To ensure that all students approved to study abroad will uphold the highest standards of personal conduct and ethics, IPO collaborates with the Dean of Students Office (DOSO) to review the conduct records of all UMass students applying to study abroad, and 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 study-abroad application process, 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.*

**Requirements for Study Abroad Programs**

- Generally, a student must be clear of any conduct sanctions prior to participating in any study abroad program and probationary terms cannot coincide with the intended study abroad term (*e.g.: students who apply to study abroad in Spring 2016 should not be on probation for any portion of the Spring 2016 semester, and must be clear of any probation prior to the program start date.*

- 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 case will be reviewed for:
  - Nature
  - Severity
  - Number of incidents on the conduct history
The student authorizes IPO to consult DOSO to share their conduct history. The record will note any and all conduct cases the student has been involved in regardless of outcome.

Dean of Students Office will support the application of any student who has not been involved in a conduct matter at the University.

If the student has a past conduct record or is currently on a sanction, the student’s application will be placed in ‘Review’ status. Any student with a conduct record reflecting “responsibility” for University policy violations and/or sanctions that yield University Probation, Housing Removal (Imposed or Deferred), and Suspension (Imposed or Deferred) are automatically placed in the ‘Review’ status.

During ‘Review’, the IPO Education Abroad Director or designee will review the students’ conduct history in conjunction with a Dean of Students Office staff and place students in one of the following categories: Approved or Denied Postponed (recommended to apply at a later date)

Students who are placed in the Denied category may appeal to the Vice-Provost for International Programs for a review of their case.

The Education Abroad Director may require any student to meet with them or a designee during the review process. Additionally, students may be asked to provide recommendation letters and have further interviews with the Education Abroad Director or their designee.