

Overseas Travel

Risk Assessment: Student Mobility – Slovenia

The purpose of this Risk Assessment is to ensure that members of the University community are unlikely to be exposed to unacceptable risks which could affect their health, safety or security when travelling abroad on behalf of the University.

This form should be completed by the individual wishing to travel prior to making any firm arrangements to travel, and must be completed in discussion with the relevant line manager or supervisor, allowing sufficient time in advance of travelling for any issues to be addressed.

Before completing this form you should ensure that you (and your manager/supervisor) are familiar with the contents of the Health and Safety and Insurance webpages on travelling abroad.

When completed and approved this risk assessment and its associated itinerary should be carried by the traveller(s) and a copy retained by the Department. Queries on the completion of this assessment should be directed to HealthandSafetyAdmin@warwick.ac.uk

Please consider when completing this form how the country you intend to visit is managing the Covid-19 outbreak. In particular, it may be helpful to consider access to local medical facilities, how local transport is being managed and any local guidelines and social behaviours you may need to adopt

Department:	Student Mobility, Student Opportunity
Location(s) to be visited:	Slovenia
Purpose of journey:	Student Mobility
Name and role of traveller(s):	List held with Student Mobility
Name of line manager or supervisor:	Jonathan French/Maria Fox (Head of Student Mobility)
Dates of proposed travel:	Academic Year 2026 – 2027
Information taken from:	https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/ (FCDO)
Living In Country Guidance	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-slovenia Before you travel No travel can be guaranteed safe. Read all the advice in this guide and any specific travel advice that applies to you: • women travellers • disabled travellers • LGBT+ travellers

- [solo and independent travel](#)
- [volunteering and adventure travel](#)

Travel insurance

If you choose to travel, research your destinations and [get appropriate travel insurance](#). Insurance should cover your itinerary, planned activities and expenses in an emergency.

About FCDO travel advice

The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) provides advice about risks of travel to help British nationals make informed decisions. Find out [more about FCDO travel advice](#).

[Sign-up for FCDO travel advice email alerts](#) and follow FCDO travel advice on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

Hazard/Consideration	Risk (High / Medium / Low)	Mitigating Actions (please add to or amend as appropriate)	Comments / Actions
Coronavirus			
Money			The currency in Slovenia is the Euro. Research and make yourself fully aware of the cost of living for Slovenia. Some countries have a significantly higher cost of living than the UK, and this can seriously impact your placement. We have received feedback from previous students that being aware of this and having fully prepared for the increased cost is essential.
Visa Applications/Entry			This information is for people travelling on a full ‘British citizen’ passport from the UK. It is based on the UK government’s understanding of the current rules for the most common types of travel. The authorities in Slovenia set and enforce entry rules. If you’re not sure how these requirements apply to you, contact the Slovenian Embassy in the UK. Passport validity requirements Slovenia follows Schengen area rules. Your passport must: • have a ‘date of issue’ less than 10 years before the date you arrive – if you renewed your passport before 1 October 2018, it may have a date of issue that is more than 10 years ago • have an ‘expiry date’ at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave the Schengen area (the expiry date does not need to be within 10 years of the date of issue) Check with your travel provider that your passport and other travel documents meet requirements. Renew your passport if you need to. You will be denied entry if you do not have a valid travel document or try to use a passport that has been reported lost or stolen.

			Dual nationals When returning to the UK, British citizens must carry a valid British passport or certificate of entitlement. See Dual citizenship. Visa requirements You can travel without a visa to the Schengen area, which includes Slovenia, for up to 90 days in any 180-day period. This applies if you travel: • as a tourist • to visit family or friends • to attend business meetings, cultural or sports events • for short-term studies or training The requirements for working in Slovenia are different. If you're travelling to other Schengen countries as well, make sure your whole visit is within the 90-day visa-free limit. Visits to Schengen countries in the 180 days before you travel count towards your 90 days. If you overstay the 90-day visa-free limit, you may have to pay an on-the-spot fine. If you cannot pay the fine, the border police can confiscate your documents or assets until you pay. You may also be banned from entering Schengen countries for up to 3 years. Until the Entry-Exit System (EES) is fully rolled out, make sure you get your passport stamped on entry and exit (read 'New Schengen entry requirements'). If you're a visitor, border guards will look at your entry and exit stamps to check you have not overstayed the 90-day visa-free limit for the Schengen area. If your passport is missing a stamp, show evidence of when and where you entered or left the Schengen area (for example, boarding passes or tickets) and ask the border guards to add the date and location in your passport. At Slovenian border control, you may need to: • show a return or onward ticket • prove that you have enough money for your stay Staying longer than 90 days in a 180-day period To stay longer, you must meet the Slovenian government's entry requirements. Check which type of visa or permit you need with the Slovenian Embassy in the UK. If you're in Slovenia with a residence permit or long-stay visa, this does not count towards your 90-day visa-free limit. Read about entry processes if you live in Slovenia. New Schengen entry requirements From 12 October 2025, the European Union's (EU) new Entry/Exit System (EES) will begin roll out.
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This means that when you travel into the Schengen area for short stays, you may need to register your biometric details, such as fingerprints and a photo. You do not need to take any action before you arrive at the border, and there is no cost for EES registration.

On your first visit into a Schengen country from 12 October onwards, you may be asked to register your details at a special booth before proceeding to the immigration desk. Follow directions from your travel operator or the staff at your port of entry. You may also need to provide either your fingerprint or photo when you leave the Schengen area. Children aged 11 or younger will not have their fingerprints scanned but can be required to have their photo taken.

EES may take each passenger a few extra minutes to complete so be prepared to wait longer than usual at the border.

EES will not be rolled out to all ports of entry at once, the numbers of passengers being registered at each port of entry will vary, and some destinations may take up to 6 months to fully roll out the new process.

Until EES is fully rolled out your passport will continue to be stamped, even if you've already been registered for EES. Once EES is fully rolled out, it will replace the current system of manually stamping passports when visitors arrive in the Schengen area for short stays and you will input biometric details every time you enter or exit.

If you enter the Schengen area through the Port of Dover, Eurotunnel at Folkestone or Eurostar at St Pancras International and you are asked to register for EES, the information will be taken at the border before you leave the UK.

Read more [information on the EU Entry/Exit System and to understand which countries are in the Schengen area](#).

Checks at land borders

There are checks at Slovenia's land borders with:

- Italy
- Croatia
- Hungary
- Austria

If you are travelling from Croatia or Hungary, only enter Slovenia at [border crossings open to all passengers](#). Allow extra time for crossing Slovenia's land borders and be ready to show your passport or residency card. Checks may also involve vehicle inspections.

Registering with the police

You must register with the police within 3 days of your arrival, but any registered hotel or guest house will do this for you. If you are staying in self-catering accommodation, or with friends or family, check registration arrangements with your booking agent or your host. If you do not register your presence in Slovenia, you could get a fine.

			Vaccine requirements For details about medical entry requirements and recommended vaccinations, see TravelHealthPro's Slovenia guide. Customs rules There are strict rules about goods you can take into or out of Slovenia. You must declare anything that may be prohibited or subject to tax or duty. Taking food into Slovenia You cannot take meat, milk or products containing them into EU countries. There are some exceptions such as powdered baby milk, baby food and special foods or pet feed required for medical reasons. Taking money into Slovenia Declare cash or travellers cheques if the value is 10,000 euros or more. You will get a certified declaration to show you brought it in with you. If you do not, your money could be seized when you leave.
Local knowledge, understanding of customs and conditions Cultural differences		• Experience of travel to, or working in, the region before • Obtain guidance and information from the host organisation • Research via relevant web-sites • Consider dress, behaviours and sensitivities • Local laws, fees or levies. • Awareness of attitudes towards protected characteristics, e.g. disability, sexual orientation, gender reassignment etc. • Dress in accordance with local laws/customs • Avoid behaviour that may fall foul of local customs/laws/cultures. • Report and support at Warwick: https://warwick.ac.uk/students/welcome/spring/livingatuniversity/reportandsupport	Laws and cultural differences Personal ID Always carry a copy of your passport as a form of ID. You can get a 50 to 200 euro fine if the police ask you for ID and you cannot show it. Illegal drugs Illegal drugs, including cannabis, carry severe penalties. You should expect a long jail sentence and heavy fines for possessing, using or smuggling illegal drugs, including when transiting through the airport. Airports in Slovenia have excellent technology and security for detecting illegal items. This is also used to scan the baggage of transiting passengers. Road crossing fines There are heavy fines for not using designated road crossing points ('jaywalking'). If you cannot pay an on-the-spot fine, the police or authorities can confiscate your documents or assets until you pay. Tour guides Tour guides must display a tour guide card to show they are registered with the Slovenian authorities.

			Emergency siren tests The Slovenian authorities test a nationwide emergency siren on the first Saturday of every month at 12pm. If you hear the siren at another time, follow instructions from the authorities.
Equality and Diversity LGBTQ information			No advice specifically for Slovenia but please see general LGBTQ travel advice at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/lesbian-gay-bisexual-and-transgender-foreign-travel-advice.
Social/Political Unrest or Terrorism:		• Check the FCDO website for up-to-date advice. • If the FCDO advises against travel to destination(s) on safety/security grounds then seek approval from HoD/Line Manager • Consider not just the country in question but also any territories as identified in FCDO pages • Reschedule visit or modify itinerary if at all feasible.	Terrorism There is a high threat of terrorist attack globally affecting UK interests and British nationals, including from groups and individuals who view the UK and British nationals as targets. Stay aware of your surroundings at all times. UK Counter Terrorism Policing has information and advice on staying safe abroad and what to do in the event of a terrorist attack. Find out how to reduce your risk from terrorism while abroad. Terrorism in Slovenia Terrorist attacks in Slovenia cannot be ruled out.
Crime: Personal attack / kidnap: Dangers associated with travelling alone; arriving at night, etc.: Theft or loss of ID documents and other belongings: passport, driving license, bank cards, travel tickets, laptop		• Awareness of risk of theft or pickpockets • Awareness of local scams or hotspots • Cash and card security/awareness • Be aware of specific local risks • Precautionary measures should be taken to protect personal safety. • Inform hosts of itinerary. • Be aware of specific local risks. • Travel during daylight hours if possible. • Keep items secure. • Record details of numbers, issue dates, etc. and store separately both with you and at home.	Warwick Business Travel Insurance Details Only emergency medical treatment is covered under this policy. Please note that there is no emergency medical cover if you are a national in the country you need medical attention in. For emergency medical assistance or security assistance (if there is risk to your personal safety) please call the number on the following page: https://warwick.ac.uk/services/legalandcomplianceservices/insurance/keypolicies/traveloverseas Report and Support: https://reportandsupport.warwick.ac.uk/ Wellbeing Services: https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss/

		• Have emergency contact numbers • Report to police if theft suspected • Minimise amount of cash carried	
Travel Preparation		• Up to date EHIC/GHIC if eligible (transit) • Valid vehicle insurance (you cannot use the Business Travel Insurance policy).	Before you travel check that: • your destination can provide the healthcare you may need • you have appropriate travel insurance for local treatment or unexpected medical evacuation This is particularly important if you have a health condition or are pregnant. See what health risks you'll face in Slovenia, including: • tick bites and tick-borne encephalitis • poor air quality in parts of Slovenia at certain times of the year Altitude sickness is a risk in parts of Slovenia. Read more about altitude sickness on TravelHealthPro. Health insurance cards To get medically necessary state healthcare in Slovenia, you need a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) or a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). The NHS's getting healthcare abroad webpage has details about: • how to apply for a GHIC • how to get temporary cover if you lose your card or it does not arrive in time • who qualifies for a new EHIC instead of a GHIC • what treatment counts as medically necessary A GHIC or EHIC is not an alternative to travel insurance. You may have costs your GHIC or EHIC does not cover, including: • changes to travel and accommodation bookings • additional standard costs for treatment • medical repatriation to the UK • treatment that is ruled non-urgent • private healthcare • private clinics There is also guidance on healthcare if you're living in Slovenia. Warwick Business Travel Insurance Details Only emergency medical treatment is covered under this policy. Please note that there is no emergency medical cover if you are a national in the country you need medical

			attention in. For emergency medical assistance or security assistance (if there is risk to your personal safety) please call the number on the following page: https://warwick.ac.uk/services/legalandcomplianceservices/insurance/keypolicies/traveloverseas Report and Support: https://reportandsupport.warwick.ac.uk/ Wellbeing Services: https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss/
Exposure to infection: Known endemic illnesses in destination(s)		• Take medical advice and arrange vaccination/inoculation/prophylaxis as appropriate • Consider the following conditions in particular: Cholera, Diphtheria, Hepatitis B, Japanese Encephalitis, Malaria, Meningitis, Poliomyelitis, Tetanus, Tick-borne Encephalitis, Tuberculosis, Typhoid and Yellow Fever.	Vaccine recommendations and health risks At least 8 weeks before your trip: • check the latest vaccine recommendations for Slovenia • see where to get vaccines and whether you have to pay on the NHS travel vaccinations page See what health risks you'll face in Slovenia, including: tick bites and tick-borne encephalitis
Pre-existing medical conditions		• Take medical advice. • Carry written details of medical condition, adequate supplies of prescribed medication, details of blood group, etc. • Consider translation of information into local language. • Share with colleagues where appropriate	If you're on prescription medication, make sure you bring enough with you or have access to a supply in Slovenia. Certain medicines may not be available and you <u>may be prohibited</u> from bringing others into the country. For more information and advice, check with your GP and the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia before travelling. If you have a health condition, or you are pregnant, you may need specialist healthcare abroad. Check whether your destination country can provide the healthcare you may need and ensure you have appropriate travel insurance for unexpected medical evacuation or local treatment. Medication The legal status and regulation of some medicines prescribed or bought in the UK can be different in other countries. Check to see whether you need approval to bring in medication from the UK. Not all medicines from the UK are available in Slovenia. Make sure you have a prescription from your GP and check with a doctor in Slovenia who may be able to issue a prescription for a local equivalent. Read best practice when travelling with medicines on TravelHealthPro.
Health and Local medical facilities		• Hospital proximity and standards. • Access to doctors/dentists.	Emergency medical number Dial 112 and ask for an ambulance. Contact your insurance or medical assistance company quickly if you're referred to a medical facility for treatment.

