

STUDY ABROAD

Special Petition for Study Abroad or Research in a Country under a Travel Warning

In compliance with Ohio State's policies on university-related student travel to countries with current U.S. Department of State Travel Warnings, students are required to submit a petition to the International Travel Policy Committee. Please submit the completed form to the International Risk Manager (Dru Simmons, simmons.541@osu.edu) at the Office of International Affairs (OIA) in 100 Oxley Hall at least 30 days prior to the Ohio State study abroad on-line application deadline for the respective term of study abroad or 60 days prior to your departure if your intended travel is not part of an OIA-managed program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Major: _____ Credit Hours Completed: _____ Current GPA: _____

Name of Program: _____

Program City: _____ Program Country: _____

Term of proposed travel: _____

1. Academic rationale and reason for choosing this destination (250-300 words)

Provide an outline of the importance and academic relevance for your study abroad or research, showing compelling reasons for study or research in this country and how it will fit into your academic plan. If you are conducting independent research, please include the name and e-mail address for your Ohio State faculty advisor.

2. In country environment and support (250-300 words)

Please provide detailed information on the geographic environment of the program or research site and its relationship to security issues. Include information on your accommodations, local security and support, on-site supervision and sponsors and on-site orientation.

I understand there is a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning for _____ (country), the country in which I intend to study. I have read the most recent Travel Warning for _____ at travel.state.gov and I recognize the inherent risk of studying there. In spite of the Department of State Travel Warning, and the concern for my safety expressed by the Office of International Affairs (OIA), I have decided to apply for an academic program in _____. I understand that participation in this program is not a requirement for any Ohio State degree and I have decided to study in _____ with full knowledge of the risks involved. I hereby release The Ohio State University, its trustees, officers and employees from any claims or causes of action to recover damages for any injuries or losses of any kind that I may suffer as a result of my participation in this program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by the International Travel Policy Committee

This petition is: Recommended for Approval Not Recommended for Approval

Signature of Committee Chair: _____ Date: _____

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