

## **POLICY:** EDUCATION ABROAD & RELATED ACTIVITIES AT SITES WITH A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TRAVEL WARNING/TRAVEL ALERT

### **RATIONALE**

- ▶ To assess any potential risks—and appropriate actions to reduce those risks—such as issues of terrorism, war, disease and other risks to travelers.
- ▶ To ensure that students, faculty and staff have all relevant information and support they need while traveling abroad, for university-sponsored or university-related activities, to a country with a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning or Travel Alert.

### **WHO THIS APPLIES TO**

- ▶ This policy applies to all undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral research associates, faculty and staff—at the Storrs and regional campuses including the Law School—traveling internationally for university-sponsored or university-related purposes.

### **WAIVER PROCESS**

- ▶ Traveler must submit a waiver application addressing the travel and risk mitigation, which will be reviewed by committee comprised of one representative each from Education Abroad, Office of the General Counsel, and Office of Compliance; an area expert will be brought in if deemed appropriate.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

- ▶ Violations of this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with University Laws and By-Laws, General Rules of Conduct for All University Employees, applicable collective bargaining agreements, and the University of Connecticut Responsibilities of Community Life: The Student Code.
- ▶ The University reserves the right to deny academic credit, funding or reimbursement for any university-sponsored or university-related international travel that is considered inconsistent with published policies and practices.

### **SCOPE**

“University-sponsored or university-related” purposes include credit-bearing Education Abroad programs, internships, research, service learning and volunteer opportunities, conferences, registered student organization activities, student groups affiliated with academic departments, and other non-credit-bearing University programs.

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*“If the U.S. Department of State issues a travel warning/travel alert for a particular country or region within a country, UConn will suspend approval of any current Education and Activities Abroad program or individual university-sponsored or university-related travel by UConn students, postdoctoral research associates, faculty and/or staff and will not approve any new travel in that country as long as the travel warning/travel alert is in effect unless an application for a Waiver of this policy is submitted and approved by the Provost or his designee, the Vice Provost for Global Affairs.”*

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