

Purpose: To identify and mitigate the risk associated with high risk travel to Restricted Regions.

Louisiana State University supports and encourages international travel and collaborations and recognizes that a global perspective is essential to its academic mission. The University is equally committed to the safety and well-being of its students, faculty and staff when they participate in these activities and realizes that some areas of the world present heightened health, safety and security risks. In particular, countries/regions that have U.S. Department of State Travel Warnings have been identified as countries/regions that require special efforts to mitigate risk and, when necessary, call for the avoidance of travel altogether.

The University requires all travel to countries with U.S. Department of State Travel Warnings to be reviewed and approved by the university's International Travel Oversight Committee (ITOC). The Vice Provost for Academic Affairs leads the committee which includes representatives from across campus, including 2 faculty members recommended by the Faculty Senate President, 2 staff members recommended by Staff Senate President, and administrators who are specialists in international travel and risk management recommended by the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Services & CFO.

Procedures:

A. This policy applies to the following:

1. LSU faculty and staff traveling internationally with or without University funding to conduct University conferences, teaching endeavors or technical assistance activities.
2. LSU graduate and undergraduate students, traveling internationally as individuals or in groups, with or without University funding, for any LSU-sponsored, LSU-administered, or LSU-related activity/program (including, but not limited to activities such as taking part in official study abroad programs, participating in recognized student organization trips abroad, conducting research, attending conferences or technical assistance activities).

B. International Travel to Restricted Regions

The University International Travel Oversight Committee (ITOC) will maintain a Restricted Regions list indicating locations worldwide where ITOC approval is required for student, faculty and staff travel. **No student, faculty or staff can be required to travel to a location on the Restricted Regions list.** This list will include, but is not limited to, all countries with a current

The Restricted Regions list is determined by the ITOC. The list will be monitored routinely and updated by the ITOC whenever specific conditions warrant.

