

Drew Students and Travel Warnings

Drew University policy for study abroad previously prohibited students from attending programs in countries on the U.S. Department of State Travel Warning list.

On March 3, 2008 a revised policy was approved by the University International Education Emergency Response Committee. Students wishing to study in countries on the list may do so if they follow the newly-instituted procedure prescribed by the Committee.

- A. Complete an on-line application to study off campus through the Office of International Education website.
- B. Complete the CLA Pre-Approval for Credit to Study Elsewhere form. Students must obtain the signature of appropriate advisors and department chairs, the Registrar, and the Director of International and Off-Campus Programs (IOCP).
- C. If the program is on the travel warning list and the approved list and the student meets the general criteria for study abroad, the student must meet with the Director of International Programs to discuss his/her application. In the presence of the Director, the student must read the State Department Travel Warning, the State Department Fact Sheet for the nation in question, the waiver of liability, and other appropriate materials relating to safety. The student must then sign the waiver form in order to gain University approval to attend the program.
- D. If the program is on the travel warning list, but not on the approved list or if the student does not meet the general criteria for study abroad, the student's application will be considered by the Faculty Committee on International and Off-Campus Programs (FACIOP). If the student's application is approved by FACIOP, then the student will meet with the IOCP Director as outlined in C and sign the waiver form.
- E. After the student and parents (where applicable) sign the form, the IOCP Director will provide the original copy of the waiver to the Vice President for Administration and University Relations. A copy will be retained by the Director and additional copies will be forwarded to the CLA Dean and FACIOP Chair. All members of the Emergency Response Committee and the Office of the President will be alerted to the student's application and potential travel to a country on the warning list.
- F. The student will be required to provide a full list of contact information to the IOCP Director within three days of arrival at the program destination, including functioning Email address, cell phone number, and the name and contact information for the program student services officer. Students must also register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate and enroll in the warden system in the same time frame (as outlined in the waiver).
- G. Upon return from the program the student will meet with the Director of IOCP to discuss his/her experience and provide feedback regarding safety issues.