

## UCI International Opportunities Program (IOP)

### Student Participation In Countries with U.S. State Department Travel Warnings

The safety and security of UCI students abroad is of the utmost importance. While we encourage students to participate in educational opportunities throughout the world, **when there are recognized regional dangers, instabilities, or severe health risks, we strongly recommend that UCI students not participate in IOP in the specified areas.** U.S. State Department Travel Warnings are on line at:

<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>

**Prospective IOP participants** are advised not to enter countries or regions with an existing U.S. State Department Travel Warning. They will be counseled to identify and consider alternative locations. Students considering IOP participation in a country with an existing Travel Warning must read the Travel Warning and are advised to discuss the risks with their IOP Advisor.

- All IOP participants are required to sign a ***Waiver of Liability*** as part of the IOP Packet prior to departure.
- IOP participants choosing to participate on a program in a country with a current U.S. State Department Travel Warning are also required to sign the ***IOP Safety Instructions and Risk Acknowledgement***. Obtain this form from your IOP Advisor.

**When a Travel Warning is issued after an IOP program has commenced** we will advise IOP students in the region about the Travel Warning. We will strongly encourage UCI students to withdraw from their IOP program and leave the area covered by the Travel Warning even if their program continues to operate.