



FIU

Study Abroad

Emergency Procedures
Faculty-Led Programs

Our Agenda

- **Greetings and Introductions**
- **State of US and FIU Education Abroad**
- **While Abroad**
 - Interactive Exercise
 - Potential Scenarios
- **Final Remarks**

Welcome to the EOC

- Amy Aiken, Director of Emergency Management
- Introductions of the OEA Team
- Introduction of the International Travel Committee

Upcoming Programs

Summer 2022 Programs

CASE	2 Programs
Honors College	7 Programs
SIPA	6 Programs
CARTA	6 Programs
LAW	1 Program

Total Programs: 22

Total Countries: 16

Upcoming Programs

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Summer 2022 Programs

Shakespeare in Stratford	CASE	U.K
Early Childhood Education: Italian Perspective	CASE	Italy
Honors Costa Rica	HC	Costa Rica
Honors UK	HC	U.K.
Honors France	HC	France
Honors Italy	HC	Italy
Honors Spain	HC	Spain
Honors Cambodia/Vietnam	HC	Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam
Honors Japan	HC	Japan
FIU in Angers	SIPA	France
Passport to Italy	SIPA	Italy

Upcoming Programs

Summer 2022 Programs

FIU in Spain	SIPA	Spain
Argentina Politics and International Relations	SIPA	Argentina
Food, Economy, and Society on the Italian Riviera	SIPA	Italy
FIU in the Middle East	SIPA	Israel, Palestine, Jordan
Italy Through Art + Paris	CARTA	Italy, France
Communication and Media in Spain	CARTA	Spain
Architecture in Spain	CARTA	Spain
Architecture in Portugal	CARTA	Portugal
Architecture in Mexico	CARTA	Mexico
Bauhaus Workshop	CARTA	Germany
Seville Law	Law	Spain

Emergency Phone Number and Email for OEA

Emergency phone number and email in
use for OEA:

305-348-4288

studyabroadhelp@fiu.edu

Scenario 1a – COVID-19-Student

- You are one of two Faculty Directors for a 25-student study abroad program that is taking place in Barcelona, Spain over spring break.
- The group is staying in local hotels and visiting local businesses to learn the inner workings of corporations abroad.
- After one of the visits, student shows signs of fever, cough, and you decide to get him/her a test-kit. The test is positive.
- What are your next steps?



Scenario 1b – COVID-19-Faculty Director

- You are the Faculty Directors for a 25-student study abroad program that is taking place in Rome, Italy during the summer.
- The group is staying in local hotels and visiting local businesses to learn the inner workings of corporations abroad.
- After one of the visits, you feel feverish and your body aches. You decide to get a test-kit. The test is positive.
- What are your next steps?



Scenario 2 – Political Unrest

- You are one of two Faculty Directors traveling with a group of 20 students to Hong Kong for 10 days to learn about current issues in the area.
- Though protests have been ongoing, the area that the program is visiting has remained calm, and you are all staying at a hotel away from the protests.
- On your second day in Hong Kong, tensions escalate, and increasingly violent protests expand to where you are. Street demonstrations are taking place throughout Hong Kong, and police officers are deploying tear gas and firing rubber bullets to disperse demonstrators. The protests are also affecting local transportation.
- What do you do?



Scenario 3 – Drugs / Student Arrest

- You are the Faculty Director for a faculty-led program in the fall semester, and you have 13 students in your program. The program is being hosted by our partner university, the American University in Dubai (AUD), and they have coordinated on-campus housing, classroom space, and some activities.
- One of your students misses class, and as you are leaving campus walking by the student dorms, you smell marijuana and find your missing student in a corner of the patio smoking.
- As you approach him, you see the AUD coordinator that has arranged your program walking towards you.
- What do you do?



Scenario 4 – Sexual Assault / Rape

- You are the only faculty director for a 10-day spring break research program in the Bahamas, and you have 9 students.
- The program site is away from the touristy areas of the Bahamas, and because meals are provided, the students do not need to leave the site.
- One evening, a group of three female students approaches you to ask if they can leave the site to explore the island and have dinner at one of the hotels. Because these students are responsible, you give them permission. At the restaurant, one of the girls goes to the restroom and is followed by a male individual who pulls her into a private area of the establishment and rapes her. She returns to the other girls in tears, and they speak to a manager at the restaurant who contacts you at the ashram to explain what happened.
- What do you do?

Additional concerns

What are specific situations that concern you?

