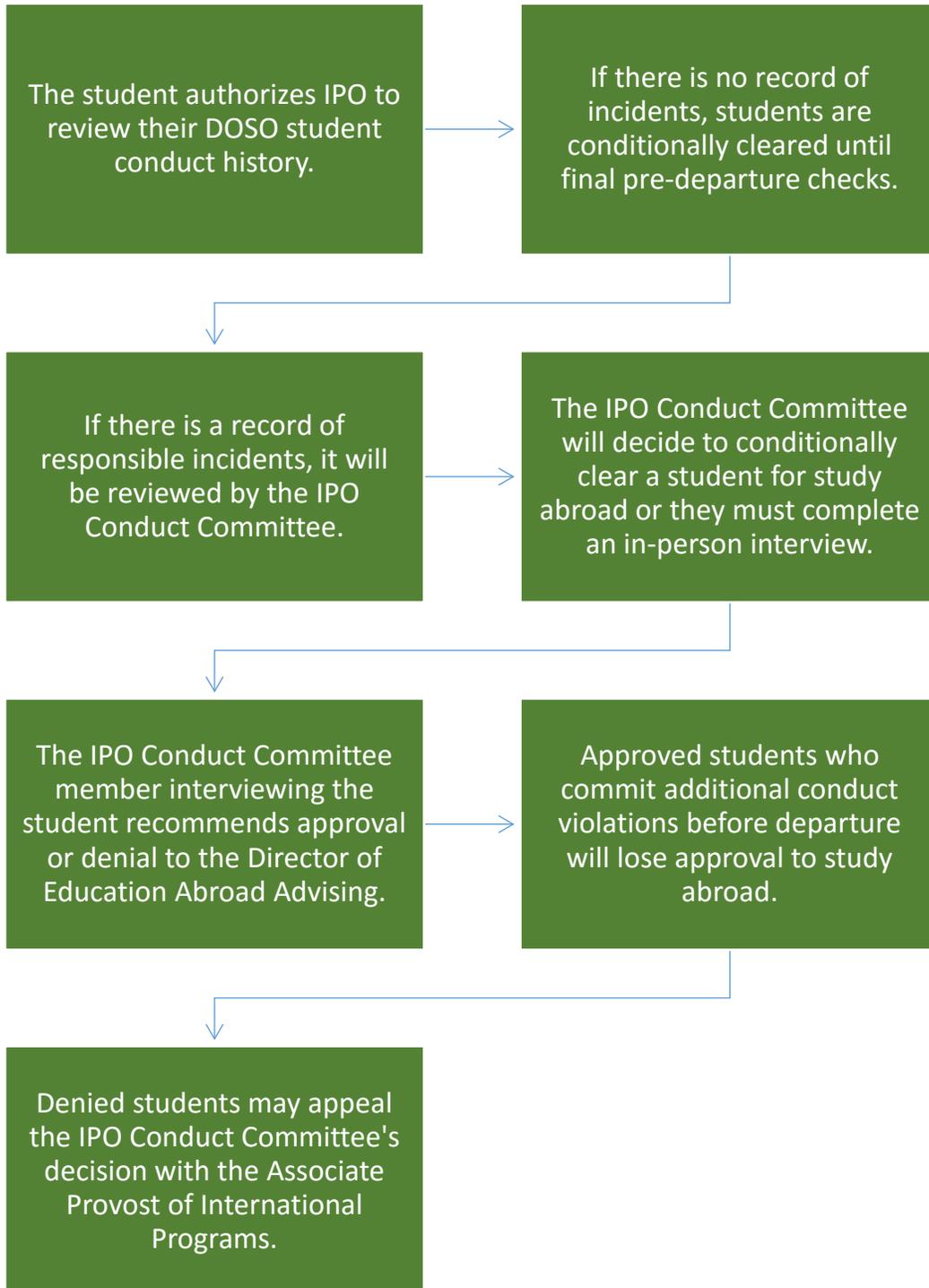


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To ensure that all students approved to participate in an education abroad program will uphold the highest standards of personal conduct and ethics, the International Programs Office (IPO) collaborates with the Dean of Students Office (DOSO) to review the conduct records of all UMass students applying to participate in an approved education abroad program. **IPO reserves the right to deny acceptance to students who have serious or problematic conduct histories.**

All students applying to study abroad must give their consent to undergo this process and student conduct records will be reviewed during the application process with IPO, as well as periodically **until departure.**

Please note that once a student is approved for study abroad, it is their responsibility to maintain eligibility on all counts. New student conduct actions could mean that **eligibility to study abroad may be revoked at any time up to and after departure**, leading to a forfeiture of all deposits/fees paid.

Conduct Requirements for Study Abroad Programs

- Generally, a student must be clear of any conduct sanctions prior to participating in any study abroad program. Probationary terms generally cannot coincide with the intended study abroad term.
- It is in the student's best interest to notify their IPO advisor if they have a Code of Conduct violation prior to application, or if any conduct infraction occurs after acceptance and prior to departure.
- Having a conduct history does not automatically disqualify students from participating on a study abroad program. Each and every case will be reviewed and the following parameters will be considered:
 - Nature of infraction
 - Severity
 - Number of incidents on the conduct history
 - Timeframe of incident

Usual Reasons for Denial

Reasons that students could be denied approval to study abroad include:

- a history of problematic or dangerous behavior
- repeated conduct violations of the alcohol or drugs policy
- a concern that the student's conduct record indicates a threat to safety to themselves or other members of their study abroad community

Students who are denied approval to study abroad may generally re-apply for a future study abroad program and must complete at least one semester at UMass Amherst without any further conduct violations prior to a second application.