

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

HONORS COLLEGE

2024 STUDY USA STUDENT CONTRACT

By registering for an **Honors Study USA program**, I commit to making my payments on time, to complying with the requirements on time, and to remaining with the program. Refunds are not awarded, and switching programs is not allowed.

Note: - IDH 4007 is the class on campus. The travel portion of the course is mandatory and is during Spring Break 2024 (February 24, 2024-March 3, 2024).

- The Honors College enrolls students in the class.

- Deadline dates that fall on weekends and/or holidays are **NOT** moved to the next business date.

I am aware that *before* I commit, I must (1) apply to the 2024 Honors Study Abroad & Study USA application, (2) sign this contract, (3) meet with the Honors College Program Coordinator, and (4) pay a \$500 non-refundable, non-transferrable deposit by the deadline.

INITIALS _____

Documentation:

I am aware that students are strongly encouraged to review vaccination requirements, including against COVID-19, for cities/states they plan to visit. Failure to abide by vaccination requirements may prevent a student from entering a city/state and continuing participation in the Study USA program, in which case, refunds will NOT be awarded. (Read this: [COVID-19 | Disease Directory | Travelers' Health | CDC](#))

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I am aware that if I am traveling by airplane, I must show valid identification at the airport checkpoint in order to travel. (Read this: [Identification | Transportation Security Administration \(tsa.gov\)](#))

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I am aware that I must clear any existing holds by **DECEMBER 1, 2023, 11:59PM**, and I am responsible for ensuring that I have no new holds before I am enrolled in both IDH 4007*. If I fail to comply by the deadlines, I will not be allowed to participate in the program. Refunds will NOT be awarded. Posted charges will not be removed.

*If I have a hold on my account, I cannot be enrolled for classes.

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Physicality:

I am aware that the faculty leader and/or support staff do not administer medical care or provide medication.

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I am aware that if getting tested for COVID-19 were to be required for flying, I am expected to limit my exposure once tested. Should I contract COVID-19, I will have to abide by the rules of both the airline and my country of destination. It will be my responsibility to keep myself healthy and able to participate in my program. If I am not allowed to go because of having exposed myself, or if my departure gets delayed, I will be responsible for the extra charges, refunds will NOT be awarded, and posted charges will not be removed.

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I am aware of my dietary restrictions and needs. I have also reviewed common foods of the places I will visit on the program. I am liable for any food that I consume while on the trip.

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I am aware of the start and end dates of the travel portion of the program. I understand that I am required to be present for the entire duration of the program. Leaving early or arriving late will negatively affect my grade in the class.

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I am aware of the physical requirements of the Honors Study USA program I am registering for, and I am capable of completing all physical requirements of the program.

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Academics:

I am aware that in order to participate in an Honors Study USA program, I must *maintain* a minimum cumulative FIU GPA of 3.3. If I fail to comply, I will not be allowed to participate in IDH 4007. Refunds will NOT be awarded. Posted charges will not be removed.

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I am aware that I can enroll in a maximum of 18 credits per semester. If I want to go above that amount, I must get the [Enrollment Adjustment Form](#) signed by my major's Dean no later than **DECEMBER 1, 2023, 11:59pm** for Spring 2024 classes and send it to honorsabroad@fiu.edu and hcadvising@fiu.edu.

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Behavior:

I am aware that if I have been sanctioned under the FIU Student Conduct and Honor Code (<https://regulations.fiu.edu/docs=257>), which results in loss of privileges, and/or other sanctions that result in my not being considered to be in good standing with the University (e.g., conduct probation), I will not be eligible to participate in IDH 4007 or travel with the program. Refunds will NOT be awarded. Posted charges will not be removed.

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I am aware that if I am found responsible for an Academic Misconduct Violation, I will be dismissed from the Honors College upon notification of findings and will not be allowed to participate in, or travel with the program. Refunds will NOT be awarded. Posted charges will not be removed.

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I am aware that I am expected to represent the Honors College and FIU honorably and maturely. The faculty director and/or staff are authorized to end my program early if my behavior becomes disruptive (and/or violates the FIU Student Conduct and Honor Code.)

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Payments:

I am aware that once I attend my interview, I must pay my **\$500 non-refundable, non-transferrable deposit to Student Financials or MyFIU no later than two weeks after my interview** to commit to the Study USA program. How to Pay: [How to Pay | OneStop | Florida International University \(fiu.edu\)](#).

