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A Message to Students and their Families:

In light of recent terrorist events over the past several months, we want to reassure you that our office has been closely monitoring State Department information and the media, and to provide some information about our work to safeguard the wellbeing of our students abroad. We collaborate with colleagues across the SUNY system to monitor the safety of all of our students. We receive regular updates regarding current events and SUNY Administration coordinates frequent conference calls among the campus international offices to discuss campus responses and safety measures.

All students studying abroad have been urged to exercise extra caution in public places, on public transportation, and in shopping malls, restaurants and other popular tourist destinations, to keep in regular contact with their families and with program staff, and to enroll in the State Department's **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)**:<https://step.state.gov/step/>. The safety of our students abroad is of our utmost concern, and we will continue to monitor the media, as well as State Department notifications and warnings in order to keep our students informed and advised about safety precautions.

To view the current Travel Warnings and Alerts by country or region see: <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>

To view the current Worldwide Caution see: <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/worldwide-caution.html>

We currently plan to continue our education abroad programming without interruption while continuing to carefully monitor the situation. Please feel free to contact us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

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