



INTERNATIONAL Travel Risk Policy

I. Introduction

Students, faculty, and staff of the National University community should be well informed of their international travel decisions and no one should be required or pressured to travel where there are health or security concerns.

National University uses the following resources to assess the risk of international travel; U.S. Department of State (U.S. DoS), Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The following document outlines the various levels of travel warnings and the applicable policies that apply to National University international travel. Under these policies international travel may be restricted under specific circumstances by National University administration.

II. Defining National University International Travel

National University International Travel is travel to a foreign country by any member of the National University community for National University programs, activities, or any international travel that is required, managed, and/or financially supported by National University.

Any member of the National University community (students, faculty, staff, and partners) who is traveling internationally for personal reasons and is not financially supported by National University is not subject to this international travel risk policy. Those members of the National University community who combine international travel for work-related and personal reasons must sign National University's International Travel Risk Form.

III. Travel Warnings

U.S. government agencies and other organizations may issue travel warnings or alerts due to health and safety issues in certain areas. These measures are issued for reasons that include civil war, unstable government, elections, crime or violence, terrorist attacks, or disease outbreaks. These warnings remain in place until the situation has been resolved and travel to these territories is not suggested. Some travel warnings have been in effect for years while travel alerts are generally for short-term events.

a. Highest Travel Warnings

Territories where any of the following conditions apply:

- U.S. Department of State personnel and/or their families have been ordered to leave and/or services are not available at U.S. Embassies or consulates.
- The U.S. Department of State, Center for Disease Control, and/or World Health Organization have determined that there is a very serious health risk and therefore prohibit travel and/or require quarantine before or upon re-entry to the U.S.

b. High Travel Warnings

Territories where any of the following conditions apply:

- U.S. Department of State personnel and/or their families are authorized to leave.
- U.S. citizens are urged to delay all but essential travel.
- Only emergency or intermittent services are available at U.S. embassies or consulates, and even they may not be available.
- The U.S. Department of State, Center for Disease Control and/or World Health Organization find there is a serious health risk and inadequate medical care, and urge a delay of all but essential travel.

c. Moderate Travel Warnings

Territories where either of the following conditions apply:

- Full services are available at U.S. embassies or consulates but U.S. citizens are urged to delay all but essential travel based on specific events/risks.
- The U.S. Department of State, Center for Disease Control, and/or World Health Organization find there is a serious health risk and urge delay in all but essential travel but do not find inadequate health care.

d. Travel Embargoes

The following countries are subject to travel and/or other restrictions imposed by the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) or other U.S. authorities.

IV. National University Travel Policies

a. High or Highest Travel Warning

- National University prohibits faculty, staff, and students from participating in study abroad programs in High and Highest Travel Warning locales as determined by the U.S. Department of State. This includes places where there is a serious health risk and inadequate medical care and places where travel insurance coverage is unavailable.
- No one may be required or coerced to travel to these areas.
- If faculty or staff members travel despite National University's urging not to do so, they must sign National University's Travel Risk Form before departure, and they must not take (or enable) any students or staff subordinates to travel to these areas.

b. Moderate Travel Warning

- National University urges all to heed U.S. Department of State, Center for Disease Control, and/or World Health Organization Travel Warnings.
- No one may be required or coerced to travel.
- All who decide to travel must sign National University's International Travel Risk Form before departure, acknowledging the risk and personal responsibility for their decision to travel.
- All students must also agree not to travel to or through any areas where U.S. Department of State personnel are required or authorized to leave. They must also agree not to travel to or through areas where travel insurance coverage or adequate medical care is not available and to not use modes of transportation that U.S. Department of State personnel or their families are prohibited to use.

c. Travel Embargoes

- U.S. law may prohibit or restrict travel to embargoed countries or transferring anything of value to persons or entities on Treasury Department lists, whether the trip is on National University business or for personal reasons.

V. Additional Information

Travel Resources include the following:

1. Center for Disease Control (CDC) website: **[cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)**
2. U.S. Department of State (DoS) website: **travel.state.gov**
3. World Health Organization (WHO) website: **[who.int](https://www.who.int)**
4. Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) website: **treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx**