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UNC Travel Policy & Approval Process



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Even if the System Office guidance is rescinded, UNC Chapel Hill will continue to require pre-travel approval for financial oversight and risk management purposes.

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The international travel approval process, detailed on the [Global Affairs website](#), has been decoupled from COVID-19, with a focus on approving travel to Department of State (DOS) Advisory Level 1 and Level 2 countries.

Travelers are required to inform themselves of all health, safety, and security risks, as cited in [State Department advisories](#) and [CDC travel health notices](#), and develop sound risk mitigation plans addressing all known and foreseeable risks.

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Students participating in a study abroad program do not need to submit an individual request for a travel exception. Travel approval for the *program -- from any College or School --* is sought by the faculty program director and granted by the Vice Provost for Global Affairs, and all student participants in the program are covered. **[Note** that students traveling internationally *outside* of an established study abroad program must obtain approval prior to traveling. The process is determined by the student's status (graduate vs. undergraduate) and is outlined on the Global Affairs travel policy webpage.]

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Faculty who lead programs will be required to seek approval separately from the students. Staff from UNC Study Abroad or Kenan-Flagler Business School will provide guidance regarding this process.

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Consistent with UNC System guidance, University-affiliated international travel requires prior approval. Prospective travelers should familiarize themselves with conditions in destination countries:

- U.S. State Department – Travel Advisories: [Travel Advisories \(state.gov\)](#)
- CDC Travel Health Notices: [Travel Health Notices | Travelers' Health | CDC](#)
- CDC COVID-19 information: [International Travel during COVID-19](#)

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