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Restriction on Student Travel to Guatemala for University Related Purposes

Students who travel to Guatemala for University related purposes may only do so through the UVA in Guatemala Initiative. Students are required to review their travel plans with the International Studies Office (ISO) and the Director of the UVA in Guatemala Initiative [Dr. David Burt](#), read the most recent U.S. Department of State information on safety and security in Guatemala, complete an additional waiver and release of liability, and register their travel with the ISO.

Proposals for UVA faculty-led education abroad programs to Guatemala, as well as requests to include travel to Guatemala as part of other UVA faculty-led education abroad programs in the region will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the University's Risk Management Committee for Education Abroad.

Rationale

The US State Department has issued a Level 3 Threat Advisory "Reconsider Travel" for Guatemala, which would automatically requires students to petition to travel to Guatemala. However, Dr. Burt and the Guatemala Initiative work closely and regularly with the ISO and Provost's Office to assess safety of participants in the program, making adjustments as necessary, and this collaboration means that participants working with Dr. Burt and through the Guatemala Initiative do not need to petition.

Exemptions

Exemptions to the restriction on student travel to Guatemala for University related purposes may be requested by undergraduate or graduate students. See "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

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[U.S. Department of State Travel Advisories](#)
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
[World Health Organization](#)