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Internships, Independent Study, Practicums, Clinicals, Conferences, and Research Abroad:

Guidelines for students engaging in international activities for which they will receive MU credit and/or University funding

PLEASE NOTE: This policy statement is intended only for students who initiate and make arrangements to go abroad *individually* and *independently*. Those students participating in a formal, structured study abroad program organized by the MU International Center; an MU school, college, or department; or another university or organization, must follow the International Center policies for study abroad program participants. Please review the International Center website at: <http://international.missouri.edu/studyabroad> for more information.

POLICY STATEMENT: The health, safety, and security of University of Missouri-Columbia (MU) students participating in education abroad activities is of paramount concern to the University. For this reason, the following guidelines have been developed for all MU students engaging in international activities for which they will receive MU credit and/or University funding.

The following recommendations have been developed to assist students in planning for successful experiences abroad.

GUIDELINES:

1. **Contact the MU International Center.** Contact Barbara Lindeman, MU Director of Study Abroad programs at lindemanb@missouri.edu. Provide her with your name, student ID number, overseas contact information, and home emergency contact information.

2. **Review the U.S. Department of State travel information for the country to which you will be traveling. IMPORTANT:** The University of Missouri-Columbia does not support study or university-funded travel to a country for which the U.S. Department of State has issued a Travel Warning. See: www.travel.state.gov If a student chooses to study in one of these countries against the advice of the University, he/she will not be registered as an MU student and will not have access to university support, resources, or facilities during that time.

3. **Review Your Health Insurance Coverage.**

- Does your health insurance work overseas?
- Does your insurance cover medical evacuation and repatriation?
- If not, MU offers insurance through HTH International which provides coverage for students abroad, as well as medical evacuation and repatriation. See: <http://www.hthstudents.com> To sign up, use the MU code "CBK-2348."

4. **Sign the University of Missouri System "UM Assumption of Risk and Release Form."**

This form is available from the MU International Center. Sign the form and return it to Barbara Lindeman, Director of Study Abroad.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Review the Center for Disease Control information for any country to which you plan to travel:** www.cdc.gov/ Contact the MU Student Health Center to obtain any necessary immunizations.

2. **Obtain an International Student Identity Card (ISIC).** This card is available for purchase from the MU International Center and provides travel discounts, and, more importantly, medical evacuation and repatriation coverage. The application form is available from the International Center and the cost of the ISIC is \$22.00.

3. **Get a Passport:** If you haven't already done so, obtain a passport:
http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

4. **Check Visa Requirements:** Familiarize yourself with the visa requirements for the country to which you plan to travel: http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/brochures/brochures_1229.html

5. **Review the MU Study Abroad Website for "Pre-Departure and" and "Health & Safety" information:** <http://international.missouri.edu/studyabroad>

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