		• Payment methods for medical treatment.	Healthcare in Slovenia FCDO has a list of medical providers in Slovenia where some staff will speak English. Travel and mental health Read FCDO guidance on travel and mental health. There is also mental health guidance on TravelHealthPro. Contact your travel provider and insurer Contact your travel provider and your insurer if you are involved in a serious incident or emergency abroad. They will tell you if they can help and what you need to do. Refunds and changes to travel For refunds or changes to travel, contact your travel provider. You may also be able to make a claim through insurance. However, insurers usually require you to talk to your travel provider first. Find out more about changing or cancelling travel plans, including: • where to get advice if you are in a dispute with a provider • how to access previous versions of travel advice to support a claim Support from FCDO FCDO has guidance on staying safe and what to do if you need help or support abroad, including: • finding lawyers, funeral directors and translators and interpreters in Slovenia. • dealing with a death in Slovenia • being arrested or imprisoned in Slovenia • getting help if you're a victim of crime • what to do if you're in hospital • if you're affected by a crisis, such as a terrorist attack Contacting FCDO Follow and contact FCDO travel on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. You can also sign up to get email notifications when this travel advice is updated. You can also contact FCDO online. Help abroad in an emergency If you're in Slovenia and you need emergency help from the UK government, contact the British Embassy Ljubljana. FCDO in London You can call FCDO in London if you need urgent help because something has happened to a friend or relative abroad. Telephone: 020 7008 5000 (24 hours) Find out about call charges
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			Medical treatment As stated above, make sure you have adequate travel health insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad and repatriation. The cost of medical treatment in Slovenia can be high. If you have a medical emergency contact the University Insurance company immediately: https://warwick.ac.uk/services/legalandcomplianceservices/insurance/keypolicies/traveloverseas Please note that there is no emergency medical cover if you are a national in the country you need medical attention in. Note: The University Business Travel Insurance is not private health cover. The insurance is for emergency health treatment only. You may also wish to take out private health insurance for the duration of your stay. Wellbeing Services: https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss/
Accommodation		• Pre-book accommodation • Stay in recognised accommodation • Familiarise yourself with emergency exits • Security staff and arrangements • Secure storage/safes	Student mobility students hosted at a partner University will be supported with finding accommodation by the partner. Language Assistants are supported by the School(s) that they are allocated to by the British Council Work placements students are required to find their own accommodation with local support. Suitable accommodation can be difficult to identify and secure, it is recommended that you don't leave it too late to find this. We have had students whose placements have been impacted by being unable to secure suitable accommodation. Please be aware that some partner Universities have compulsory 'meal plans' these can prove to be expensive if you have special dietary requirements.
Transport		• Use only registered taxis • Arrange airport collection where possible • Check safety and road worthiness of any hire vehicle • Avoid driving at night • If possible, share long distance driving	Transport risks Road travel If you are planning to drive in Slovenia, see information on driving abroad and check the rules of the road in the RAC's Slovenia guide. The guide lists driving regulations and other legal requirements you need to be aware of, such as: • always driving with headlights on • carrying a warning triangle, reflective jacket and first aid kit

		• Ensure all internal transfers are booked in advance of travel (where possible).	• on-the-spot fines for offences including speeding, drink-driving and using a mobile phone without a wireless headset You can drive in Slovenia on your UK driving licence. Hire car companies often have stricter requirements for their customers, such as a higher minimum age. If you live in Slovenia, check the driving requirements for residents. Check if you need a UK sticker to drive your car outside the UK. Drink-driving is a serious offence in Slovenia. The blood alcohol limit for experienced drivers is 0.05% (in England it is 0.08%). If you are under 21 or have had your licence less than 2 years, it is illegal to have any alcohol in your system. You could get a fine and possible imprisonment if you're caught over the limit. See Slovenia traffic and border crossing reports. Motorway tolls If you drive on Slovenian motorways, you must buy an 'e-vignette' for electronic tolls. You can buy weekly, monthly or yearly e-vignettes at: • petrol stations • post offices • DARS (the Slovenian Motorway Company) offices in Slovenia and in neighbouring countries near the border You can also buy e-vignettes from DARS online before or during your stay in Slovenia. Only use the official DARS website to buy these online. If your vehicle weighs more than 3.5 tonnes, you must register it under the DarsGo system to use Slovenia's motorways and expressways. Collect a DarsGo unit from a DarsGo service point when you enter Slovenia for the first time. Driving in winter You must use winter equipment from 15 November until 15 March and whenever there are winter weather conditions (for example, snowfall, blizzards or black ice). Private cars and vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes must have winter tyres on all 4 wheels, or summer tyres on all 4 wheels and snow chains in the car boot. The minimum tyre tread depth is 3mm. Vehicles over 3.5 tonnes must have winter tyres on the driving wheels or summer tyres on all 4 wheels and snow chains in the boot. You can get a fine of 125 euros for not having this equipment, or 417 euros if you also cause road delays.
Communications		• Consider access to landlines or alternative handsets if mobile phone is lost or stolen. • Back-up chargers or batteries for phones or electronic devices	Loss of mobile phones or laptops are not covered on the University Insurance policy

