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

Restriction implemented: February 8, 2018

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

Rationale
In January 2018, the City of Cape Town announced that its water resources are expected to be depleted as early as April 21, 2018 ("Day Zero") and reconfirmed a disaster plan for increasing restrictions and rationing. After consultations with program partners, the University has determined that the 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 during this time.

Exemptions
Exemptions to the restriction may be requested by undergraduate or graduate students. See “Petitioning for Exemptions” in 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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