



International Travel Risk Assessment for International Students and Scholars

A Guide to Addressing Travel Preparedness and Potential Challenges

This guide is designed to help international students and scholars evaluate their risk when considering international travel. By answering the following questions, you can understand whether your travel may be considered high or low risk based on your current circumstances.

Please note that this guide does not constitute legal or immigration advice. Additional factors and other personal circumstances can change your risk levels. For more personalized and detailed guidance, contact [Immigration Services](#).

Risk Assessment Chart

Category	Yes	No
Are your immigration documents valid, unexpired, and up to date?	Lower Risk	Higher Risk
Have you had encounters with U.S. law enforcement?	Higher Risk	Lower Risk
Would your online/social media presence raise any concerns?	Higher Risk	Lower Risk
Was your home country included on the list countries with full or partial travel restrictions to the U.S.?	Higher Risk	Lower Risk

*Clemson employees with H-1B visas should contact [Lindsey Hill](#), Director of International Services, for guidance on the H-1B Proclamation and travel outside the U.S.

How to Use this Chart

- Evaluate Your Documents:** Ensure all your immigration documents, such as your visa, passport, and Form I-20 or DS-2019 (for F-1 and J-1 visa holders), I-797 Approval No4ce/H-1B visa stamp and/or I-94 record (for H-1B, TN, E-3, or O-1), are valid, unexpired, and up to date. Expired or missing documents will increase your travel risk.
- Consider Past Interactions:** Reflect on past encounters with law enforcement in the U.S. or at a U.S. port of entry. Any interactions with law enforcement in the U.S. may contribute to a higher travel risk.
- Review Your Online Presence:** Consider how immigration officials might perceive your social media and online activities. If there are potential concerns, this will heighten your risk.
- Check Travel Restrictions List:** Determine if your home country was reported to be on any potential travel ban lists, as this will significantly impact your ability to re-enter the U.S.

By thoroughly examining these areas, you can better understand your travel risk and make informed decisions about international travel. Always contact [Immigration Services](#) for personalized advice and guidance.

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