		• Access to network or wi-fi	
Utilities/Cyber Issues		• Compatibility of equipment • Voltages and safety equipment • Power cuts or interruptions	Check whether plug adapters will be required
Insect and animal bites		• Consider likely insect/animal issues in particular area • Avoid by prevention – repellents, clothing, etc. • Consider use of nets in accommodation • Carry appropriate treatment	See what health risks you'll face in Slovenia , including: tick bites and tick-borne encephalitis .
Contaminated water/food		• Avoid food or water which could be contaminated. • Carry water sterilising tablets.	Check whether bottled water is recommended
Minor injuries and ailments		• Carry basic First Aid kit.	
Sunburn		• Avoid by prevention – hat, sunglasses, and sunblock. • Carry appropriate treatment.	
Leisure activities		• Ensure you are adequately insured (the University insurance does <u>not</u> provide cover for non-business related activity) • Skiing, white water, bungee jumping, diving. Etc.	Outdoor activities and adventure tourism Skiing and mountaineering If you are planning a skiing or mountaineering holiday, see Policija - Helpful Advice to all Hikers, Trekkers and Mountaineers and National Meteorological Service of Slovenia before you travel. Off-piste skiing is highly dangerous as there is a risk of avalanches in some areas. See Preparing for winter sports abroad. Hiking If you plan to hike in Slovenia: • take particular care if you're in an area where bears have been sighted. Visitors in mountain areas occasionally encounter bears and wolves • consider the level of difficulty and distance • plan for the weakest member of your group • use a printed or digital map with marked paths and their descriptions • tell family or friends of your plans • check whether mountain cabins are open • do not use hiking trails that have been closed or take shortcuts Bears are present in wooded areas throughout Slovenia, including near cities. In 2025 a bear attacked a person walking their dog in Skofljica, 6 miles southeast of Ljubljana.

			Some demanding mountain trails can include sections of via ferrata (steel wires and metal rungs), which need a climbing harness and helmet. For mountain rescue, call 112. The Warwick Business Travel Insurance will not provide cover for non-business (study) related activity. Ensure you take out personal insurance. Also having the correct license if you are hiring a vehicle is essential.
Natural disasters		Assessment of the risk of typhoons, earthquake, tsunami, avalanche, etc	Extreme weather and natural disasters Find out what you can do to prepare for and respond to extreme weather and natural hazards. See weather forecasts and warnings in English. Seasonal storms All parts of Slovenia can experience sudden, extreme storms. There can be strong winds and rain, snowfall, lightning and powerful hailstorms. Storms can cause landslides and road closures. Check weather and traffic reports before you travel. If you're caught in a storm, find shelter until the storm passes and follow local advice. Flooding Flash floods can be dangerous, happen with little warning and disrupt transport and other networks. Keep a close eye on weather forecasts and follow the advice of local authorities. Wildfires During especially hot and dry periods there is a risk of wildfires. It's illegal to do anything that starts a fire that poses a danger to human life or could cause significant damage. Earthquakes Western Slovenia is on an earthquake fault line and is subject to occasional tremors. The US Federal Emergency Management Agency website has advice about what to do before, during and after an earthquake.
Research or work activities		- Awareness of safe systems of work - Awareness of local safety measures - Remoteness of work sites	Will be covered by the Host Institution
Completed by Department:			Student Mobility, STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

Date:	Monday 9th February 2026
	<u>Frequently Asked Questions (warwick.ac.uk)</u>