Health, Safety, and Security Gating Criteria for
Approving DU Semester Abroad and Faculty-Led Abroad Programs
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Document Purpose:
In the context of COVID-19 or other subsequent health or safety threats, this document provides a set of standards and processes for reviewing risks related to the health, safety and security of students and faculty who are part of DU’s short-term faculty-led or semester abroad programs in order to make evidence-based decisions on when to run, postpone, or cancel programs.

Davenport University will prohibit study abroad travel to areas that are under either a Level 4 travel advisory (Do Not Travel) from the U.S. Department of State, or a Level 3 travel warning (Avoid Non-Essential Travel) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Other than these specific advisories, decisions to allow or prohibit travel, or require enhanced health or safety procedures for study abroad experiences, will be based on review of all of the following criteria:

Criteria:

1. Level of travel advisories or restrictions from a review of the following data sources:
   - The US Department of State (DOS) Travel Advisories
   - DOS COVID-19 Country Specific Information
   - US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Travel Recommendations
   - WHO Travel Advisories

2. Number and complexity of entry and exit requirements in advance of travel for all countries on the itinerary, including transit countries:
   - Testing requirements (including pre-departure, arrival and/or exit testing)
   - Quarantine on arrival in country
   - Mandatory public health forms, participation in COVID-19 tracing apps, etc.
   - U.S. Department of State International Travel

3. Review and evaluation of:
   - Quality and reliability of the local health systems
   - Availability of COVID-19 testing
   - Rate of and outlook for community spread
   - Timeline and intensity of increases in numbers of cases
   - Impact on transportation and infrastructure (utilities, food supply, hotels)
   - World Health Organization Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard
   - CIEE Health Risk Index by Country

4. Recommendations of third-party providers on ability of providers, local partners, host Institutions, and study abroad program directors to implement appropriate mitigation strategies

5. Approval of DU’s Risk Management Officer with recommendations from program directors and study abroad directors

Approved: DU COVID-19 Academic Sub-Committee March 19, 2021