



Drew University Policy on Travel to Countries Under U.S. State Department Travel Warning

Policy

Drew University follows the U.S. State Department Travel Warnings with respect to all University students, faculty and staff participating in international programs and adheres to the following policy:

When the U.S. Department of State issues a travel warning for a particular country, Drew University's International and Travel Oversight Committee (ITOC) will suspend approval of and terminate all ongoing education abroad by Drew students, faculty or staff of any nationality in that country during the period of time that such Travel Warning is in effect.

For Drew-Sponsored Initiatives: University sponsored initiatives (including credit bearing programs, service learning projects, field work, athletic training, independent research, etc.) are not permitted to operate in the affected locale, region or country as long as the Travel Warning is in effect.

In the case of a Drew-sponsored initiative having received formal approval to operate in a program location prior to the issuance of a Travel Warning, the approval will be suspended until such time as the Travel Warning has been lifted.

In the event a Travel Warning is issued while a Drew-sponsored initiative is already in progress, the ITOC will follow the guidance and direction of the Department of State in determining whether or not to suspend or relocate the initiative.

For Non-Drew Sponsored Programs: Drew's Approved List may include, for academic reasons, programs in countries under a Travel Warning. Students may transfer credit from Approved List or other programs in countries under a Travel Warning only if an exemption has been granted in advance of program enrollment. The student must submit a Petition for Approval of Program Under Travel Warning prior to participation, in addition to following the University's standard procedures for study abroad. If a student's petition is not approved, that student may not take a Leave of Absence to participate in the program and later seek transfer credit for his or her work. It is the student's responsibility to check for any travel warnings prior to applying for academic credit for a non-Drew sponsored program and for informing the ITOC if a travel warning has been issued.

In the case of Drew students having received formal approval to participate in a program location prior to the issuance of a Travel Warning, but before the start of the program, the approval will be suspended until such time as the Travel Warning has been lifted.

In the event a Travel Warning is issued while an Approved List or other non-Drew sponsored study abroad program is already in progress, the program sponsor has the final authority to suspend or relocate the program. Drew will work closely with the program provider, on a case-by-case basis, to ensure the safety of the student(s).

Policy Exemptions and Procedures

A member of the Drew community wishing to propose a program, or a student wishing to participate in an Approved List or other study abroad program in a country under a Department of State Travel Warning must submit a Petition for Approval of Program Under Travel Warning.

Decision for exemptions will be made by the ITOC based on the nature of the Travel Warning, including the locations most impacted by the Warning; the availability of insurance coverage for travel to the program site; information from domestic and international partners and colleagues; the experience and training of program organizers and local support staff; the importance and academic relevance of the location to the mission of the program; how program leaders will minimize the risk to students; and the extent of the safety and security orientation provided. Decisions of the ITOC are final.

If a petition is approved, all program participants must sign the High Risk Travel Waiver of Liability, assuming all the risks and releasing the University from any future liability for his or her personal choice.

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