

Safety Update: 11/24/15

The U.S. State Department issued a Worldwide Travel Alert informing citizens to possible risks of travel due to increased terrorist threats on November 23, 2015. View full content of the Alert at <http://travel.his.com/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/worldwide-travel-alert.html>. This alert was forwarded to all International Academic Programs (IAP) students abroad and those planning to study abroad next term reminding them to follow these precautions and those provided to them by IAP regarding safety while abroad.

All IAP study abroad programs continue to be offered as scheduled. IAP is dedicated to doing all we can to assure the personal safety and security of each of our study abroad participants. IAP has emergency policies and procedures that we continuously review and update for all IAP programs. We work proactively to provide students with access to information about safety in each program location. From our Madison office, we monitor the world situation daily through available channels, such as government agencies, private security firms, and in-country staff, and convey new information to our students as situations warrant. We also maintain close contact with our administrative counterparts abroad to ensure that they have the latest information and understand relevant safety measures. We consult regularly with the UW-Madison International Safety & Security Director on world events & happenings and best practices related to international travel. IAP students are provided with the phone number to the IAP emergency phone which is carried by a professional UW study abroad staff member who is available to assist study abroad students dealing with emergency situations 24/7. IAP will continue to monitor world events closely.