

**University of Arkansas - Fort Smith**  
**Student Travel Form**

Field trips for various credit classes are an important and valued strategy for learning at University of Arkansas - Fort Smith. As part of their course syllabus, several instructors have included optional trips, both within the area and out of town, to add content to their courses. The conduct of the individual student on these trips is equally important as the conduct expected in classes on campus. Standards of conduct are included in the *UAFS Student Handbook & Code of Conduct* which is distributed to each student. The handbook states that:

“The Student Conduct Code is an expression of behavioral standards that are intended to allow students and others at University of Arkansas - Fort Smith (UAFS) to live, work, study, recreate, and pursue their educational goals in a safe and secure environment. The Code is crafted to reflect expectations based on values essential to such an environment and to a flourishing academic community, such as honesty, integrity, respect, and fairness. The standards are higher than the general law, as our expectations for UAFS students, as future alumni and citizen-leaders, are considerable. That said, we strive to recognize and honor core tenets of our society and our academic legacy, such as free speech and expression. Therefore, much expression that may be offensive or unpopular will not be actionable under this Code. Further, those who administer the Code attempt to craft both hearings and sanctions in a manner that takes into account the developmental issues and educational needs of students.

Students are not only members of the academic community, but they are also citizens of the larger society. As citizens, they retain those rights, protections, and guarantees of fair treatment that are held by all citizens. In addition, students are subject to the reasonable and basic standards of the University regarding discipline and maintenance of an educational atmosphere. The enforcement of the student’s duties to the larger society is, however, the responsibility of the legal and judicial authorities duly established for that purpose.”

Students who take any action which infringes upon the rights of others and/or jeopardizes the integrity of the University or any of its programs will be subject to disciplinary action. The following includes some of the specific violations for which a student will be subject to disciplinary action, but this is not designated as a comprehensive list:

- Deception or fraud
- Misuse of documents
- Disregard for University policies
- Possession or use of firearms/fireworks, explosives, or weapons of any kind
- Any form of gambling
- Illegal or unauthorized possession of firearms, explosives, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals
- Failure to comply with reasonable directions of UAFS officials acting in performance of their duties
- Use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of illegal drugs or other controlled substances

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