

Advisory to discontinue travel to the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What countries are part of the MENA Region?

This memo is directed at a region, and it is anticipated that countries within this region may be impacted by this event in different ways or to different degrees. Campuses may assess specific country risk for the various countries that may be considered to be part of the Middle East or North Africa, consider the specifics of who is traveling where and when, and apply their own regional definition and approval process accordingly.

2. Are all travelers currently in the MENA region expected to leave immediately?

No. The risks across specific locations in the region vary greatly. [Department of State \(DOS\) travel advisories](#), airspace closures, and proximity to potential targets are some of the factors that current travelers in the Middle East should consider when deciding whether to remain in-country or leave. For support making this decision, contact [Chubb-AXA Global Travel Assistance](#), who will connect you with UC's security partner Crisis24.

3. Is there an exception process for travel to the MENA region?

Travel risk assessment and exception processes are determined by each campus. If an exception is being considered, the following evaluation should be conducted:

- Review of the [DOS Travel Advisories](#) related to your destination(s) prior to making travel plans.
- Review of the trip by [travel security/global risk management](#) at your campus and/or Office of the President.
- Attending a pre-departure travel briefing delivered by the UC's dedicated Crisis24 security intelligence analyst. This can be arranged through your travel security/global risk management at your UC location.
- Registering your travel with the [U.S. State Department's STEP Program](#) to receive timely notifications of safety and security concerns.
- Ensuring that your travel is registered with the [UC Away travel registration system](#). Travel booked through ConnexUC and Concur are automatically registered.

4. What is a pre-departure travel briefing?

This is a discussion or presentation with either your campus travel risk manager or UC's security consultant Crisis24 to review country-specific security risks, risk mitigation strategies, and other travel guidance. It typically lasts about 1 hour.

5. Who can I contact at my campus for information about the campus-specific definitions and exception/approval processes?

Your [campus travel risk manager](#) should be able to advise you about any travel risk policies or protocols that are practiced at your campus.