

Overseas Travel Risk Assessment: Student Mobility_USA

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 HealthSafetyHelpdesk@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:	USA
Purpose of journey:	Student Mobility
Name and role of traveller(s):	List held with Student Mobility, and on SITS
Name of line manager or supervisor:	Maria Fox (Head of Student Mobility)
Dates of proposed travel:	Academic Year 2026 – 2027
Information taken from:	https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa
Living In Country Guidance	https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-the-usa

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<i>Hints and Tips from previous Student Mobility participants</i>	
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Hazard/Consideration	Risk (High / Medium / Low)	Mitigating Actions (please add to or amend as appropriate)	Comments / Actions
Coronavirus			Countries may restrict travel or bring in rules at short notice. Check with your travel company or airline for changes. If you test positive for COVID-19 while in the USA, you may need to stay where you are until you test negative. You may also need to seek treatment there. Visit TravelHealthPro (from the UK's National Travel Health Network and Centre) for general COVID-19 advice for travellers.
Money			The currency in USA is the US Dollar USD Check that ATMs are widely available in major cities and tourist areas. Research and make yourself fully aware of the cost of living for USA. 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			Visa requirements You must ensure you have the correct visa. If you are studying, you will be provided with details directly from our partner university. If you intend to work, you must have the correct visa to enable you to work in the country otherwise you may be denied entry to the country. It is your responsibility to arrange the correct visa.

Entry requirements

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.

You should comply with all entry, visa and other conditions of entry. The authorities in the US set and enforce entry rules strictly. You may be liable to arrest, detention, or removal if you violate the rules or break the law. Even if you have a visa or visa waiver, the final decision on entry is made at the border by a US border official. If you’re not sure how these requirements apply to you, contact the [US Embassy or a consulate in the UK](#).

The US may change entry conditions at any time without prior notice.

Passport validity requirements

To enter the US, your passport must be valid for the length of your planned stay. If you’re travelling through another country on your way to or from the US, check the entry requirements for that country. Many countries will only allow entry if you have at least 6 months validity remaining on your passport.

Dual nationals

When returning to the UK, British citizens must carry a valid [British passport](#) or [certificate of entitlement](#). See [Dual citizenship](#).

British-US dual nationals

US law requires US citizens to enter and exit the US using a US passport. Contact the [US Embassy or a consulate in the UK](#) for more information.

Visa requirements

To enter or transit through the US, you must have either an [Electronic System for Travel Authorisation \(ESTA\)](#) or a [visa](#).

The US State Department has [more information on visas](#).

Travellers whose sex on their passport differs from their sex recorded at birth should contact [the US Embassy or a consulate](#) in the UK for further advice.

Applying for an ESTA

ESTA is an automated system that determines the eligibility of visitors to travel to the US under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). You can apply for an ESTA via the [Official ESTA Application Website](#) or using the [ESTA Mobile app on android](#) or [on iOS](#). All Visa Waiver Program (VWP) travellers intending to enter the US by land, sea and air will be required to obtain an approved ESTA prior to application for admission at land border ports of entry. Individuals who are not eligible to travel under the VWP may apply for a visa at any [U.S. Embassy & Consulates](#).

You may not be able to apply for an ESTA visa waiver if you have:

- been arrested (even if the arrest did not result in a criminal conviction)
- a criminal record
- been refused admission into, or have been deported from, the US
- previously overstayed under an ESTA visa waiver

Information on whether you are eligible for an ESTA visa waiver can be found in the help section of the [official ESTA Application Website](#).

You cannot normally apply for an ESTA visa waiver if you were in the following countries on or after March 2011:

- Iran
- Iraq
- Libya
- North Korea
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Syria
- Yemen

You cannot apply for an ESTA visa waiver if you travelled to or were in Cuba on or after 12 January 2021.

An ESTA may not be sufficient for all types of business travel – particularly if you are travelling on behalf of a US company. Please check the rules on the [ESTA website](#) carefully. If you are not eligible for an ESTA, you must instead apply for a US visa. Travelling on an ESTA when ineligible can lead to detention and deportation by the US authorities.

Applying for a visa

The US Embassy in London has information on [how to apply for a visa](#). Please check the guidance carefully.

US visa appointments

Visa appointments at the US Embassy in London are limited. Plan your application as far ahead as possible before travel. If you need to travel urgently, you can request an expedited interview through the US Embassy's appointment service provider.

