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Dear GAP Year Student,

I am thrilled that you have chosen our GAP Year Program. I have wished many times that I could go back to my teenage years and learn the Spanish language fluently.

We have designed our GAP Program for you to learn the Spanish language, engage in Biblical studies, grow in your walk with Christ, and to understand and engage in God’s mission to reach all nations with the Gospel. All of this is accomplished in a beautiful Hispanic culture overseas.

As we see the Hispanic population growing in the USA, you will benefit from the advantage of being able to communicate with your co-workers, your neighbors and new friends. Most of all, you will be able to communicate and minister the love of Christ.

This program will give you a deeper love for the Word of God, an experience in missions, and an appreciation of different cultures.

CONGRATULATIONS! Stay faithful, focused, and fervent as you study to cross the finish line!

In His Service,

John Zeller, President
SCORE International, Inc.
Welcome to the Dominican Republic and the GAP Year Program. This will be a year of adventure for you. You will experience a different culture with all its charm, beauty, smells, tastes, and feels. You also will be on a spiritual adventure as God takes you to places you probably have not been before. This year is designed to stretch your faith and your knowledge of God and His Word. This handbook has information to help you with your adventure.

It is very important to remember that you are a visitor in the Dominican Republic. It is imperative that you adapt to the culture. Some Christian communities hold different views on certain issues, and this is especially true when crossing cultural barriers. The main objective is being like, or having the heart of Jesus Christ and clothing ourselves in humility, no matter what. As representatives of SCORE International, we may have to adjust our preferences to conform to Dominican standards so we will not offend our Christian brothers or deter the nationals from an accurate representation of Jesus Christ.

Every student must read this handbook and understand what is written. We want to make your experience as fulfilling as possible and do not want anything to get in the way of God working in and through you. If you have any questions, please talk with the Director.

This is our prayer for you – “Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:5-7
Staff Directory

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Bible classes will be taught by various domestic SCORE missionaries & SCORE approved guest speakers.
SCORE International Statement of Faith

1. We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration and inerrancy of the Scriptures.

2. We believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

3. We believe in the deity, virgin birth and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe that man is born in sin and needs spiritual regeneration.

5. We believe in salvation by grace through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, plus nothing, minus nothing.

6. We believe in the everlasting, conscious blessedness of the saved in Heaven and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost in Hell.

7. We believe that saved people have a mandate from God to share the Gospel with the lost and seek to win them to Christ.

8. We believe in the personal, visible, and premillennial return of Jesus Christ.

9. We believe in the authority of the local church as the institution ordained by God to evangelize the world and disciple Christians.

10. We believe in ecclesiastical separation as well as personal separation from the world so as to maintain a pure testimony.

11. We believe that salvation is eternally secured by the finished work of Christ and the cross and by His intercessory work at the right hand of God.
Guidelines for Behavior

First, remember, we want you to be successful. We believe you will make good decisions. The staff will always guide you whenever you have questions. You must be FLEXIBLE and agreeable whenever a staff person seeks to guide you in areas of cultural questions. Learn to trust those who live in the culture.

Here are our expectations:

1. No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sexual or inappropriate relationships.
2. No one will attend movies while in country unless pre-approved by the Director.
3. No offensive music, nightclubs or public dancing.
4. No excessive ear piercing by females, and no earrings for guys. No Body Piercings!
5. No being in the room of the opposite sex.
6. Movies: Only movies approved by leadership will be shown for public screening on SCORE properties.

NO Exceptions!

Anyone violating these rules may be sent home immediately at participant’s expense!
**Policy & Procedures**

**Social Time**
Since we represent many churches, and varying approaches to Christian liberty, it is necessary to emphasize our goal.

*Our goal is evangelism, to help the missionaries, and to edify the students as well as not to offend our Dominican Republic brothers and sisters.*

**Socializing and Dating**
We want to advise you to remember your purpose for engaging in the GAP Year Program. No dating relationships with Dominicans, Americans, fellow students or SCORE staff allowed while in the program. While we cannot play God, it is always wise for you to seek council from leadership if you are interested in pursuing a relationship with the opposite sex. You should never be alone with a member of the opposite sex while in the Dominican Republic.

