



TO: The Princeton University community

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SUBJECT: Permissible travel guidelines for fall semester and Wintersession

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In line with our commitment to review the University's travel guidelines as pandemic conditions change, I am pleased to share with you the new set of policies that will govern University-related travel for the fall semester and Wintersession. These represent a judicious approach to the realities we continue to face in a world where, despite great progress, the COVID pandemic is still a serious threat globally and where governments still employ travel restrictions as a key public health tool. Our goal remains as it has been since last spring: to facilitate as much travel as can be safely and feasibly achieved, given the state of the pandemic and of government responses to it.

The attached guidelines will come into effect for travel on or after August 23, 2021, and remain in effect until revised or rescinded. Until August 23, the [guidelines released in April](#) of this year continue in force.

Travel in the Fall Semester

An overview and summary of the revised guidelines is below. You will note that in order to engage in any University-sanctioned travel, **certain requirements related to COVID-19 vaccination may apply**. Please review the guidelines carefully to understand these in greater detail.

Domestic travel may resume with no restrictions, but travelers must always be certain that their trips are feasible under any locally applicable public health restrictions.

International travel continues to be subject to certain constraints:

- **Undergraduate international travel remains suspended**, whether individually or in a group, and personal international travel during the fall semester for enrolled undergraduates is permitted only with DSL approval and Global Safety & Security's concurrence.
- **Faculty, researchers, staff, and graduate students may travel to international destinations**, with varying requirements depending on the applicable U.S. State Department travel-warning level.

- Graduate students may not travel to countries subject to a U.S. State Department Level 4 (“Do not travel”) warning.

We will review these guidelines once more at the end of September, to determine if any changes are possible and warranted for Wintersession. We will also release fully revised guidelines for the spring semester in mid-November.

Summary of Permissible Travel for Fall Semester and Wintersession 2021-22

	Domestic	International		
		Applies to fully vaccinated travelers.		
		U.S. State Department Level 1/2 Advisory	U.S. State Department Level 3 Advisory	U.S. State Department Level 4 Advisory
Undergraduates	All travelers <u>must</u> be in compliance with University vaccination policies. No restrictions on feasible travel.	Suspended*	Suspended*	Suspended*
Graduate students		No restrictions with self-certification of critical purpose and feasibility.	For critical purpose, with dual approval from department chair and GS&S	Suspended
Faculty / researchers			Feasible travel for critical purpose, with approval from chair, program director, or dean	Feasible travel for critical purpose, with approval from chair, program director, or dean
Staff			Feasible travel for critical purpose, with approval from cabinet officer	Feasible travel for critical purpose, with approval from cabinet officer

**Participants in University-approved Study Abroad are permitted to travel to/from their program location ONLY.*

I would be remiss if I did not thank our partners in the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students, Office of the Dean of the College, Office of the Dean of the Graduate School, Office of the Dean of the Faculty, Human Resources, the Davis International Center, University Health Services, Environmental Health and Safety, and Finance & Treasury for their time and support in reviewing and revising the guidelines.

Travel Registration Reminder

Please remember that enrolling the details of University-sanctioned travel remains a requirement for everyone (faculty, staff or student). [Our online travel registration system, “Enroll My Trip”](#), makes this process fast and easy.

As always, the Global Safety & Security team is happy to answer your questions related to the revised permissible travel guidelines, the travel registration process, and the prospects for travel beyond the fall and winter. Please do not hesitate to contact them via email at globalsafety@princeton.edu.

My team and I hope that you are all enjoying a summer filled with relaxation and reconnecting with those from whom we have been separated these past months. We look forward to welcoming you all back to campus in late August. In the meantime, we are here to support you, and I hope you will continue to reach out whenever we can be of help.