



High Risk Student Travel College and Department Approval Form

The student listed below is seeking permission to undertake travel to a country deemed High Risk (generally countries that are currently listed on the US State Department Travel Warning and/or to areas that pose particular concern to the safety of its visitors). Certain destinations carry more risk than others; USF World is currently undertaking an evaluation of the risks and obtains its information from the US Department of State, OSAC, Travel Guard and CIA World Fact Book we may also consult directly with U.S. Embassies or other individuals with country-specific knowledge of risk and safety concerns.

We do not want to approve travel to high risk locations without the support and approval of the student's chair and dean. Prior to undertaking a full risk assessment, we ask the student's Department Chair and Dean to indicate their support of the student's participation in their chosen international education abroad program or activity in spite of the inherent risks associated with travel or research in this country.

Assuming the student's travel is approved, they will need to sign a liability waiver prior to their departure. This waiver will include some travel restrictions that the student will have to abide by for their travel. **Failure to comply will result in the following: USF will not process or transfer financial aid, scholarships or insurance coverage, and will not maintain the student's enrollment.**

Student's name: _____

Brief description of international activity/program):

Program Sponsor (if applicable):

Location(s): _____ Date: _____ to _____

By signing below the Department Chair and Dean of College are indicating the following:

- 1) The academic benefits of the proposed study are compelling and merit the university's approval and support in spite of the risks associated with travel to this country or region.



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- 2) This research or program of study cannot be undertaken in another country or region that may pose less risk to the student.
- 3) Should the student be approved to undertake the proposed program of study, your department and college will be involved in any significant student related problems and also agree to aid in monitoring the student's progress and wellbeing while abroad. If the student must be evacuated for any reason, your department and college may be asked to assist in resolving any academic issues.
- 4) By signing below, the department chair and dean are assuring the Education Abroad office that in their interactions with the student, s/he has conducted him/herself with a high level of maturity and responsibility. Furthermore, the chair and dean feel the student would be well-suited to deal with travel related issues that can occur on any study abroad program, but also any emergency or safety issues that arise given the greater likelihood of this occurring in travel to a high-risk location.

Department Chair Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dean of College Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any additional comments, or if there is anything else the Education Abroad Office should know about this student, feel free to attach a separate sheet on letterhead, or contact the Education Abroad Office. Thank you.

Please return this form to:

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