

Student travel to Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua Restricted

Due to increasing concerns about personal safety and security, the University's Risk Management Committee for Education Abroad has restricted student travel to Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua. The restrictions are the same as those placed on student travel to countries under a Department of State Travel Warning ([University Policy on Student Travel](#)). The University will suspend approval of and terminate all ongoing study abroad by University of Virginia undergraduate students of any nationality in the four countries. No University undergraduate student is permitted to embark on study abroad in the affected locale, region, or country; nor are University sponsored programs, including short-term faculty-led programs, permitted. University sponsored programs include programs that provide funding for undergraduate research and service. These include but are not limited to JPC, CGH and Harrison.

Exemptions to the policy may be requested by undergraduate students participating in **non-University of Virginia** programs per student petition and additional waiver and release of liability. An undergraduate student wishing to request approval of participation in a **non-University of Virginia** study abroad program in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua may follow the guidelines documented at: [Procedures](#). The decision of the International Studies Office will be final.

Graduate and professional students may travel to the region if they cannot complete their study anywhere else in the world. Such study/research projects require written justification and the approval of the department chair, the dean, and the Provost.

The University's Risk Management Committee for Education Abroad is comprised of representatives from the Office of Risk Management, Office of the General Counsel, University faculty and the ISO. The Committee based its decision on information from the U.S. Department of State, Overseas Security Advisory Council, FrontierMedex, and the Peace Corps. The restriction of student travel to Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua will be reviewed early in the fall 2012 semester.

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