

Requirements for your stay abroad: exchange, placement, minors, graduation placements, graduation projects

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Dear student,

Internationalization is a policy spearhead and is of major importance for the quality of education offered by BUAs. Study or work-related stays abroad bring with them certain risks in terms of safety and health of students and staff members, and in terms of BUAs reputation. The management of BUAs knows and wants to take its responsibility in this respect by pursuing an adequate crisis management policy. The policy is aimed at preventing crises and in the case of (imminent) crises, offer help to BUAs students and staff members.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues. When planning to travel internationally, you should follow sensible guidance to prepare for your trip and reduce your risk of exposure to COVID-19 virus.

Read below the possibilities for your international experience abroad.

Adjusted approach:

In order to start your NON-EU/EU stay abroad, the following strict conditions need to be met on the day of departure:

- NON-EU destinations: Travel advice of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs should be coloured green or yellow (read below about destinations that have special attention below).
- EU destinations: Travel advice of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs should be coloured green, yellow or orange.
BUAs is located in the Netherlands and therefore the travel advices of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs are binding in this matter.
- No existing travel ban for incoming mobility set by the receiving government.
- All learning objectives/placement competencies can be met during the placement period.

Exemption

Students that are returning to their country of origin: they can return with following the additional Travel Risk procedure. This Travel Risk procedure needs to be started up via your placement office or exchange/graduation coordinator.

Besides this, you need to inform yourself and **take the following precautions before traveling abroad:**

- Emergency database:
You need to fill in your details in the online available database so that in case of an emergency we can



contact you. You can do so via the Student Portal - Self-Service - Register your trip. Possible changes in address or contact details need to be changed on site.

- **Change of travel advice – colour code:**
In case the code of your destination changes into orange (NON-EU) or red (EU), BUAs will not give you permission to go. This also implicates that, if the colour code changes during your stay abroad, you will need to leave the country.
- **Change of travel advice – information:**
Be aware of and keep up to date with the latest official advice offered by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (which is leading for us) and published on their website: <https://www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/reizen/reisadviezen> and by the country you are travelling to. The pandemic has led to unprecedented international border closures and other restrictions. All countries may impose travel restrictions without notice.
- **Entry requirements of destination:**
Check <https://www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/reizen/reisadviezen> and the website of your destination country to inform yourself about the requirements with regard to vaccination, testing and quarantine.
- **Requirements placement companies with regard to vaccinations:**
Check whether you need to be vaccinated to be able to work at the placement company and check whether your type of your vaccine is sufficient.
- **Insurance:**
Check the impact this COVID-19 virus outbreak may have on your travel insurance coverage, including medical repatriation costs in case of ill health or any new restrictions on travel. Make sure you are covered for COVID-19 related matters.
- **Healthcare situation at destination;**
Traveling to e.g., an island with very limited medical equipment available could be seen as an extra risk when traveling there. Make sure to inform yourself about the situation and take necessary precautions.
- **Financial implications:**
You need to be fully aware of the fact that at all times the situation may change at your destination and you are required to come back. E.g., when the placement company decides to cancel the placement last minute or the governments changes its policy. This evidently will lead to extra costs for you. Also, when arranging your flight/travel, make sure to buy flexible tickets, in this way you can change your travel data when necessary. All extra entry costs such as PCR tests, hotel bills for quarantine will be for your expenses.
- **Visa application (if applicable):**
You need to inform yourself about the possibility in obtaining a visa for your destination. Some countries have already long procedures in place, which will already make it highly impossible to travel there. Due to the COVID-19 virus it is possible that regular 'quick' visa procedures also take longer. Note: since the Brexit, staying in the UK requires a visa procedure.



- **Emergency situations:**
You need to know which steps to take when you are in an emergency situation and how to return back home when needed. Make sure to register yourself in the local database of your government.
- The BUAs emergency number can be reached 24/7 and can be found on the back of your student card: **+31 76 533 22 75**. Read more information about the travel risk policy on LMS via Information Sources - General BUAs Information - Student Office - Travel Abroad.

Destinations that require special attention:

United Kingdom

The UK is currently a NON-EU destination. BUAs would like to make an exemption for students traveling there concerning the color coding system: BUAs allows travel to the UK when it is coded orange by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dutch Antilles and overseas municipalities

Due to the special status of the Dutch isles: Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Maarten it will be possible for our students to travel to these destinations when it is coded orange by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Islands part of EU member states

Due to the special status of the following isles and their geographical positioning, it will be possible for our students to travel here: Azores, Balearic Islands and Canary Islands when it is coded orange by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.¹

Turkey, the United States of America and Mexico

After careful consideration these countries have been added to the list of possible destinations for our students to travel to when it is coded orange by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as of 4 November 2021. South-Africa has been taken of the list again as of 9 December 2021.

If there are questions, please contact your placement office, exchange/graduation/minor coordinator or us via travelabroad@buas.nl

We wish you good luck with your stay abroad and hope you have a pleasant and safe stay.

Kind regards, also on behalf of the placement offices and exchange coordinator.

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¹ The group of isles mentioned above are also part of the travel advice on www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl Other isles part of overseas EU territory will be considered NON-EU destination.