

## Safety

### ISU Study Abroad Statement on Safety and Security

The safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff who are participating in ISU programs abroad is of the highest importance. The Study Abroad Center (SAC) has established policies and procedures designed to safeguard the safety and well-being of study abroad participants. ISU will not operate Undergraduate International Travel and Study Abroad Programs in countries where the U.S. State Department has issued a Travel Warning unless approval is granted after a special review process. ISU not only cancels ISU programs, but also withdraws sponsorship and student financial aid for Affiliate and Non-ISU programs in locations under a Travel Warning.

### Student Responsibilities

The SAC encourages students to take responsibility for their own safety and well-being by carefully reading the information, advice, and resources provided, including the following websites:

[www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)

<http://studentsabroad.state.gov>

[www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)

Students should also do the following:

- Blend in
- Use the buddy system
- Use a neck pouch or money belt
- Carry your CISI insurance card
- Know the local equivalent of 911 for your location
- Store an ICE (In Case of Emergency) number on your cell phone so that emergency/medical personnel can contact your family
- Register with the U.S. State Department through the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <http://studentsabroad.state.gov>
- List current emergency contact information in ISUAbroad

### Special Safety Note:

The major cause of student injury or death in overseas programs is traffic accidents. According to the U.S. State Department, road travel is the greatest risk to healthy Americans abroad. This does not refer to driving but **as a pedestrian**. Learn as much as you can about road signs, customs, and driving behaviors in all locations you plan to travel to. Most importantly, be very aware of all traffic around you at all times (including mopeds!).