The US Embassy has more [information on visa appointments](#).

Children and young people

Anyone aged 17 and under must:

- have a valid visa or ESTA on arrival
- be able to provide evidence about the purpose, location and length of their visit if asked by immigration officials
- have a letter of consent, preferably in English and notarised from one or both parents if travelling alone, with only one parent, or with someone who is not a parent or legal guardian

The US authorities can stop you entering the country if they have safeguarding concerns about a child. If this happens, the US authorities will take the child into their care, and their return from the US could take months. The FCDO cannot speed up the return of British nationals aged 17 and under from the US.

The US government has [information about children travelling to the US](#). If you have questions, contact the [US Embassy in the UK](#).

Vaccine requirements

For details about medical entry requirements and recommended vaccinations, see [TravelHealthPro's US guide](#).

Electronic devices

Officials may ask to inspect your electronic devices, emails, text messages, and social media activity. If you refuse, they can delay or deny your entry. US Customs and Border Protection has [more information on electronic device searches](#).

			Customs rules There are strict rules about goods you can take into or out of the US. You must declare anything that may be prohibited or subject to tax or duty. Global Entry The US Customs and Border Protection Trusted Traveller Program (TTP) Global Entry allows pre-approved, low-risk travellers expedited clearance at some US airports. If you're a British citizen, you can register to get a UK background check. If you pass the background checks, you'll be invited to apply for Global Entry for UK Citizens. Check eligibility carefully.
Local knowledge, understanding of customs and conditions		• 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.	Before you travel No travel can be guaranteed safe. Read all the advice in this guide as well as support for British nationals abroad which includes: • advice on preparing for travel abroad and reducing risks • information for women, LGBT and disabled travellers Laws and cultural differences US states may have different laws. Whilst you are in a state, you are subject to both that state's laws as well as national (federal) law. Personal ID Always carry a passport showing that you have permission to enter or remain in the USA. Alcohol laws The national legal age for buying and drinking alcohol is 21 years. Some states have different laws. If you are under-21, check the relevant state laws before drinking or buying alcohol. Illegal drugs and prison sentences

			Possession or trafficking of illegal drugs in the USA can carry a long prison sentence and fine. Check state laws to make sure you comply with the laws on possession and use of controlled substances. The US Department of Justice website provides a list of all controlled substances. Advice for British Nationals Studying in the USA https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/461360/Studying_in_the_USA.pdf
Equality and Diversity LGBTQ information		Unless provided here there is no statement given by the FCDO on Equality and Diversity and LGBTQ information, issues or concerns	Please see the link below which you may find useful: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/lesbian-gay-bisexual-and-transgender-foreign-travel-advice
Cultural differences		- 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/welcom/spring/livingatuniversity/reportand-support	Laws and cultural differences US states may have different laws. Whilst you are in a state, you are subject to both that state's laws as well as national (federal) law.
Social/Political Unrest or Terrorism:		- Check the FCO website for up-to-date advice. - If the FCO 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 FCO 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. You should remain vigilant 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. Terrorists are very likely to try to carry out attacks in the USA.

			Attacks could be indiscriminate, including in places visited by foreigners, crowded areas, and transportation networks. Monitor media reports and be vigilant at all times. The main threat comes from individuals who may have been inspired by terrorist ideology to carry out 'lone actor' attacks targeting public events or places. Attacks could take place with little or no notice. The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides information about credible threats. Expect an increased presence of law enforcement, additional restrictions, bag searches and screening at certain public places and events. The US Department of Homeland Security provides current alerts within the USA and its territories. Protests Protests are common and can become violent. Follow the instructions of local authorities who may introduce curfews or emergency orders. If you do attend any peaceful protests, you should: • be mindful of your surroundings • move away if there are signs of trouble • follow the instructions of local authorities
Personal attack / kidnap: Dangers associated with travelling alone; arriving at night, etc.:		• 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.	Warwick Business Travel Insurance Details: 24 hour Emergency Medical Assistance Helpline +44 (0)1243 621066 Quote reference NUBT 0105 and policy number 100782764GPA Please note that there is no emergency medical cover if you are a national in the country you need medical attention. Security Assistance If there is a risk to your personal safety please call: 24 hour Security Helpline +44 (0)2077412074 Quote reference NUBT 0105 and policy number 100782764GPA Report and Support: https://reportandsupport.warwick.ac.uk/ Wellbeing Services: https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss/ Emergency services in the USA Telephone: 911 (ambulance, fire, police)

