

UC San Diego Opportunities Abroad Program

Notification & Assumption of Risk

Notification: I understand that the University of California’s Education Abroad Program, in light of Covid-19, has canceled all fall 2020 and all winter and spring 2021 programs. I also understand that the University strongly discourages travel to countries subject to U.S. Department of State and/or other governmental travel warnings. At this time, the U.S. Department of State has issued an unprecedented number of Level 3 – “Reconsider Travel” and Level 4 – “Do Not Travel” advisories worldwide. In part, these advisories cite the challenges of international travel, including mandatory quarantines, travel restrictions and closed borders. Similarly, the CDC has issued broad “Warning - Level 3, Avoid Nonessential Travel” notices. UC’s Office of the President (UCOP) has also issued its own directives and guidance to avoid all non-essential work travel, including international restrictions. **If you disregard the University and/or other governmental entities’ recommendations, warnings, alerts, and advisements and nonetheless decide to participate in an Opportunity Abroad Program at this time, you understand that you are making a personal choice to do so and that the University will not be responsible for your decision or for any consequences of your decision.**

Assumption of Risks: You understand that studying abroad carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries and illness. These risks are especially high at this time and may arise from a variety of sources, including the current COVID-19 Pandemic. Students are notified that they must read the previous paragraphs and know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in the decision to nonetheless study abroad despite the State Department Travel Warning, the CDC Travel Health Warning, and/or the UC Office of the President (UCOP) directive. **In particular, you are advised and understand that should you participate in an Opportunity Abroad Program, no person or entity, including the U.S. government and/or The Regents of the University of California, may be able to provide emergency assistance to you. You also understand that the U.S. Embassy may temporarily close and/or suspend public services for security reasons. You understand that if there is a need to evacuate the country, in certain emergency situations, flights may be suspended, and other departure options may be limited and/or unavailable. In addition, you understand that given the worldwide impacts of Covid-19, services that may ordinarily be available such as medical care, evacuation, and/or extraction services may not be available to you.** Other inherent risks that cannot be eliminated vary, but the risks include 1) minor and major physical injuries inflicted accidentally or intentionally by third parties; 2) emotional and psychological injuries inflicted either accidentally or intentionally by third parties; 3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death.

Particularly having received this notice, you know, understand, and appreciate the serious risks that are inherent in participating in an Opportunity Abroad Program at this time. Should you nonetheless elect to do so, your decision will serve as evidence that your decision was voluntary, entirely your own, and that you therefore assume any and all risks that relate to your participation.

Failure of an individual to read or fully evaluate this notification does not excuse noncompliance.