

ASSESSMENT MATRIX

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LOCATION

LOW RISK
 MEDIUM RISK
 MODERATE RISK
 SUBSTANTIAL RISK
 CRITICAL RISK

GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF THREAT FACTORS	5	4	3	2	1	COMMENTS
Threat posed by environmental risks						
Threat posted by health safety risks (e.g. disease epidemics)						
Risk of serious crime at work						
Risk of serious crime at residence						
Impact of host country politics or policies on program						
Chronic harassment by local authorities						
Chronic harassment by general public						
General safety of transportation used by students						
Potential of program being interrupted by civil unrest						
Totals						
Final Tally =						
GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF CRIME FACTORS	5	4	3	2	1	COMMENTS
Criminal activity in student living/studying neighborhoods						
Likelihood criminals would target foreigners at student neighborhood						
Proximity of student neighborhood to existing areas of criminal activity						
Likelihood criminals will be armed						
Likelihood criminals will tend to operate in groups						
Tendency of local criminals to be aggressive/assault						
Totals						
Final Tally =						

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POTENTIAL FOR DANGEROUS CIVIL UNREST OR TERRORISM	5	4	3	2	1	COMMENTS
Likelihood military and police will not support government						
Level of discipline exhibited by police and military						
Treatment of citizens by police and military						
Likelihood military or police will detain students locally or when travelling						
Activity by armed, active military opposition or rebel groups						
Likelihood of contact between students and rebel/opposition groups						
Risk of intervention from neighboring countries						
Level of anti-American sentiment in host country						
Potential for religious factions to provoke unrest						
Are terrorist groups known to be active in host country						
Likelihood terrorist groups will directly target Americans						
Totals						
Final Tally =						

OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF RISK FACTORS

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HIGH SUPPORT
 SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT
 MODERATE SUPPORT
 MINIMAL SUPPORT
 NO SUPPORT

GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF SUPPORT FACTORS	5	4	3	2	1	COMMENTS
General perception of host country people towards Study Abroad						
General concern of host country officials toward student safety						
Host country support in handling crimes against students						
Collaboration with host country officials on student safety issues						
Effectiveness of local police to discourage criminal activity						
Level of engagement from US Embassy on student safety issues						
Totals						
Final Tally=						

LOCATION

HIGHLY RELIABLE
 GENERALLY RELIABLE
 MODERATELY RELIABLE
 RARELY RELIABLE
 NOT RELIABLE

ASSESSMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS	5	4	3	2	1	COMMENTS
Reliability of transportation system(s) routinely used by students						
Reliability of transportation options in the event of evacuation						
Reliability of communication system(s) routinely used by students						
Reliability of telephone and internet systems used in emergencies						
Reliability of back-up systems if telephone/internet fail						
Totals						
Final Tally=						

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CONSTANTLY
GENERALLY
SOMETIMES
RARELY
NEVER

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT SAFETY AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS	5	4	3	2	1	COMMENTS
Safety Checklist used when making decisions on student housing?						
Is Safety/Security information provided to students pre-departure?						
Do students receive regular training in safety/security procedures?						
Are students well informed about safety/security issues affecting them?						
Availability of support for Diversity concerns? Acceptability of Diversity in general?						
Availability to support Mental Health Issues, English speaking counseling? Medications?						
Totals						
Final Tally=						

OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF SAFETY AND SECURITY SUPPORT

QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF ASSESSMENT SCORES

GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF THREAT FACTORS		
GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF CRIME FACTORS		
POTENTIAL FOR DANGEROUS CIVIL UNREST		
GENERAL ASSEMENT OF SUPPORT FACTORS		
ASSESSMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION		
ASSESSMENT OF student SAFETY AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS		
OVERALL SAFETY AND SECURITY ASSESSMENT SCORE		

235 - 189 = LOW RISK
 188 - 142 = MODERATE RISK
 141 - 95 = SUBSTANTIAL RISK
 Less than 94 = UNSAFE CONDITIONS

