Request for an Exception to the Wheaton College Safety Policy for International Programs and Internships

Wheaton College’s policy is that ordinarily students may not receive academic credit or college funds for international programs and internships taking place in a country for which the U. S. Department of State has issued a travel warning.

Students seeking an exception to this policy must submit a request and obtain permission (in advance of their travel) from the College’s Safety Policy Committee, which consists of staff members from the Office of Career Services, Business Services, Provost’s Office, Center for Global Education and faculty members who may have expertise in the specified region.

Name: 
ID: 
Class/Major: 
Citizenship: 
Destination:(City/Country) 
Host:(Institution/Organization) 

On a separate sheet, please provide the following information:

1. Project Overview: Please give a brief description of your proposed plan. Include what exactly you will be doing, why, and where exactly. Please indicate how far you will travel from your home to your study/work site on a daily basis.

2. Living Arrangements: Please discuss below where you will live and with whom. Who has organized housing for you? If you have arranged for housing yourself, how have you done so?

3. Travel Arrangements: How will you arrive at your destination? Do you plan to take any excursions outside of your host city? If so, please describe where you plan to go, how, and with whom, and where you plan to stay.

4. Safety Precautions: What plans and precautions have you made to ensure your personal safety during your travels? What safety measures have been instituted by your host university or organization? Please be specific.
5. Risks: What is your understanding of the major risks involved in traveling to the region in question? How have you educated yourself about the issues relating to safety in this region? Why do you believe that, despite these risks, you should be allowed to travel there?

6. Health/Mental Health Resources: What provisions are in place for a medical emergency? Where is the nearest clinic or hospital recommended for foreigners. How did you get this recommendation?

7. Previous Travel: Please include information about any previous travel to the host region as well as any other experience living or traveling in a foreign country.