UCEAP Student Incident Quick Facts 2016-17

As part of our commitment to support awareness of student health and safety abroad UCEAP publishes this report annually.

5,353 UC students studied in 43 countries

Serious- to severe-level incidents: 127
Minor to mildly serious incidents (levels 1 and 2) such as theft, influenza and lost documents are the most common incidents and not officially tracked.

While this document offers reliable statistics critical to the management of UCEAP operational risks and trends, it only reflects incidents that were reported by students to UCEAP.

Incidents Reported by Severity Level

Of the 127 serious and severe incidents reported in 2016-17, 86 (68%) were level 3 (serious) and 41 (32%) were level 4 (severe).

Level 3 (serious) to Level 4 (severe) incidents*

Accidents: 8
Resulting in physical injuries including, but not limited to, broken bones, stitches.

Conduct Violations: 28
Types of conduct violations included academic, social, substance abuse, housing infractions, or non-responsiveness. Ten of these violations listed drugs or alcohol as contributing factors.

Health: 26
Health incidents included hospitalizations due to infections (ex. tonsillitis, gastritis). Appendectomy, malaria and dengue fever. Five students withdrew from their program citing serious issues with their physical health.

Mental Health: 21
Including but not limited to anxiety, depression, and bipolar disorder. Eighteen students withdrew from their UCEAP program and returned to the U.S. Three students completed their program with academic accommodations and significant support from UCEAP program local and systemwide staff and/or professional therapists.

Safety: 25
Twelve of the 25 students reporting a safety-related incident described a situation in which they felt threatened or uncomfortable. Among the remaining 13 incidents, 8 students were mugged (in 4 separate incidents) and 4 were physically assaulted (3 separate incidents).
**Substance Abuse: 20**
Including nine reported cases of acute intoxication needing ER treatment.

**Thefts / Muggings: 7**

**Sexual Violence: 14**
Including one report of student on student prohibited conduct.

**Conduct: 7**
Conduct incidents primarily comprise violations of UCEAP student policies and the UCEAP Student Agreement. After substance abuse-related conduct violations (tracked separately), housing violations; including disruptive parties, unapproved overnight guests, and disputes with roommates or host families; were the most common violations. Two conduct violations resulted in UCEAP-issued administrative withdrawal.

**Other: 6**
Six students reported witnessing or being the subject of anti-Asian racism by locals not associated with the program or host university. These students did complete their programs.

Also, not included in the total count of incidents abroad: Two spring 2017 participants were placed on disciplinary probation in advance of program departure because of their existing disciplinary records on file with their campus Office of Judicial Affairs (OJA).

*DEFINITIONS*

**Level 3, serious incidents** requiring coordination between the study center, UCEAP Systemwide office staff and non-UCEAP personnel to achieve resolution. Examples include an injury or illness requiring an overnight hospital stay, broken bones, accidents involving a motor vehicle, mental health issues requiring intervention arrests, robbery, assault, civil unrest, and conduct violations warranting disciplinary probation.

**Level 4, severe incidents** involve the immediate well-being of students and/or demand significant UC resources. Examples include an injury or illness requiring hospitalization or medical evacuation, student death, suicide attempt, fire in student housing, physical assault, sexual violence, student disappearance, health or mental health conditions resulting in withdrawal, and conduct violations resulting in program dismissal.

For more information, [Student Incidents and Emergency Response Levels](http://eap.ucop.edu/Documents/EmergencyResponseAlerts/emergency_levels.pdf)

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