

ISU Undergraduate International Travel & Safety Abroad Risk Management Policy

The Education Abroad Committee (EAC) reviews and approves ISU undergraduate group study abroad program proposals. Programs that are proposed for locations with a U.S. State Department Travel Alert or a U.S. State Department Travel Warning are generally not encouraged, but may be approved after additional review that is focused on the adequacy of risk mitigation measures that are planned for the specific proposed program and location. Such programs are first reviewed by the EAC and then referred to the Study Abroad Risk Management Committee (SARMC) for further review of risk assessment and mitigation. If the SARMC finds reasonable rationale for the value of the program and determines that safety and risk concerns are appropriately and adequately addressed related to the State Department Alert or Warning, the program will likely be approved.

SARMC is also convened to determine if cancellation or other status changes are warranted for ISU undergraduate international travel and study abroad programs when a U.S. State Department Travel Alert or a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for a country where ISU programs have been approved by the EAC or where ISU programs are in progress. The SARMC may be convened at any point in time prior to or during a program as circumstances warrant.

Departments, colleges, and/or Program Directors may, at their discretion, cancel their program(s) without review by the SARMC.

The SARMC is comprised of the Associate Provost for Academic Programs (Chair), the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee, the Director of the Study Abroad Center, the Travel Physician at the Thielen Student Health Center Travel Clinic, an attorney from the Office of University Counsel, and the Director of the Office of Risk Management.