

## **Policy on Study Abroad in Sites under a Travel Warning**

Drexel University aspires to provide our undergraduate students with the tools that will help them to become leaders of their chosen professions in the global society of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. To this end, Drexel vigorously supports a program of study abroad opportunities around the world.

The University sets guidelines about how, when, and where undergraduate students may study abroad and considers issues of terrorism, war, disease and other risks to travelers. Accordingly, the University observes the following policy: if either the U.S. Department of State or the Centers for Disease Control issues a travel warning for a particular country or region within a country, normally Drexel will suspend approval of study abroad by Drexel undergraduate students of any nationality in that site while the warning is in effect. At the present time, Drexel does not operate any programs or employ staff in sites under a travel warning.

On rare occasions, an individual student may wish to seek exemption from the policy on study abroad in a site under a travel warning on academic grounds. The Provost will make the final ruling as to whether or not an exception will be made. If the Provost grants approval, the Drexel Study Abroad staff will administer the study abroad program in the same way as all other study abroad programs for which Drexel students may receive credit.

If the student is granted permission to study abroad in a site under a travel warning, the student and the student's parents or guardians will be asked to sign waiver forms acknowledging that they have read the travel warning. The waiver forms will ask students and their families to verify that they understand that Drexel is neither sponsoring the study abroad program nor advising students to participate in a program where travel warnings exist, and that students are solely responsible for their safety.