

Considering International Guests



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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A Word about TIUA and International Students

Unlike U.S. students, international students do not have absolute freedom since the U.S. government requires an international student to fulfill certain requirements to maintain student status. This includes factors like always being a full-time student, attending class regularly, and following certain immigration procedures when traveling. In general, these requirements are not a burden for students. However, these rules can seem severe when students get into trouble.

International students have a lot more to lose when it comes to underage drinking and/or any other illegal activities on or off campus. Depending on the type and severity of the offense, the student could be required to pay fines, undergo treatment, and/or serve jail time. Anything that threatens their ability to remain a student (expulsion from school, as an example) will also threaten immigration status. In certain cases, an international student can be deported and will not be able to return to the United States. Unfortunately for international students, the law does not allow for "curiosity" or "experimentation," so all drug use is a risk to immigration status.

Legal Considerations

Getting in trouble on campus isn't particularly dangerous for an international student unless the campus action leads to an immigration result. So, for example, if a student does something that leads to expulsion, this would be important because an int'l student can't maintain status (always be enrolled full time, make satisfactory progress) if they are kicked out. In general, going through our campus judicial process is good as a cultural and personal experience.

A few last words...

By no means should this pamphlet be interpreted as a message to shun international students from your off campus home. This information is meant to help you make decisions when inviting international students (including TIUA) to your home. For more information, please contact the Office of International Education.

