

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.

POLICY:

EDUCATION ABROAD & RELATED ACTIVITIES IN 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

- ▶ Faculty, students and staff traveling to Level 3 “Reconsider Travel” and Level 4 “Do Not Travel” countries for UConn-sponsored or UConn-related purposes must submit a waiver application for approval by the Vice President of Global Affairs addressing the travel and risk mitigation. The application will be reviewed by a 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.
- ▶ In addition, faculty, students and staff traveling to a Level 2 “Exercise Increased Caution” country with specific travel to a location or area that is listed as a Level 3 “Reconsider Travel” or Level 4 “Do Not Travel” within the country must also obtain a waiver under the Policy.
- ▶ More detailed information on the new travel advisory system can be found direction on the U.S. State Department website: <http://travel.state.gov>

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.
- ▶ Detailed policy at <https://policy.uconn.edu/academic-and-student-life>

“If the U.S. Department of State issues a travel warning/travel alert [Travel Advisory Level 3 or 4] 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.”
