

## **Citizenship expectations and responsibilities for faculty members and students attending the Center for European Studies and Architecture (CESA).**

Residence and study at the Center for European Studies and Architecture requires a willingness on the part of all involved to conduct themselves appropriately in a community of faculty and student scholars. This requires a clear understanding of the meaning and responsibilities of citizenship while residing and studying in a foreign country. Students and faculty members serve as ambassadors not only of Virginia Tech, but also as ambassadors of the United States. All of our actions and behaviors send strong messages about who we are as individuals as well as our institution and country. We must remember that we are guests in Riva San Vitale. Our guiding principles include:

- Respect for residents of the host country and local community;
- Mindfulness of the laws and customs of the host country and local community;
- Willingness to positively contribute to the host country and local community; and
- Openness to language study and new cultural perspectives.

All faculty members, resident staff, and other CESA administrators share in the responsibility for the security and safety of all resident students. The experience of living and studying at CESA provides a unique opportunity for intellectual and personal growth. Our goal is that the CESA experience will be one of the most positive and enriching experiences in the lifetime of each participating faculty member and student.

Regrettably, there have been incidents in the past where the use (or misuse) of alcohol has created problems between the community of Riva San Vitale and CESA. These incidents have been disruptive to the internal life of CESA, intruding on the positive atmosphere needed for a learning community to thrive. As a result, the possession of and/or use of alcohol in Villa Maderni, including its grounds and all leased student housing, is prohibited. If students choose to consume alcohol outside of Virginia Tech premises, they are expected to do so within the laws and restrictions of Riva San Vitale, the Canton Ticino and Switzerland. It is expected that students consuming alcohol outside of Virginia Tech premises maintain civility of behavior, including special consideration of the sound level and disturbance potentially caused to local residents and residents in CESA properties.

Your status as a CESA participant will be jeopardized if your behavior is deemed to be disruptive, and individuals whose behavior is persistently disruptive or in violation of Virginia Tech's zero-tolerance position on drug violations may be subject to immediate dismissal from CESA. Such action is at the discretion of the academic Director and will only be taken after the student concerned has had an opportunity to state his or her case to the academic Director. In the case of a dismissal, the student will be expected to return to the United States, at their own expense, for the remainder of the academic semester without benefit of refund of tuition and fees paid. Completion of academic work is not guaranteed and will be permitted only at the discretion and determination of the responsible faculty member(s) in consultation with the program director and appropriate Virginia Tech authorities.

The resident assistant (or designee of the CESA administration) is responsible for recording any violations of Virginia Tech policies. Violations will be reported by the Managing director in consultation with the resident assistant to the office of Judicial Affairs. The rules and procedures of the University Judicial System will be employed. These policies and procedures can be found at <http://www.judicial.vt.edu>. If a student is reported to the Office of Judicial Affairs and receives a judicial referral for a violation occurred at CESA, this will become part of the student's Virginia Tech judicial record; see

[www.judicial.vt.edu/sanctionrange.php](http://www.judicial.vt.edu/sanctionrange.php) for a description of the relevant sanctions.

In addition to responsibilities of behavior and citizenship, all students residing at CESA are expected to adhere to the same standards of academic integrity as on the home campus. The Undergraduate Honor System [www.honorsystem.vt.edu](http://www.honorsystem.vt.edu), and the Graduate Honor System <http://ghs.grads.vt.edu>, apply and are in full force and effect.

Violations may be reported by the relevant faculty member(s) or student(s) and submitted directly to the CESA resident assistant or managing director who will report the violation to the appropriate on-campus authorities for processing and documentation and future action, if any.

These guiding principles are established in keeping with the Virginia Tech Principles of Community, <http://www.vt.edu/diversity/principles-of-community.html>.

I have read and understand all of the above expectations and policies and I agree to abide by all of them while I am a student at CESA. I am aware of the potential consequences of actions that violate these expectations and policies.

I understand that participation in this program requires review of my University records and I hereby authorize release to the program administrators of my academic records, student judicial system records, and honor system records.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_