**Physical Contact “PC”**
SCORE has set forth a NO sexual or inappropriate relationships policy. SCORE also extends this policy to “NO PC” for participants in the GAP Year Program. This is simply explained by appropriate behavior of a Christian and also not to give any perception of evil or wrong doing. A misinterpretation of one’s actions can be difficult to reverse or correct once it has been done.

**Our Reason.**
In our effort to minister in another culture, we must avoid offending others and hurt the efforts of missionaries to achieve best results. You may have to sacrifice your personal liberties.

These are “institutional standards” which we believe will help us have a good testimony in the various cultures and circumstances in which we will be involved.

*For further explanation, contact D.R. Director.*
A. **SCORE International, Inc. is dedicated to the Lordship of Christ in all areas of life.** The distinctives of SCORE lie in its philosophy and goals. Those who are directly associated with SCORE, including directors, staff, faculty, and students form a community and are not a collection of autonomous individuals. These associates consequently bear certain responsibilities and obligations within the organization for the implementation of its philosophy and goals. In order for the organization to function smoothly and its goals to be realized, it is necessary that there be a mutual commitment to a corpus of standards which involve the willing surrender of certain individual purposes and goals.

B. **SCORE must follow specific biblical principles that relate to Christian behavior.** Therefore, SCORE prohibits practices that are clearly forbidden by the Word of God, such as drunkenness, sexual immorality, dishonesty, etc. (I Corinthians 6:9-20). Further, to expect the Christian to exemplify Christian love, consideration for the rights of others, honesty, and a high sense of Christian ethics is to expect only that which the Word of God teaches to be primary in the character of the Christian (Ephesians 4:24-5:8).

C. **SCORE is firmly committed to a literal interpretation of the Bible and rejects any attempt to “reinterpret” Scripture in light of “modern” moral or psychological theories.** In the biblical account of creation, the family was the first societal institution ordained by God (Genesis 1:27; 2:18-22). Furthermore, Scripture plainly declares that the first two Humans created by God were a man and a woman (Genesis 1:27; 2:18-22). God joined the man and woman in the holy rite of matrimony and commanded them to be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth (Genesis 1:28). Therefore, the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24; Romans 7:2; I Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 5:22-23). In both the Old and New Testaments, God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity should take place outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. Accordingly, all forms of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God’s gift of sex (Genesis 2:24; 19:5; 13; 26:8-9; Leviticus 13:22; 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; I Corinthians 5:1; 6:9; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4). Since SCORE believes that all sexual activity outside of a marriage between a man and a woman, including homosexual practices, are in direct opposition to God’s Word and constitute a direct contradiction to God’s institution of the home, SCORE will not employ or continue to employ men or women who promote or participate in homosexual behavior or any other sexual activity outside of marriage.
D. SCORE recognizes the principles of Christian liberty within the sphere of those things that are intrinsically innocent. However, SCORE also recognizes that liberty needs to be restricted in certain instances. Scriptural precedent is found in Acts 15 and Romans 14, where certain practices inherently innocent were forbidden because they could do spiritual harm to other members of the Christian community.

**Verses for reference include:**
- *I Corinthians 6:12* Lawful, but not expedient (not profitable for our good)
- *I Corinthians 10:23* Lawful, but not edifying
- *I Corinthians 8:9* Could be a stumbling block
- *Romans 1:32* Christians are different, and by living like the world, we approve of it. There should be no pleasure in watching sin.
- *Ephesians 5:6-7, 11* Don’t be deceived with vanity and participate in it.
- *Colossians 3:17* Make sure it pleases the Lord, not the emotions — flesh or self.
- *Hebrews 12:1-2* Lay aside weights as well as the sin.

E. Certain principles of conduct are a necessary part of the effort to establish an atmosphere within which the goals of SCORE can be realized. For this reason, SCORE requires associates of the organization to refrain from the possession or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illicit drugs and from any form of gambling. Christian discretion and restraint will be exercised in all choices of entertainment, including radio, television, audio and visual recordings, and various forms of literature. Also, Christian discretion will be exercised in observance of the Lord’s day. Furthermore, it is expected that students and associates will actively support a local Bible-believing church through service, giving, and allegiance.

F. SCORE rejects the principle that exposure to and/or experimentation with doubtful and objectionable practices is essential to the development of moral or intellectual discernment. SCORE reserves the right to make the final decision in any questionable area.
G. SCORE recognizes that observance of SCORE standards does not comprise the whole of an individual’s responsibility to God and hence does not necessarily indicate that one is living a life of full commitment. The philosophy of SCORE, however, maintains that willingness to obey these standards shows a maturity and spiritual concern for the whole Christian community (Galatians 5:13-24).