		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 • dealing with a death in the USA • being arrested in the USA • getting help if you're a victim of crime • what to do if you're in hospital • if you are 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. Help abroad in an emergency If you are abroad and you need emergency help from the UK government, contact the nearest British embassy or consulate in the USA. You can also contact FCDO online. 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)
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Crime:		• Awareness of risk of theft or pickpockets • Awareness of local scams or hotspots • Cash and card security/awareness	Protecting your belongings Do not leave passports in rental cars, especially in the boot. Gangs may target vehicles of those who appear to be tourists. Violent crime Tourists are rarely involved in violent and gun crime, but take care in unfamiliar areas. Avoid walking through quieter areas alone, especially at night. You can find public advisories and information about recent incidents on the websites of local law enforcement authorities. Incidents of mass shooting can happen but are a very small percentage of homicide deaths. Read the US Department of Homeland Security advice on what to do in an active shooter incident. Research your destination before travelling and follow the advice of local authorities. Crime associated with illegal drugs is a major issue in Mexican states bordering Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas. Some foreign nationals have been victims of crime in the border regions, but there is no evidence to suggest they have been targeted because of their nationality. Protests Protests are common and can become violent. Follow the instructions of local authorities who may introduce curfews or emergency orders. If you do attend any peaceful protests, you should: • be mindful of your surroundings • move away if there are signs of trouble • follow the instructions of local authorities
Theft or loss of ID documents and other belongings: passport, driving license, bank cards, travel tickets, laptop		• Keep items secure. • Record details of numbers, issue dates, etc. and store separately both with you and at home. • Have emergency contact numbers • Report to police if theft suspected • Minimise amount of cash carried	Keep your passport secure at all times. Unless you are required to carry the original document, keep your passport in a safe location. If your passport is lost, stolen or damaged while you are on a trip overseas, you will need to apply for an emergency travel document so you can get back home. Make sure you have access to enough funds to cover emergencies. Check expiry dates on your credit or debit card(s). Inform your bank of your travel plans. Use a money belt or

			secure inside pocket. Do not openly display your cash. Do not carry all your cards with you – leave one in a secure location. If your passport or valuables are stolen abroad, report it at once to the local police and get a statement, as you will need one to claim against your insurance. You will need to cancel any bank cards, so take relevant phone numbers. Only emergency medical treatment is covered under the University of Warwick Business and Travel Insurance policy. In the event of an emergency please call: 24 hour Emergency Medical Assistance Helpline +44 (0)1243 621066 Quote reference NUBT 0105 and policy number 100782764GPA Please note that there is no emergency medical cover if you are a national in the country you need medical attention. Security Assistance If there is a risk to your personal safety please call: 24 hour Security Helpline +44 (0)2077412074 Quote reference NUBT 0105 and policy number 100782764GPA
Travel Preparation		Valid vehicle insurance (you cannot use the Business Travel Insurance policy).	At least 8 weeks before your trip, check the latest country-specific health advice from the National Travel Health Network and Centre (NaTHNaC) on the TravelHealthPro website. Each country-specific page has information on vaccine recommendations, any current health risks or outbreaks, and factsheets with information on staying healthy abroad. Guidance is also available from NHS (Scotland) on the FitForTravel website. General information on travel vaccinations and a travel health checklist is available on the NHS website. You may then wish to contact your health adviser or pharmacy for advice on other preventive measures and managing any pre-existing medical conditions while you're abroad. The legal status and regulation of some medicines prescribed or purchased in the UK can be different in other countries. If you're travelling with prescription or over-the-counter medicine, read this guidance from NaTHNaC on best practice when travelling with medicines. For further information on the legal status of a specific medicine, you'll need to contact the embassy, high commission or consulate of the country or territory you're travelling to. While travel can be enjoyable, it can sometimes be challenging. There are clear links between mental and physical health, so looking after yourself during travel and when abroad is important. Information on travelling with mental health conditions is available in our guidance page. Further information is also available from the National Travel Health Network and Centre (NaTHNaC).