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I am aware that Study USA payments are *non-refundable, non-transferrable*, and are made in two installments. The charges will post on my account approximately 3 weeks before each payment deadline. Once the charges are posted, they cannot be removed.

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I am aware that if I secure my spot *after* charges for an installment(s) have been posted, my overdue payments will be added to the next deadline's charges.

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I am aware that I am responsible for ensuring with Student Financials that any payment made towards my Study USA program is indeed applied to that program. It is highly encouraged to make payments in-person at Student Financials to ensure that payments are being made to the intended fees.

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I am aware that if I am paying my **Program Cost** through a scholarship or Financial Aid, it is still my responsibility to have the payments made on time and in their entirety. Therefore, it is my responsibility to contact Financial Aid to ensure they will be complying. If any delays are foreseen, it is my responsibility to notify the Honors College of the situation before the deadline. If my aid/scholarship will not cover the full amount due, it is my responsibility to pay the remaining balance out of pocket by the deadline. If I fail to comply, I will not be enrolled on the program. Refunds will NOT be awarded. Posted charges will not be removed.

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I am aware that payments must be made no later than the deadline of December 1, 2023. If I fail to make them on time, the university will apply a \$100.00 late fee to my account. Late fees cannot be removed.

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I am aware that after each **Program Cost** payment deadline there is a one-week grace period, an *extended* deadline, when payments are still accepted. However, the **late fee will still be applied, and I could get a hold on my account***. If I fail to complete my payment within exactly that *one*-week grace period, and had not notified the Honors College in advance, I will be withdrawn from the program and will not be allowed to participate in IDH 4007 or travel with the program, depending on the time the payment was missed. Refunds will NOT be awarded. Posted charges and late fees will not be removed.

*Students with holds on their accounts cannot be enrolled for classes.

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I am aware that if I am paying my program's **Tuition** through a scholarship or Financial Aid, it is still my responsibility to have the payments made on time and in their entirety. Therefore, it is my responsibility to contact Financial Aid to ensure they will be complying. If any delays are foreseen by Financial Aid, it is my responsibility to pay the balance out of pocket by **JANUARY 17, 2024, 11:59pm** for IDH 4007. If I fail to comply, I will not be allowed to participate. Refunds will NOT be awarded. Posted charges will not be removed.

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I am aware that FIU and the Honors College strongly discourage making big purchases, such as airline tickets, before the programs are confirmed by the Honors College. If canceled, FIU cannot refund these, or any other expenses related to the programs not paid directly to FIU.

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IF I SECURE MY SPOT ON/AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2023:

I am aware that my deadline to pay the second payment will be on February 1, 2024, 11:59pm.

If I fail to comply by the date above, I will not be allowed to participate in IDH 4007 or travel with the program. Refunds will NOT be awarded. Posted charges will not be removed.

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Switching, Withdrawals, and Cancellations:

I am aware that once I registered, switching programs is not allowed. If I still want to change programs, I will have to withdraw from the initial one, first, with no refunds. Then I would need to secure my spot in the new program, pay the \$500 deposit again, and complete all the new program's missing payments. Permission to apply for the second program is at the full discretion of the Honors College.

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I am aware that withdrawal from a program will only be permitted for medical reasons. To request a medical withdrawal, I must provide appropriate medical documentation from a physician licensed in the United States. Otherwise, I will remain responsible for all charges.

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I am aware that if I am dismissed from a program for lack of payment, lack of documentation, or due to FIU Student Conduct and Honor Code sanctions, I will still be responsible for the charges already posted to my account. That balance will still be due.

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I am aware that FIU and/or the Honors College reserve the right to cancel Study USA programs—the only case in which a refund will be made. The refund will cover the program's cost and the \$500 deposit. Late fees will not be refunded or removed. I will be responsible for fees or losses incurred in cancelling or changing my airfare ticket and any other expenses not covered by the program fee. Consideration to purchase Trip Cancellation insurance coverage is recommended.

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I am aware that FIU and/or the Honors College reserves the right to cancel Study USA programs. If the program gets canceled once the IDH 4007 course has started, I will continue that course until it is finished. I will obtain three credit hours for it and my tuition for the course taken will not be refunded.

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I am aware that by signing up to participate in a Study USA program, I am assuming all the above-mentioned responsibilities, and I am committing to complying with them without further notice.

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By signing below, I attest that I have read the information above and understand my duties and responsibilities as a participant of an Honors College Study USA program.

Signature

Name (please print)

Panther ID

Date

TO BE COMPLETED AT INTERVIEW:

Selected Program: _____