

UCEAP Student Travel Policy

It is the policy of UCEAP to promote safe behavior and to encourage students to engage in personal risk management when traveling during the UCEAP program, including personal breaks. In addition to advice contained in UCEAP student guides, there are resources available through the U.S. Department of State (DOS) web pages on [International Travel](#) and [Student Safety](#), which provide information and recommendations for U.S. travelers.

Travel advice from the [U.S. Department of State](#) may take several forms, all of which can be accessed on their website:

- **Travel Warnings (TW)** to consider very carefully whether travelers should go to a country at all. Examples of reasons for issuing a Travel Warning might include unstable government, civil war, ongoing intense crime or violence, or frequent terrorist attacks. DOS wants travelers to know the risks of traveling to these places and to strongly consider not going to them at all. Travel Warnings remain in place until the situation changes; some have been in effect for years.
- **Travel Alerts (TA)** are issued to disseminate information quickly about terrorist threats and other relatively short-term conditions that pose significant risks or disruptions to Americans.
- **Country Specific Information (CSI)**
For each country, there is information like the location of the U.S. embassy and any consular offices; whether an entry visa is needed; crime and security information; health and medical conditions; drug penalties; and localized hot spots.

UCEAP strongly encourages students during personal travel to,

1) use good judgment, 2) know what to do in an emergency, 3) carry a cell phone with a local plan to call for help; 4) sign out before any travel through MyEAP, 5) [register all travel online with the local U.S. Embassy](#), 6) [print and carry the UCEAP emergency assistance card](#), 7) share travel and contact information with families in the U.S. 8) be aware of local health and security conditions that could impact the student.

Policy Text

All UCEAP participants are strongly discouraged from traveling to areas for which the U.S. Department of State has issued a [Travel Warning](#). Students

- a. are also strongly discouraged from traveling to areas that the Study Center, UC partner institutions, or other information sources indicate may be risky or dangerous.
- b. should pay particular attention to the U.S. Department of State Travel Alerts and Country Specific Information that recommend U.S. citizens to avoid or defer all travel to a particular region or area within a country.
- c. 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 U.S. 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 local UCEAP Study Center Director or staff, or local partners, 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.