			Support from FCDO FCDO has guidance on staying safe and what to do if you need help or support abroad, including: • finding lawyers • dealing with a death in the USA • being arrested in the USA • getting help if you're a victim of crime • what to do if you're in hospital • if you are affected by a crisis, such as a terrorist attack
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.	FOR INFORMATION AND FAQS SEE WARWICK WEBSITE @ https://warwick.ac.uk/coronavirus During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to get travel insurance and check it provides sufficient cover. See the FCO's guidance on foreign travel insurance. Health 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. Emergency medical number Dial 911 and ask for an ambulance. Contact your insurance or medical assistance company promptly if you're referred to a medical facility for treatment. 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. At least 8 weeks before your trip, check the latest country-specific health advice from the National Travel Health Network and Centre (NaTHNaC) on the TravelHealthPro website.

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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	Medication The legal status and regulation of some medicines prescribed or bought in the UK can be different in other countries. You cannot take some prescription drugs into the USA. The US Food and Drug Administration provides information and advice on bringing medicines into the USA. UK prescriptions are not valid in the USA. To get pharmacy drugs, you need a prescription from a US provider (available from an urgent care facility, emergency room or a doctor). TravelHealthPro explains best practice when travelling with medicines. The NHS has information on whether you can take your medicine abroad.
Health and Local medical facilities		• Hospital proximity and standards. • Access to doctors/dentists. • Payment methods for medical treatment.	Make sure you have adequate travel health insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad and repatriation. 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.

At least 8 weeks before your trip, check the latest country-specific health advice from the [National Travel Health Network and Centre \(NaTHNaC\)](#) on the TravelHealthPro website. Each country-specific page has information on vaccine recommendations, any current health risks or outbreaks, and factsheets with information on staying healthy abroad. Guidance is also available from NHS (Scotland) on the [FitForTravel website](#).

General information on [travel vaccinations](#) and a [travel health checklist](#) is available on the NHS website. You may then wish to contact your health adviser or pharmacy for advice on other preventive measures and managing any pre-existing medical conditions while you're abroad.

The legal status and regulation of some medicines prescribed or bought in the UK can be different in other countries. If you're travelling with prescription or over-the-counter medicine, read this guidance from NaTHNaC on [best practice when travelling with medicines](#). For further information on the legal status of a specific medicine, you'll need to contact the [embassy, high commission or consulate](#) of the country or territory you're travelling to.

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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.

Emergency medical number

Dial 911 and ask for an ambulance.

Contact your insurance or medical assistance company promptly if you're referred to a medical facility for treatment.

Vaccinations and health risks

At least 8 weeks before your trip check:

- the latest information on health risks and what [vaccinations you need for the USA](#) (or the [US Virgin Islands](#), [Puerto Rico](#), [American Samoa](#), [Guam](#) and [Northern Mariana Islands](#)) on TravelHealthPro (from the UK's National Travel Health Network and Centre)
- where to get vaccines and whether you have to pay on the [NHS travel vaccinations page](#)

Altitude sickness is a risk in parts of the USA. [More information about altitude sickness is available from TravelHealthPro](#) (from the UK's National Travel Health Network and Centre).

Mosquito bites

Take steps to avoid bites from mosquitoes and ticks – [read guidance on TravelHealthPro](#). There are occasional outbreaks of mosquito-borne diseases.

[Zika virus](#) is a risk in:

- Florida
- Texas (Cameron County and Hidalgo County only)
- Puerto Rico
- US Virgin Islands
- American Samoa

For more information and advice, visit TravelHealthPro for [Florida and Texas](#), [Puerto Rico](#), [US Virgin Islands](#) and [American Samoa](#).

Healthcare facilities in the USA

Medical treatment is expensive and there are no special arrangements for British visitors.

Some hospitals ask non-US residents to pay a deposit when admitted. Send any requests for funds to your travel insurance provider first; only pay the hospital if you're advised to do so

			by your travel insurance company. Your medical care won't be affected while your claim is processed. Medical facilities in American Samoa are basic and you may need medical evacuation by air ambulance to Hawaii, New Zealand or Australia. COVID-19 healthcare in the USA Isolation requirements will depend on the guidance in the state where you are. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has guidance on how to protect yourself and others.
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. 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.

