

Study Abroad Cancellation

Roger Williams University and its School of Law recognize that education abroad does involve risk.

While no program can guarantee the security and health of its participants, we closely monitor notices of the U.S. State Department, Center for Disease Control, and World Health Organization in order to make informed program operation decisions and promptly inform students concerning any adverse international or host country situation.

In the most extraordinary circumstances, concern for student safety might make it necessary to cancel or terminate operation of a Roger Williams University School of Law overseas program.

In certain other circumstances, students may be offered the option to withdraw from a program after being informed by the School of Law of a new U.S. State Department travel warning. Any decision to cancel, terminate or modify a program will be made by the Dean after consultation with the Director of International Programs, Dean of Students, on site program administrators, and the Roger Williams University administration.

Particular policies, including refund policies, in the event of program cancellation, termination, or student election to withdraw based on public announcement of a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning are explained below.

U.S. State Department Advisories

General Advice to Students Traveling Abroad

A copy of the U.S. State Department, Bureau of Consular Affairs, general statement of risks for students traveling overseas is included with this memorandum.

Public Announcements and Warnings Concerning Travel Abroad

The Bureau of Consular Affairs also issues periodic public announcements and warnings for American citizens traveling abroad. These are at three levels of urgency.

1. The lowest level announcement is a Public Announcement that contains descriptions of the country and safety issues of which American citizens should be aware. These announcements include an issue date and a date of expiration.

- The most recent public announcements for Portugal and/or the United Kingdom, as appropriate, are enclosed with this memorandum.

2. The second level of public announcement is a Worldwide Caution, which means that U.S. citizens traveling to a certain country should be aware of a non specific security issue and should exercise caution while traveling to or within that country.

- The most recent Worldwide Caution is enclosed with this memorandum.

3. The third level, the highest alert, is a Travel Warning announcement for a specific country. This indicates that the U.S. Government has received a specific threat and is warning U.S. citizens to be vigilant and on alert for suspicious activity. Serious health or disease as well as other risks may be cause for a Travel Warning.

The announcement often recommends that citizens defer travel until the threat is no longer present.

- There are currently no Travel Warnings issued for Portugal or the United Kingdom.
- In truly extraordinary or extreme situations, the U.S. Department of State could call for evacuation of U.S. citizens from a particular country or region.

The latest updates to U.S. State Department advisories are posted at <http://travel.state.gov/>

Health Advisories: Center For Disease Control and World Health Organizations

The U.S. State Department, Bureau of Consular Affairs advisories including notices concerning travel to countries or areas for which traveler health advisories have been issued by the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization. You may directly check for traveler health advisories issued by those agencies at www.cdc.gov and www.who.int.

Roger Williams University School of Law Program Termination/Cancellation Policies

Students will be promptly notified of U.S. State Department issuance of a country specific Travel Warning during or prior to the commencement of a Study Abroad Program.

1. If a Travel Warning is issued prior to the beginning of a program, students will be given an opportunity to withdraw from the program and receive a full refund of all monies already paid.

If Roger Williams University School of Law cancels a program in advance based on a Travel Warning, there will be a full refund of all monies already paid.

2. If a Travel Warning is issued during the course of a program, students will be promptly notified and be given an opportunity to withdraw from the program.

Students who withdraw will be refunded monies paid in advance of withdrawal less the amount attributable to room and board prior to withdrawal.

If Roger Williams University School of Law terminates a program in progress based on a Travel Warning, students will receive a full refund of all monies already paid less the amount attributable to room and board prior to program termination.

Students remain responsible for all transportation costs as these are not included in the Roger Williams University School of Law tuition and fees for Study Abroad Programs.

Roger Williams University Policy In The Event of An Evacuation

In the extraordinary event of an evacuation the Roger Williams University Internal Education crisis management team in conjunction with the School of Law and on site program directors will work together to develop and administer an appropriate response.

The University will notify students and their indicated contact person in the U.S. of the specific plan and the recommended time frame.

It will arrange or assist in moving students to either the U.S. or another destination, according to the specific advice from the U.S. State Department and the local U.S. Embassy or Consulate. The cost of international travel is the responsibility of the student.

U.S. Department of State Policy Of Release Of Information For Specific Persons
Participants and their families need to be aware that the U.S. Department of State Office of

American Citizens Services and Crisis Management will generally not release information about specific individuals to Roger Williams University or to other third parties.

The U.S. State Department website includes the following statement:

"Families in the United States whose U.S. citizen relatives abroad are directly affected by a crisis can communicate with the Department of State through our Office of American Citizens Services and Crisis Management (202 647 5225)."