

**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
**Policy on Restricted GT Student Travel Abroad as part of**  
**Educational/Experiential Programs**

Georgia Institute of Technology monitors information relevant to the safety and security of Georgia Tech students abroad. In evaluating the risks associated with student travel abroad, Georgia Tech gives primary consideration to Travel Advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State (US DoS) and Health Notices issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Students are not permitted to travel abroad as part of an educational/experiential activity in a country with an overall US DoS Travel Advisory Level 3 (*Reconsider Travel*) or Level 4 (*Do Not Travel*) and/or a CDC Health Notice Level 3 (*Avoid Nonessential Travel*) or Level 4 (*Do Not Travel*).**

Students are permitted to travel abroad as part of an educational/experiential activity to countries with an overall US DoS Travel Advisory Level 1 (*Exercise Normal Precautions*) or Level 2 (*Exercise Increased Caution*) and/or CDC Health Notice at Level 1 (*Practice Usual Precautions*) or Level 2 (*Practice Enhanced Precautions*).

**Note:** Certain areas within any country with an overall Travel Advisory Level 1 or Level 2, may be designated within the Travel Advisory as either Level 3 (*Reconsider Travel*) or Level 4 (*Do Not Travel*) locations. As such, students will not be allowed to travel to or reside in these specific areas as part of an educational/experiential activity.

A complete list of U.S. State Department Travel Advisories is published on their official web site:  
<http://travel.state.gov>.

To review Travel Health Notices highlighted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/>

This policy applies to students who are participating in an overseas activity affiliated with Georgia Tech while matriculated at the Institute. This includes, but is not limited to, international internships, faculty-led study abroad, exchange programs, research abroad, embedded study abroad courses, international academic projects, international conferences, service trips abroad, alternative service breaks abroad, registered student org trips abroad, CRC international activities, ORGT groups traveling abroad, etc.

Proposals will not be approved, and agreements will not be signed for programs or activities in countries or areas of countries with Level 3 or Level 4 Travel Advisories/Health Notices.

Should the Travel Advisory or Health Notice rating change to a Level 3 or Level 4 after an activity or program abroad is planned, approved, or is in progress, the GT Emergency Response Plan for Programs Abroad will be activated for decision-making.

The Institute's **Appeal Committee on Restricted Student Travel Abroad** will consider appeals of this policy for student travel as part of an educational/experiential activity to countries, or areas within countries, with a Level 3 or 4 Travel Advisory or Level 3 or 4 Health Notice.

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**Exceptions to Policy on Restricted GT Student Travel Abroad**

If GT faculty/staff/students wish to ask for an exception to the Policy on Restricted GT Student Travel Abroad for countries, or areas within countries, with a Level 3 or 4 Travel Advisory and or Level 3 or 4 Health Notice, the Institute's **Appeal Committee on Restricted Student Travel Abroad** will review the request.

Committee members:

Vice Provost for International Initiatives  
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education  
Vice Provost for Graduate Education & Faculty Development  
Director of Global Operations - VP II  
Executive Director of International Education  
Director of Education Abroad  
Study Abroad Committee Chair  
Dean of Students  
Legal Affairs (one representative)  
Assistant Director of Outdoor Recreation  
Associate Dean – Center for Student Engagement  
Faculty member without administrative post (one representative)

Requests for exceptions may be made, time permitting, by sending an email to the Director of Education Abroad for study abroad, exchange programs, research abroad, embedded study abroad courses, international academic projects, or international internships; to the Assistant Director of Outdoor Recreation for ORGT international travel groups or CRC international activities; or to the Associate Dean – Center for Student Engagement for registered student orgs, alternative service breaks, service trips, etc. Requests for exceptions should include:

1. General information about the request (which country, departure/return date, itinerary, length of time in country, who you be living with, etc.)
2. Why does this program/internship/activity/trip need to take place in this particular location? Why not in another location that is not rated as a Level 3 or 4 Travel Advisory/Health Notice?
3. How would this program/internship/activity/trip add to the education of the student(s)? Is this activity a degree/graduation requirement?
4. What are the greatest risks for student(s) in this location and how will those be mitigated? Requests should be specific about strategies/policies/procedures/arrangements that would be in place to mitigate risks that are highlighted in the Travel Advisory/Health Notice.

The Director of Education Abroad, the Assistant Director of Outdoor Recreation, or the Associate Dean – Center for Student Engagement will convene the committee upon receipt of materials listed above. The Committee will review and make a recommendation to the President/Provost for consideration. The Director of Education Abroad/Assistant Director Outdoor Recreation/Associate Dean –Student Engagement will inform the petitioner of the President's/Provost's final decision via email.

Please note, submission of an appeal does not guarantee that an exception will be granted.