- A student who wants to travel to another country during his/her free time.
- A student's family member or close friend who picks him/her up to go to dinner/lunch during program activities.
- How to stay in touch with OEA during a national emergency abroad.
- Other?

FBI-Student Safety Abroad

INTRODUCTION

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PROTECT YOURSELF ABROAD

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BE AWARE

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Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation



The Key to US Student
Safety Overseas



For more information visit:
www.fbi.gov

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- The US government supports US students' travel abroad, which provides an opportunity to learn about foreign countries, customs, and cultures and acquire specialized linguistic, technical, and leadership skills
- The US government also supports US students' participation in employment opportunities while abroad to gain valuable work and resume building experiences
- The US government proactively hires US students who have acquired foreign language and country expertise while studying overseas
- The US government seeks to protect US students overseas from risks posed by foreign intelligence services to ensure their safety and future career prospects

BE AWARE

You are a potential target of interest for foreign intelligence services.

- Foreign intelligence services seek to identify US students who can help them gain access to information or persons of interest – either immediately or in the future
- Foreign intelligence services develop initial relationships with US students overseas under seemingly innocuous pretexts such as job or internship opportunities, paid paper-writing engagements, language exchanges, and cultural immersion programs
- As these relationships develop, foreign intelligence services ask the US students to perform tasks and provide information (which is not necessarily sensitive or classified) in exchange for payment or other rewards, slowly increasing their demands over time
- Without proper awareness about this threat, US students overseas have inadvertently become involved in espionage activities and have been prosecuted for these activities



PROTECT YOURSELF ABROAD

You can protect yourself from foreign intelligence service targeting.



- Be skeptical of "money for nothing" offers and opportunities that seem "too good to be true" while abroad
- Be cautious of foreigners who show undue interest in your personal or family background and your future career plans
- Be cautious of foreigners who offer "free favors," particularly those involving government processes such as issuing visas and residence permits
- Minimize personal information that you reveal about yourself, particularly online through social media
- Minimize your contact with foreigners who have questionable government or criminal affiliations
- Properly report money or compensation you receive while abroad on your taxes and other financial disclosures to ensure compliance with US law
- Report suspicious activity to your local US embassy or consulate's Regional Security Officer while abroad
- Report suspicious activity to your local FBI field office after returning to the United States

SAFEGUARD YOUR (AND AMERICA'S) FUTURE

Protecting yourself from foreign intelligence service targeting abroad safeguards your and America's future back at home.

- Safeguard your future career prospects by avoiding inadvertently participating in intelligence or criminal activities. (Remember that many employers, including the US government, require applicants to report their overseas contacts and previous employment positions when applying for jobs!)
- Safeguard America's future by preventing foreign intelligence services from acquiring the tools they need to damage America and its citizens
- Safeguard your friends overseas by making sure that they are aware of this targeting threat to ensure they avoid becoming unwitting victims

BOTTOM LINE

Be Aware. Be Alert. Be Proactive. Report Suspicious Activity!

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Contact the FBI CounterIntelligence Division at:
(202) 324-3000

Important Numbers:

**Local US Embassy/Consulate
Phone & Address**

**Local FBI Field Office
Phone & Address**

Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation



The Key to US Student Safety Overseas



**For more information visit:
www.fbi.gov**

Health/Travel Insurance

New insurance coverage:

United Healthcare Global

2 Policies – Students – Faculty

Please access the OEA Website
and learn about how it works:

[United Health Care Global](#)



Recent ITC Policy Updates

Non-Students/Spouses/Children and Study Abroad

The faculty director is responsible for all aspects of the study abroad program including the academic program and safety of all involved. As a result, it is important that the faculty director and any FIU employees providing support for the study abroad program give their full attention to the program. Given this, non-students, spouses, domestic partners, and/or children are not allowed to join the faculty director and/or the travel group for the study abroad program (January 2019)

If you have anyone other than students or faculty traveling with your group, please contact us.

Faculty Final Preparations for Study Abroad

- Submit **Acknowledgement Form for International Travel Emergency Action Plan** at go.fiu.edu/OEA911.
- Send OEA your **final itinerary** for your programs (Dates and locations to be used in Studio Abroad for risk management).
- Review **medical forms, special needs questionnaires, and emergency contacts** for your students.
- Students are receiving **daily emails** from Education Abroad Portal regarding missing documents.
- Pre-departure sessions are not program-specific.



Emergency Procedure Information

- Copy of the International Travel Emergency Action Plan
- Acknowledgement Form
- Copy of PowerPoint Slide

go.fiu.edu/OEAEmergencyInfo

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safe trip!*