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 • Ensure all internal transfers are booked in advance of travel (where possible).	Road travel If you are planning to drive in the USA, see information on driving abroad and check the driving rules in the state(s) you'll be visiting. Licences and permits If you plan on driving in the USA, you may need a 1949 international driving permit (IDP) as well as a full valid driving licence. IDP requirements vary in each state. For more information, you can consult individual states' Department of Motor Vehicles as well as the American Automobile Association (AAA). You cannot buy an IDP outside the UK, so get one before you travel. You can buy an IDP in person from some UK post offices – find your nearest post office branch that offers this service. Provisional licences are not accepted. If you have an older, paper UK driving licence you must take another form of photographic ID, such as your passport. You may need to show an IDP to your insurance company if you're involved in an accident. If you're hiring a vehicle, check requirements with your rental company before you travel. Vehicle safety When travelling by car, you should: • check weather conditions before a long car journey, particularly in mountainous, isolated or desert areas where services may be limited • not sleep in your car by the road or in rest areas • avoid leaving any items on display in your car • stay on main roads • use well-lit car parks If you're in an accident, ask any other drivers involved to follow you to a public place and call the police.
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			Petrol stations Petrol stations that do not display the price of fuel usually charge considerably more than the national average. They're often found close to tourist destinations and airports, including near to Orlando International Airport. Make sure you know the price of fuel before using these services. Air travel Before you travel, check the security measures you're likely to face at the airport on the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) website. Contact TSA Cares for assistance if you have a medical condition or disability and need assistance. To monitor airport conditions in the USA, visit the Federal Aviation Administration website.
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 - Access to network or wi-fi	Loss of mobile phones or laptops are not covered on the University Insurance policy
Utilities/Cyber Issues		- Compatibility of equipment - Voltages and safety equipment - Power cuts or interruptions	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	
Contaminated water/food		- Avoid food or water which could be contaminated. - Carry water sterilising tablets.	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.	The Warwick Business Travel Insurance will not provide cover for non-business (study) related activity. Ensure you take out personal insurance.
Natural disasters		• Assessment of the risk of typhoons, earthquake, tsunami, avalanche, etc	Extreme weather and natural disasters Extreme Heat Extreme heat is currently affecting many parts of the USA. Check the temperature in your area and visit the CDC website for information on how to take care of yourself. Snowstorms Snowstorms during winter can disrupt critical infrastructure, and cause power cuts, or delays and cancellations in major transport hubs. Contact your travel company or airline before you travel. Hurricanes The Atlantic hurricane season normally runs from June to November. The Pacific hurricane season normally runs from May to November. They can affect coastal regions, Hawaii and Guam. The South Pacific tropical cyclone season normally runs from November to May and can affect American Samoa. You should: • monitor the progress of approaching storms on the US National Hurricane Center website • follow instructions from local authorities, including evacuation orders • visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website for information on preparing for extreme weather and evacuating, and for a list of disaster supplies that will help • see our tropical cyclones page for advice about how to prepare effectively and what to do if you're likely to be affected by a hurricane or tropical cyclone

Earthquakes

Earthquakes are a risk in:

- Alaska
- American Samoa
- California
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Nevada
- Northern Mariana Islands
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Puerto Rico
- Washington (state)
- US Virgin Islands

To learn more about what to do before, during and after an earthquake, visit the [Federal Emergency Management website](#).

Tornadoes

Tornadoes can happen anytime depending on weather conditions. Read advice about what to do during and after a tornado from the US [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#).

Volcanic eruptions in Hawaii

There is continuous volcanic activity on Hawaii's Big Island. Monitor local media reports and follow the advice of local authorities, including any evacuation orders. Visit the [State of Hawaii's website](#) for information and alerts on volcanic activity. To learn more about what to do before, during and after a volcano, visit the [Federal Emergency Management website](#).

Wildfires

Forest and brush fires (wildfires) are a danger in many dry areas, particularly in canyons, hills and forests. High winds can mean fires spread rapidly.

			You should: • monitor local media and weather reports • follow the advice of local authorities, including any evacuation orders • be careful in areas recently affected by wildfires, as there may be mudslides during heavy rainfall For more information visit the National Interagency Fire Centre and Fire Research and Management Exchange System websites. For more detail about wildfires in California, visit the CAL FIRE website.
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
Completed by Study Abroad:			Friday, 06 February 2026
			Frequently Asked Questions (warwick.ac.uk)