H. Conduct that is an offense to good taste, sound morality, or Christian propriety will not be acceptable. While some may not have personal convictions wholly in accordance with SCORE’s standards, the purpose underlying them necessitates the honorable obedience of them. If an individual can no longer in integrity conform to them, that person should withdraw from the GAP program. Willful disobedience of these standards will bring about dismissal from SCORE International’s GAP program immediately.

I. Commitment to SCORE’s Code of Ethics. To insure that the doctrinal position of SCORE will be maintained in an uncompromising manner and believing that a consistent and exemplary life should be expected of those who undertake the instruction and guidance of Christian young adults, it is required that those associated with the organization shall individually affirm by signing our Statement of Faith at the time of initial association and shall so re-affirm at such time as determined by SCORE International.
Character & Attitude

Your Attitude

1 Thess. 5:18 reads “Rejoice always for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus”. Students are expected to display, at all times, Spirit-filled Christ-like attitudes toward fellow students, faculty, staff, visitors and guests.

Attitude With Others

In dealing with fellow students and staff, it is expected that students will apply Galatians 6:1 “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.”

A. Toward the Lord: Because God’s word teaches us to reverence the Lord and His name, any use of the Lord’s name “in vain” is inappropriate at any time. Whether intended or not, we believe that emotional exclamations such as “Oh, my God” and “Oh, my Lord” are a demonstration of disrespect for the name of the Lord and are also not acceptable.

B. To fellow students: We all bear some responsibility for the spiritual development and peace of mind of other students with whom we come in contact. Proper respect will be shown to fellow students at all times. Derogatory and demeaning comments of any kind, including those of a racial or sexual nature, will result in the appropriate discipline.

C. To Interns and Small Group Leaders: Interns and small group leaders have the responsibility of carrying out procedures laid down by the administration of the program and of performing other duties. Be sure to treat them with courtesy and respect. Do not argue with the interns and small group leaders about interpretation of rules in the Handbook. The interns and small group leaders do not have the responsibility or authority to change the policies or regulations of the school, so do not ask for exceptions. Only the Directors, in agreement with the administration, can make exceptions. Interns and small group leaders should be welcomed and included in your areas of friendship.
Character, Attitude, & Authority

Speech and Communication
The Scriptures teach us to, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” (Ephesians 4:29).

As a result, we would expect the language used by our students and staff to be wholesome and God-honoring at all times.

ROMANS 13:1-3 “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.”
Authority & Discipline

**Discipline System**

The goal of the staff and administration at SCORE International’s GAP Year Program is to provide students with leadership and an atmosphere suitable for discipleship. They will seek to assist the students to mature and develop self-discipline.

Throughout the school year, it may become necessary that discipline be used to help in the growth process. Discipline may be preventive, remedial or punitive, depending upon the nature of the offense and the attitude of the offender. The disciplinary action may include in-house detention, work duties, accountability, counseling, confiscation of mis-used items such as electronics or inappropriate clothing, or whatever is deemed to be appropriate by the Director and staff. In some cases it may become necessary to dismiss students.

It is important to stress the GAP Program’s desire to help students grow spiritually. One indicator of a student’s genuine desire to change is whether or not he or she comes forward of his or her own volition or are simply caught. Additionally, another indicator of a student’s genuine heart is whether or not he or she tells the truth. Each of these indicators, as well as others, will always be weighed when considering disciplinary action.

**A. OBJECTIVES**

1. To enable the program to be run as efficiently as possible. As in any community this size, certain rules and procedures must be established. In some cases, individual liberties have to be limited if this is to be accomplished (*Romans 12:10, Philippians 2:3-4*).

2. To teach self-control. One of the characteristics of spiritual maturity is self-control. Not all violations are the result of sinful actions on the part of the student but may be a matter of the student learning and growing in certain areas of his or her life (*Galatians 5:23, Titus 1:8, 1 Corinthians 9:25*).

3. To teach obedience to the Word of God. God holds us accountable for obedience to the standards that He has revealed to us in the Bible. We believe that discipline should seek to cause the student to consider his or her actions and attitudes and to make the appropriate biblical changes necessary (*Hebrews 12:10-13*).
4. To teach redemption in that we seek to instruct, warn or correct the student into deliverance from sinful and/or destructive attitudes and actions (*1 Thessalonians 5:14*). We also seek to forgive and restore that member within the body of Christ and the SCORE International family.

