

# UCEAP Student Travel Policy

Participants in the University of California Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) are responsible for exercising good judgment and taking certain precautions to minimize risks to themselves and others during their participation in the Program. It is the policy of UCEAP to promote safe behavior and to encourage students to engage in personal risk management when traveling personally during the UCEAP program. In addition to advice contained in UCEAP student publications, there are resources available through the US Department of State web pages on [International Travel](#) and [Travel Advisories](#), which provide information and recommendations for US travelers.

Travel advisories from the US Department of State can be accessed on their website:

**Level 1 - Exercise Normal Precautions:** This is the lowest advisory level for safety and security risk. There is some risk in any international travel. Conditions in other countries may differ from those in the US and may change at any time.

**Level 2 - Exercise Increased Caution:** Be aware of heightened risks to safety and security. The Department of State provides additional advice for travelers in these areas in the Travel Advisory. Conditions in any country may change at any time.

**Level 3 - Reconsider Travel:** Avoid travel due to serious risks to safety and security. The Department of State provides additional advice for travelers in these areas in the Travel Advisory. Conditions in any country may change at any time.

**Level 4 - Do Not Travel:** This is the highest advisory level due to greater likelihood of life-threatening risks. During an emergency, the US government may have very limited ability to provide assistance. The Department of State advises that US citizens not travel to the country or leave as soon as it is safe to do so. The Department of State provides additional advice for travelers in these areas in the Travel Advisory. Conditions in any country may change at any time.

The travel advisories replace previous Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts. Their levels of advice may vary for specific locations or areas within a country.

Accordingly, in addition to encouraging students to:

- Use good judgment
- Sign out before any travel through MyEAP
- Register at the local US Embassy
- Add the travel information to the student's iJET International WorldCue account
- Share travel information with families in the US

UCEAP has adopted the following policy:

- All UCEAP participants are strongly discouraged from traveling to areas for which the US Department of State has issued a Travel Advisory Level 3 or 4 unless UCEAP has made an exception to this policy.
- Are also strongly discouraged from traveling to areas that the Study Center, UC partner institutions, or other official sources indicate may be risky or dangerous.
- Should pay particular attention to the US Department of State Travel Advisories and Country Specific Safety and Security Information that recommend citizens to avoid or reconsider all travel to a particular region or area within a country.
- Are responsible for following the UCEAP student travel policy.

UCEAP participants who choose to travel to high-risk areas as described above in spite of UCEAP and US Department of State recommendations should discuss their plans with study center and/or UC partner institution staff, and must sign a [Travel Waiver](#) before departure.

A student who travels without advising the Study Center Director or staff and signing the waiver may be subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal.

Due to the security environment in a particular country or region that may impact UCEAP's and UC Traveler Assistance Providers' ability to assist students, this policy and related security measures may be amended at any time including increasing travel restrictions or adding travel bans during student breaks.