

FROM: Dr. Rob Howell, Director for International Academic Programs (IAP)  
RE: Update on IAP Programs in Mexico

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The Mexico Travel Alert issued recently by the U.S. Department of State urges that everyone visiting Mexico exercise caution, particularly in the areas along the U.S.-Mexico border, including Tijuana, Chihuahua City and Ciudad Juarez, which have seen significant increases in violent crime related to narcotics trafficking. Full details on the alert can be visited at: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/pa/pa\\_3028.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_3028.html)

International Academic Programs (IAP) intends to continue with plans to offer its summer programs in Oaxaca, as well as the Summer/Fall program to Guanajuato this year.

The Crossing Borders: Brownsville, Texas & Matamoros, Mexico program for Summer 2009 will continue, but the program will be held exclusively on the Brownsville side of the border. As a result of security concerns, students will not cross into Mexico.

International Academic Programs takes seriously the health, safety and security of students and staff who participate in our programs. While we cannot guarantee the safety of any individual in any specific location, we continually monitor information from official sources and from our international partners and colleagues and take all reasonable and feasible precautions so that students on our programs may have a safe experience. Experienced staff from IAP and/or from partner institutions in Mexico provide guidance in written materials, in pre-departure orientation meetings and on-site support and assistance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office.

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