**B. DISCIPLINE/PERSONAL CONFRONTATION**

The purpose of personal confrontation is to direct the student’s attention to a particular violation in order to help him or her make the necessary changes that would bring him or her into conformity with the biblical principle and/or the institutional requirement, whichever is appropriate. The course of action taken will be based on the principle set forth in *2 Thessalonians 5:14*, which includes correcting the unruly, encouraging the fainthearted and helping the weak.

1. Personal confrontation is a result of violations of Institutional rules and regulations, for conduct that is unbecoming to Christian character and for a critical attitude.

2. While violations of standards are addressed by staff, faculty or Director of Student Life, we encourage students to confront one another and encourage one another toward “good works,” as is biblically appropriate (*Gal. 6:1*; *Heb 3:13, 10:24*).

3. Discipline is handled in a private manner; therefore, questions concerning the disciplinary system should be voiced first to the person confronting you and not to other students who are not involved. If resolution is not accomplished or if there is any uncertainty, you should contact the GAP Director or the Executive Director.

4. Disciplinary action for persistent violations will be assigned at the discretion of the GAP Exec. Director and will be correlated to the offenses.

5. Frequent disciplinary problems, uncooperative and/or critical attitudes may result in disciplinary probation, dismissal, or not being re-enrolled for the next semester.
C. DISCIPLINE & PARENTS
When appropriate, parents, guardians and/or pastor are notified when their student faces a serious discipline situation. The most preferable form of communication is when students assume responsibility for themselves as adults by contacting their parents regarding their own personal circumstances whether it is discipline, academics, or health. Under certain conditions, the Director may elect to require students to contact their parents when there is a major disciplinary infraction.

DRESS CODE

**PHILOSOPHY:** The GAP Program strives to maintain a standard of dress that communicates modesty and discretion without magnifying or bringing undue attention to the individual. Because of this desire and in keeping with an academic and highly-disciplined environment, the GAP Staff has discretionary authority on matters of acceptable or unacceptable clothing while students are enrolled in the GAP Program. We do not believe that clothes automatically make a believer holy. However, we do believe that modesty is a matter of biblical principle, and that discipline in the area of acceptable dress is a necessary part of life preparation regardless, of a student’s future plans.

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| **Hair**             | Please consult the Director before you make any drastic changes in style as they reserve the right to ask students to make any necessary adjustments.  
• Haircuts should be traditional & conservative.  
• Hair is not to hang down over the eyes, ears or top of the collar.  
• Students are not allowed to bleach or color their hair other than a natural color.  
• Mustaches & Beards, if worn, must be neat and trimmed. | • Hairstyles should reflect a feminine appearance and should not be distracting.  
• Extreme styles and coloring (other than the realm of natural colors) are not allowed. |
| **Jewelry**          | • Earrings, body-piercing, tongue rings and/or body modifications are not permitted at any time during enrollment in the GAP Program.  
• Bracelets are allowed provided they are neat.  
• Students are not permitted to be tattooed at any time during their enrollment. | • Four earrings per ear are the maximum number allowed.  
• Body piercing, tongue rings, and/or body-modification are not allowed and jewelry resulting from body piercing should be removed.  
• Students are not permitted to be tattooed at any time during their enrollment. |
| **Formal Dress**     | Appearance should be neat, clean & unwrinkled.  
• Dress pants/slacks  
• Dress shirt, tie  
• Dress shoes, socks  
• Cargo pants and jeans  
Not Permitted:  
• Bandanas or hats  
• Miss matched clothing | Appearance should be neat, clean & unwrinkled.  
• Dresses, skirts, or dress pants  
• Dress pant and jeans  
• Tops or Sweaters  
• Dress shoes or dress sandals  
• Casual sandals, flip-flops  
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| **Casual Dress (Free Time)** | *Neatness and modesty are very important.*  
- Jeans  
- Shorts must be long enough to reach the extended fingertips.  
- Tank Tops and T-shirts should not be tight or excessively loose fitting around the arms.  
- Anything torn or tattered is not to be extreme and must be modest. | *Neatness and modesty are very important.*  
- Jeans  
- Shorts (mid-thigh or longer)  
- Tank tops must be layered.  
- Anything torn or tattered is not to be extreme and must be modest.  
**Not Permitted:**  
- No boxer shorts, cutoffs or midriffs are allowed. |
| **Swimwear** | *All swimsuits must be modest!*  
- Fingertip length - not tight fitting.  
- Shirts must be worn to and from swimming and sunbathing areas. | *All swimsuits must be modest!*  
- One-piece or tankini (tops must touch bottoms)  
- Cover-ups and shorts must be worn to and from swimming and sunbathing areas.  
**Not Permitted:**  
- French-cut styles  
- Bikinis |
| **Misc**    | *Appropriate, modest, activity specific dress is expected*  
- Bicycle shorts (lycra spandex) may be worn underneath shorts that meet the finger-tip length rule.  
- Flannel pajama style pants should not be worn outside the dorm.  
- Men’s pants must be worn at the natural waistline.  
- Underwear must be covered!  
- Clothing which displays inappropriate messages including that which contradict the philosophy, goals and spirit of SCORE Intl.(i.e., music groups, etc) and controversial issues should not be worn. | *Appropriate, modest, activity specific dress is expected*  
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- Extremes in fashion and hairstyle, as well as an unkept or sloppy appearance, will be discouraged, addressed and considered inappropriate. Our goal is to represent and reflect our Savior while pointing all to Him in every area. |
Medical Emergency Procedures
If a student encounters a medical emergency during the GAP Year Program, whether an accident or illness, the first step should be to contact the GAP staff. The patient or victim should not be moved unless he or she is in a life threatening situation.

