

UCI Independent Programs Abroad

Student Participation In Countries with U.S. State Department Travel Advisories

The safety and security of UCI students abroad is of the utmost importance. While we encourage students to participate in educational opportunities throughout the world, **when there are recognized regional dangers, instabilities, or severe health risks, we strongly recommend that UCI students not participate in Independent Programs abroad in the specified areas.** U.S. State Department Travel Advisories are online at: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Prospective Independent Program participants are advised not to enter countries or regions with an existing U.S. State Department Travel Advisory of Level 3 or 4. More specifically, for Level 3 countries, students may obtain permission only after a review by committee, **while Level 4 designation countries cannot be appealed.**

All students should read the State Department Travel Advisories for their country destination.

After reading the Travel Advisories, if the U.S. State Department indicates a level 3 alert and you would like to participate in a program there, please contact the Study Abroad Center at studyabroad@uci.edu or call 949-824-6343.

Note: When a Travel Advisory level is raised to a 3 or 4 after an Independent Program has commenced we will advise Independent Program students in the region about the Travel Advisory. We will strongly encourage UCI students to withdraw from their Independent Program and leave the area covered by the Travel Advisory, even if their program continues to operate.