

ISU Undergraduate International Travel and Study Abroad Program Cancellation Policy

Iowa State University (ISU) will not operate ISU Undergraduate International Travel and Study Abroad Programs in countries where the U.S. State Department has issued a Travel Warning unless approval is provided by the Study Abroad Risk Management Committee (SARMC) after a full review of the situation and finding compelling reasons to allow the program. The Education Abroad Committee (EAC), which reviews and approves ISU Undergraduate Group Study Abroad Program proposals, will review, but will not grant full approval to, proposed programs in locations with a U.S. State Department Travel Warning or a U.S. State Department Travel Alert and will refer these program proposals to the SARMC for review and approval.

SARMC is also convened to determine the status of ISU Undergraduate International Travel and Study Abroad Programs should a U.S. State Department Travel Warning or a U.S. State Department Travel Alert be issued for a country where ISU programs have been approved by the EAC or where ISU programs are in progress. The SARMC may be convened at any point in time prior to or during a program as circumstances warrant.

As long as a U.S. State Department status that initiated the ISU program cancellation remains in place, future terms of a program will be suspended until such time as the status is lifted or the program is placed back into active status by the SARMC.

Departments, colleges, and/or Program Directors may, at their discretion, cancel their program without, and prior to, undergoing review by the SARMC. Departments, colleges, and/or Program Directors may seek exception to this cancellation policy for their program by appealing to the SARMC.

The SARMC is comprised of the Associate Provost for Academic Programs (Chair), the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee, the Director of the Study Abroad Center, the Travel Physician at the Thielen Student Health Center Travel Clinic, an attorney from the Office of University Counsel, and the Director of the Office of Risk Management.