University Travel Restriction on Student Travel to Western Cape Province, South Africa

Restriction revised: April 25, 2018

The University restricts student travel for University related purposes to Western Cape Province, South Africa after January 1, 2019, according to its authority to issue a “University Travel Restriction” in the Policy on Student International Travel.

Rationale
Since January 2018, the City of Cape Town in South Africa has announced that its water resources are expected to be depleted in the coming year and reconfirmed a disaster plan for increasing restrictions and rationings. Originally expected in April 2018, “Day Zero” has been adjusted for January 2019. After consultations with program partners, the University has decided that the water situation in the Western Cape is dynamic and unpredictable enough to require increased caution and care in regards to the additional burden that any University visitors and activities would make after January 1, 2019.

Exemptions
Undergraduate or graduate students planning to travel to Western Cape Province after January 1, 2019 can request an exemption to the restriction according to the section “Petitioning for Exemptions” in the Policy on Student International Travel.

University Risk Management Committee for Education Abroad
Members include the vice provost for global affairs and representatives from the Office of University Counsel, Office of Property & Liability Risk Management, Office of the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, International Studies Office, Elson Student Health Center, Office of the Dean of Students, Office of the Vice President for Research, and at least three members of the faculty from schools with a particularly high level of student travel abroad programs, who each serve three-year terms.

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Resources
- U.S. Department of State International Travel Resources
- U.S. Department of State Travel Advisories
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- World Health Organization