

DRIVING WHILE STUDYING ABROAD
SIMPSON COLLEGE POLICY

Simpson College does not encourage nor support students driving while studying abroad. Moreover, Simpson College will not assume the liability for students studying abroad who decide to drive while engaged in school sponsored activities as well as during their free time while abroad on a Simpson College sponsored program.

In the event that a student chooses to drive while abroad, the United States Department of State (<http://studentsabroad.state.gov/>) recommends that, in addition to a valid U.S. driver's license, he/she obtain an International Driving Permit (IDP) prior to leaving the United States. Several countries do not recognize U.S. driver's licenses, but IDPs are honored in more than 150 countries outside the U.S. An IDP is not intended to replace a valid U.S. State license and should only be used as a supplement to a valid license. IDP's can be obtained only by individuals of at least 18 years of age.

IDP's can be obtained at a local office of one of the two automobile associations authorized by the U.S. Department of State: the American Automobile Association and the National Automobile Club. Here's how to contact these organizations:

- AAA (American Automobile Association) <http://www.aaa.com/vacation/idpf.html>
- National Automobile Club <http://www.nationalautoclub.com>
http://www.nationalautoclub.com/international_driving_permit.pdf

Furthermore, students who intend to drive while studying abroad are responsible for acquiring proper vehicle insurance. Generally, standard U.S. auto insurance does not cover the insured abroad. It is the student's responsibility to check with his/her insurer to verify coverage. Simpson College will not provide vehicle insurance to students studying abroad on a college sponsored program and shall not be liable in the event of an accident, vehicle damage, etc.