

Memorandum

TO: Deans, Chairs, Directors

FROM: Gary Perry, Provost and  
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SUBJECT: FAU Safety and Security Policies  
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Florida Atlantic University (FAU) strongly supports international education, including undergraduate and graduate study abroad and exchange programs, faculty research and teaching abroad, and other forms of international institutional cooperation. FAU study abroad programs and international agreements are managed by the Office of International Programs (OIP) in all of the institution's nine colleges. Faculty research and teaching abroad are supported by departments and colleges and are assisted by OIP when these activities occur under the auspices of an international agreement.

FAU strives to make cross-cultural learning and academic work experiences accessible to all who are interested. At the same time, safety and security for all who are engaged in these activities are often associated with international travel for educational purposes. In order to ensure the safety and well-being of FAU students, faculty and employees, the following safety and security policies apply to all official FAU-sponsored international activities.

**Student Overseas Study Programs:** Students on FAU-sponsored study abroad and exchange programs receive information on safety and security concerns prior to departure. FAU faculty-led programs file contingency plans with OIP for the study institution. Students are held liable for the risks inherent in overseas travel and study. FAU generally does not sponsor study abroad and exchange programs to locations where the U.S. State Department has issued a Travel Warning. However, a program organizer may request an exemption from this restriction by petitioning the FAU Study Abroad Safety and Security Committee (See *Study Abroad and International Travel Guidelines for Educators* Subject to U.S. Department of State Travel Warnings at <http://fau.edu/goabroad/Safety and Security Policies>).

If FAU students are interested in studying at an institution that is located in a U.S. State Department Travel Warning area, they may choose to direct their study abroad efforts in the overseas involvement from FAU. In such instances, students need not be affiliated with FAU for their study abroad.

Faculty and Staff Activities

teaching opportunities in international locations. If any office or department is providing educational opportunities that are sponsored by FAU, there is a U.S. State Department waiver acknowledging that the activity is being conducted under the auspices of FAU should consult their appropriate supervisor for guidance on, and approval of, any such international activities.

THE FAU OFFICE website ([www.fau.edu/goabfo](http://www.fau.edu/goabfo)) has additional information on safety and security of international travel, including information on international travel insurance. Students, staff and faculty are encouraged to purchase travel insurance as they plan for a position in an international location.

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