University Travel Restriction on Student Travel to Egypt

Renewed: February 27, 2019

The University is restricting student travel for University-related purposes to Egypt 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 Egypt, with Level 4 Advisories of “Do Not Travel” for the Sinai Peninsula, Western Desert, and border areas due to terrorism and active military zones. However, there continue to be terrorist attacks in and around Cairo, most recently at tourist sites and involving tourists, and the state has detained foreigners with little to no warning or communication. There is a high degree of unpredictability and uncertainty as to whether risks to safety and security are again escalating.

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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