Medication
1. Non Prescription Medications
Students can obtain non prescription medications from the National Director free of charge if available. Tylenol, Ibuprofen, cough syrup, etc. until they can obtain their own supply. Students are encouraged to keep a small supply of non-prescription medications in their room for when they may need it. You will need to purchase these items on your own. The local pharmacy or grocery store sells these items.

2. Prescription medications:
- Student may keep prescription medications in their room, a lock box is highly recommended.
- There is absolutely NO SHARING of prescription medications with other students.
- Students may also keep any and all prescription medications with the GAP staff.

Health Forms
A copy of your Medical Release / Consent Form is on file with SCORE International. You should also have available a copy of your immunization form with a copy of your passport.

Health Care Regulations
1. Students seeking medical attention are asked to first contact the Director.
2. Students who require extensive and/or extended medical attention may be hospitalized or sent home until they fully recover. It may become necessary for a student to withdraw from the GAP Program if illness or recovery hampers his or her ability to complete program requirements.
3. Students are not to bother or annoy someone who is ill by entering their room or constantly talking with them. They are entitled to their privacy; information will be given out to students as it is deemed appropriate.

NOTE: Students will need a credit card or debit card with a minimum $500.00 available or more to pay for unexpected medical expenses. Doctors and hospital visits are NOT covered by the GAP Year Directors or staff.
**Attendance and Participation**

Classes: Classes will be scheduled for 2 hours. There will be approx. 10 minute breaks between classes. Instructors may increase class time to do specific project or lab with students.

Students are expected to be at class on time and stay for the duration of the class.

- **Class attendance:** If a student shows lack of interest in class attendance and/or participation, the student may be dismissed from the program. Attendance is part of final grade.
- **Class Participation:** Participation in a course being taught is defined as – attendance, completing homework, projects, and participation in classroom discussions.
- **Even though students may or may not be receiving college credits, it is no excuse for complacency.** If any of these areas are slacking - the student will have a meeting with the teacher, and the Director. This meeting will determine whether student should continue in program. Final decision will be made by Executive Director.

**Excursions:** Will be scheduled by Director and staff. Excursions can be a day or can encompass a weekend. Students going on an excursion must be accompanied by a SCORE Representative approved by GAP Director.

* Schedules can change at the discretion of the Director.*
Policy on Visitors to the GAP Program

**Family & Friends**
If family or friends would like to visit you in the DR from the States, it is recommended that they visit during the *Parents Encounter Weekend* or *Graduation Parents Week*. Note the calendar for exact dates. These two times are specifically geared for visits.

If someone plans to visit on other dates, they will be on their own in regards to accommodations, transportation, etc. and students will NOT be exempt from classes.

