

EAP STUDENT TRAVEL POLICY

Participants in the University of California Education Abroad Program 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 the Universitywide Office of the Education Abroad Program to promote safe behavior and to encourage students to engage in risk management when traveling during the EAP program, including breaks. There are tools available to help participants minimize risks. The U.S. Department of State provides **international travel** and **safety** information and recommendations for U.S. travelers.

Recommendations from the U.S. Department of State may take several forms, all of which can be accessed on their **website**:

- **Travel Warnings (TW)** are issued to describe long-term, protracted conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable. A Travel Warning is also issued when the U.S. government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of its staff.
- **Travel Alerts (TA)** (formerly Public Announcements) 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 Sheets (CSIS)** are issued for every country of the world with information on such matters as the health conditions, crime, unusual currency or entry requirements, any areas of instability, and the location of the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate in the subject country.

Accordingly, in addition to encouraging students to use good judgment, UOEAP has adopted the following policy:

1. All EAP participants are strongly discouraged from traveling to areas for which the U.S. Department of State has issued a **Travel Warning** unless EAP has made an exception to this policy.
2. All EAP participants are also strongly discouraged from traveling to areas that the Study Center or other information sources indicate may be risky or dangerous.
3. All EAP participants 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.
4. All EAP participants are responsible for following the Student Travel Policy.
5. EAP participants who choose to travel to high-risk areas as described above in spite of EAP and U.S. Department of State recommendations should discuss their plans with Study Center staff and must sign a **Travel Waiver** before departure.
6. A student who travels without advising the Study Center Director or staff and signing the waiver may be subject to disciplinary action.

Due to the security environment in a particular country or region that may impact EAP's and U.S. Consular Affairs' 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.