



## Italian Operatic Experience® Student Code of Conduct

As a participant of the Italian Operatic Experience® (IOE) program, I agree to abide by the following rules and codes of conduct. I understand and appreciate that it is extremely important to show the utmost respect, decorum and maturity when living with a community of people, and I am aware that this Student Code of Conduct covers all IOE participants living in the hotel rooms, apartments including home stays. I will also respect all hotel and apartment owners and adhere to their directions when approached on housing and behavioral infractions. Lastly, I am fully aware that I could be dismissed from my hotel rooms and/or apartment and from the program if I do not follow these rules and codes of conduct. I am also aware that no refunds for program fees will be made as agreed upon in my application if this occurs.

### **A. Apartment /Home Stay and Codes of Conduct:**

1. A high regard of the rights of all residents of hotel rooms and/or apartment buildings is essential for creating a healthy community spirit. Respect should be shown to all IOE students and staff, as well as to other residents in the hotel or apartment building and neighborhood during the program.
2. Quiet Hours are to be enforced from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and 11:00pm to 7:00am seven days per week. Care is required when returning home to the hotel rooms or apartments as noise travels within the narrow streets and hallways of the hotels and apartments. Also, our neighbors do not appreciate loud drunken behavior, and they are not shy about calling the police, the local government authority, or the Artistic Director of the Program to complain about loud noises. Thus, it is necessary to be courteous at all times.
3. There is a strict NO OVERNIGHT GUEST policy in all IOE Hotel rooms / Apartments and home residences. Please ensure that all NON-IOE guests are out of the Hotels/apartments/family residences during quiet hours. Please also be aware that there is a NO GUEST POLICY in sleeping areas of the Hotels / apartments / family residences during quiet hours, and this policy applies to IOE students as well as NON-IOE guests. Please be respectful of your roommates and/or families at all times.
4. You are responsible for all people (i.e., fellow students or guests), actions and activities that occur in your hotel rooms/apartment. Therefore, it is your responsibility to help remind fellow students and guests of these hotel rooms / apartment /family stay rules and to always adhere to IOE's codes of conduct.
5. Possessing or using ANY illegal drugs or medications which are not prescribed for you is STRICTLY prohibited, and all Hotel staff members and IOE faculty members are required to call the police and report any suspicion of such illegal activity. **Please do not underestimate the seriousness of such an offense.** In addition to being bound by local laws and methods of prosecution, any violator of IOE's NO DRUG policy will be dismissed from their apartment/family stay/ hotel rooms and from the program at his/her own expense.
6. You are accountable for all accommodation keys issued to you at the start of the program. If for any reason you lose your keys, please inform the Hotel office. Replacement keys may be purchased at a fee as determined by the Hotel.



**B. Behavioral Rules and Codes of Conduct:**

1. Disruptive behavior is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to unwanted sexual contact, sexual exposure, physical abuse, assault and/or battery, harassment, threats to or intimidation of any person or staff member involved on any IOE program.
2. Possession or use of illegal drugs or certain prescription medications is strictly prohibited. (See item 5 on previous page).
3. Any act of theft or damage to any premises or property of any individual or institution, regardless if they are affiliated with the program or IOE, is not allowed.
4. You should follow all the rules set out in this contract and other rules distributed prior to departure and upon arrival pertaining to your residence and all other IOE-designated residences and School buildings, including home stays. It is YOUR responsibility to make yourself knowledgeable of all residential and behavioral rules and regulations.
5. You should co-operate and remain respectful of the School staff, IOE Faculty Members Guest Artists and other designated leaders/supervisors throughout the program.
6. You should be responsible and respectful when dealing with neighbors and local citizens, for you are representing your College or University, IOE and your country while you are studying abroad.
7. Students are required to fulfill to the best of their ability, the memorization of the texts of their assigned Opera and role for Opera scenes, as well as the music prepared rhythmically & vocally for assigned roles in the Opera and roles in the Opera scenes.

**C. Disciplinary Action:**

For a first offence, a verbal warning will be issued and documented by IOE. A second offence will result in expulsion from your apartment or residence and the program. IOE reserves the right in its sole discretion to bypass the verbal warning stage of disciplinary action when extreme action(s) warrant immediate administrative assessment and follow up. Additionally, IOE reserves the right in its sole discretion to expel any student(s) if they should breach any of the above rules and codes of conduct. Additionally, diplomas & letters for credits will not be released until any damages are paid for in full.

IOE students should implicitly understand that this statement is to ensure that the rights and safety of all participants are protected and maintained in order to create a healthy community and program spirit.

The applicant consents to the creation and distribution of any recordings, broadcast or electronic transmission of any kind, without compensation, made by Italian Operatic Experience® approved entities while he/she is a participant in the Italian Operatic Experience® program. The applicant also consents to his/her likeness in photographs, video or any visual media created and distributed by Italian Operatic Experience or its approved entities.

I understand and agree to abide by the rules and codes of conduct for the IOE program.

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Date

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