

Coronavirus Update: College Policy on Student Travel  
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Vassar College is closely monitoring the global Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation so we can act with the safety of our students as our primary concern. The College is carefully monitoring health and safety updates from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. Department of State. In addition, we are working with our travel insurance partner, On Call International, which provides regular updates from its Global Security and Medical Teams as well as itinerary-specific assessments of potential health and safety risks of scheduled study trips.

Vassar College's travel policy follows the guidance of the regularly updated Travel Advisories issued by the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, which use the following advisory systems:

	<b>State Department</b>	<b>CDC</b>
Level 1	Exercise Normal Precautions	Practice Usual Precautions
Level 2	Exercise Increased Caution	Practice Enhanced Precautions
Level 3	Reconsider Travel	Avoid Nonessential Travel
Level 4	Do Not Travel	

**College policy prohibits students who study abroad and students or alumni traveling with college funds from traveling to destinations with a current U.S. Department of State general travel advisory at level 3 or 4 or a CDC travel advisory at level 3.** (A petition to request an exception for travel to areas under a State Department level 3 advisory may be submitted for consideration; students should contact the Office of International Programs for details. There are no exceptions for travel to areas under a State Department level 4 advisory.)

Student travel, including study abroad and academic study trips, is permitted to countries (or regions within countries) designated by the U.S. State Department and the CDC as level 1 or level 2. For Spring 2020 study trips to level 1 or level 2 countries, faculty members leading study trips may elect to cancel or reschedule such trips at their discretion; students may elect to opt-out of such trips without experiencing any negative academic consequences.

The Dean of Faculty, Health Services, and Office of International Programs together engage a variety of sources to evaluate travel risk to Vassar students. Vassar may also prohibit student travel if the College determines that travel to the country poses a credible health or security risk to students.