**Dominican Friends**
If Dominican friends want to stop by and visit a student at the GAP campus, the student must first get permission from either the DR Director or GAP staff. The visitor must sign in and sign out at the approved times.

**All Visitors must be approved**
- No one is invited to the SCORE or GAP campus unless first approved.
- It is very important that these guidelines are followed.
- This is not only for the safety of the students but also not to disrupt the mission of the program.
Safety

**GPS** – “GAP Positioning System” All students must sign out and sign in when leaving or returning to the campus. The students must put the time leaving and expected time of return. This allows the staff to know where each student is at what time etc. Please follow this carefully!

**I.D.** – Please carry some form of ID with you when traveling outside the GAP campus.

**Personal Items** – It is recommended that any valuables be kept in your room. When you take your camera, ipod, etc. off campus, please keep it in your backpack or purse when not in use. Do not set backpack down and walk away even for a short distance. It may be stolen. Be aware of your surroundings and keep track of your stuff.

Facilities

The buildings and grounds of our GAP Campus have been given to us by God through the many blessings of people. As good stewards of what God has blessed us with, we want to take care of these facilities.

*Here are some guidelines for each of us to follow that will help us:*

1. Clean up after yourself. If you get something out, put it away. If you dirty something, you wash it.
2. Care for the furnishings. Please do not sit on the arms of chairs, stand on furniture, or move furniture around without permission.
3. TV can only be on sports or news channels.
4. Rooms are to be cleaned & organized by students at least once a week.
5. Everyone is to share in the weekly chores of taking care of the facility.
Grading & Credits

Grading System
Grading will be done at the end of each semester. There will be tests given throughout the year and recorded. Final grades will be based on test scores, class participation, out of class activities, class attendance and final exams.

The students will be given an evaluation form at the end of each semester. Mid-term Progress reports will be given and Final Exams.

Certificate of Completion will be given at graduation.

🌟 Students are responsible for obtaining college credit from their desired undergraduate school.

College Credit Equivalents

Spanish Language ............... 12 credit hours

Bible Credits can vary .......... from 3—12 credits.

Each academic institution views the classes given in the GAP Year program differently. You must contact the institution to determine what requirements it has laid out.

Transcripts
Student must contact SCORE International’s home office to request an official transcript. 423-894-7111.
Dealing with Roommates

Often the hardest adjustment for students is not the culture or even leaving home, it can be living with someone new. This adjustment can be good or can be a huge distraction from what God has called you to. Here are a few items to help you have a great living experience here in the Dominican Republic.

1. Spend the time to get to know each other.
   Each of you are individuals with different likes and dislikes. Once you know more about your roommate, you will be more sensitive to their needs. (Example; some are night owls and others need to be asleep early.) Most of you will have the same fears and concerns. You will know how to pray for your roommate.

2. Don’t ASSUME anything!
   Don’t assume your roommate won’t care if you use their things. ASK first. Don’t assume your roommate has it all together. They have the same fears you have. Don’t assume you’re ok, share your thoughts and feelings with your roommate. This will help to build trust and friendship.

3. Be Neat and Clean!
   The worst thing is to live with someone who is a slob. Keep your room clean and your stuff organized. You don’t have to be a neat freak but be considerate!

Dealing with others

All of the above needs to be applied to others in the program. Be careful not to exclude those who don’t live in your room.
How to Make Right Decisions

Before you make a decision on whether or not you should do something, ask yourself a few questions.

1. Will it enslave me? *(Will it exercise control in my life or will it influence me in a wrong way?)* 1 Corinthians 6:12, “Everything is permissible for me, but not everything is beneficial” “Everything is permissible for me – but I will not be mastered by anything.”

2. Will it cause others to stumble? *(Is it a bad example of Jesus to others?)* 1 Corinthians 8:12–13, “When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.”

3. Will it build me up spiritually, physically, or mentally? 1 Corinthians 10:23, “Everything is permissible, but not everything is beneficial” “Everything is permissible” – but not everything is constructive.

4. Will it glorify God? *(Would people want to get to know God as a result of watching me?)* 1 Corinthians 10:31, “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

5. Will it slow me down spiritually? *(“Excess”).* Hebrews 12:1, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

6. Will it help spread the Gospel? *(“Evangelism”).* Colossians 4:5, “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.”

7. Will I be free from any chance to lust in this? *(“Lust”).* 2 Timothy 2:22, “Flee the evil desire of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”