University Travel Restriction on Student Travel to Cameroon

Restriction implemented: August 22, 2019

The University is restricting student travel for University-related purposes to Cameroon according to its authority to issue a “University Travel Restriction” in the Policy on Student International Travel.

Rationale
The US State Department has issued a Level 2 Threat Advisory “Exercise Increased Precautions” for Cameroon, with Level 4 Advisories of “Do Not Travel” for most of the country outside the Central province due to crime, terrorism, and civil unrest. In particular, the Northwest, West, and Southwest provinces, where the University has had previous engagements, have seen violent escalation around an anglophone separatist movement, including human rights abuses that specifically target students, teachers, and school administrators. The conditions are extreme, with breakdowns in the rule of law, and do not show signs of abating soon. US government personnel are severely limited in their activities, and the Embassy provides limited to no support for US citizens in much of Cameroon.

Exemptions
Exemptions to the restriction may be requested by undergraduate or graduate students. See “Petitioning for Exemptions” in Policy on Student International Travel.

University International Travel Risk Management Committee
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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