

# International Student Traveling Outside the United States?

## PLEASE READ

**\*\*This information is geared towards any F-1/J-1 international students, students who are legal permanent residents, students with dual citizenship and undocumented students.**

We know that executive orders and changing policies have left many members of our community struggling with difficult choices in the face of real concerns, including concerns about upcoming travel plans. The purpose of this document is to provide travelers with additional advice and protocol for traveling internationally and returning to the US.

### **Preparation Prior to Departure FROM the US:**

- 1) **Monitor the worldwide travel climate** and the current situation both in the U.S. and your host (or home) country up until departure from the US to ensure there are no new developments or recommendations. Please also follow any advice given to you by Hampshire College.
- 2) **Consult legal counsel:** Anyone with concerns that their immigration status, nationality, or travel destination may affect their experience returning through U.S. Customs, or going through customs in other countries, should consult with personal legal counsel in advance of the trip to advise on risks, and discuss whether the risks outweigh the benefits of taking the trip. If you decide to travel despite potential risks, personal legal counsel should be able to help you develop plans to mitigate the risks and advise on how to respond if you encounter any problems at customs.
- 3) **Collect relevant contacts and resources:** Check out (and bookmark) Hampshire's Immigration Resources Webpage for up to date and relevant resources including recommendations for legal counsel: <https://www.hampshire.edu/presidents-office/immigration-resources-for-the-hampshire-community>
- 4) **Make sure your immigration paperwork and travel documents are valid and up to date:** If you are a F-1 international student, please be in contact with Dre Domingue or Christina Rizleris in Multicultural and International Student Services to discuss your current F-1 visa status and to make sure you have relevant travel signatures. If you are a J-1 visa holder, please be in touch with Katie Irwin in the Global Education Office.
- 5) **Gather Emergency Contact Information:** Identify a family member or a close friend who will be in the US at the time of your travel as your **primary** emergency contact. Also have emergency contact information for Hampshire and any legal counsel.
- 6) **Update Hampshire Travel Registry:** For any Hampshire sponsored travel, please put your complete travel program and itinerary (including round trip flight information) into HampGOES, Hampshire's online travel registry: <https://hampshire-horizons.symlicity.com/>. Please include ALL (primary and secondary) emergency contact information. F-1 students should also email [missintl@hampshire.edu](mailto:missintl@hampshire.edu) to notify them of your travel plans.
- 7) **Copies of all immigration documents:** Bring copies of all immigration documents including passport(s), US visas and supporting documentation, green card etc. Also leave copies (along with travel itinerary) with your emergency contacts.

### **Prior to Returning TO the US:**

- 1) Be in touch with Hampshire and/or your emergency contact to confirm your return to the US as scheduled.
- 2) Be sure you have all travel documents and emergency numbers with you in your carry-on luggage.

**Returning to the US, Emergency Protocol:** If you are detained at the border when re-entering the US, please follow this protocol:

- 1) Call either your lawyer directly and/or your emergency contacts and ask them to contact your lawyer.
- 2) If you are traveling for academic reasons/college related purposes on Hampshire Exchange, Field Study, a GEO short-term program, or any other Hampshire sponsored program, please notify Hampshire as soon as possible to inform them of what is happening. If you are unable to contact Hampshire please have your Emergency Contact notify Hampshire:
  - a. During regular office hours (M-F; 8:30--4:30) please call the Global Education Office at **413-559-5542** OR the Multicultural and International Student Services Office at 413-559-5415.
  - b. Emergency/After regular office hours and during vacations: **Call the Hampshire College Dispatch at 413-559-5424**, say that you are Hampshire student with an immigration emergency and ask to either speak to Katie Irwin in the Global Education Office or Dre Domingue in Multicultural and International Student Services.
  - c. Please be prepared to leave your name; current location (ie: JFK airport terminal 2), issue and a phone number to contact if possible.

**Additional Travel Tips:**

- ❖ Be unassuming; Keep a low profile to avoid unwanted attention being drawn to you.
- ❖ Follow all the guidelines for traveling on international airlines; pay special attention to what you can/cannot bring with you in your carry-on or checked luggage.
- ❖ Be organized and have all your documents together in one place that is easily accessible.
- ❖ When speaking to a Customs and Border Patrol agent at the border:
  - Remain calm
  - Only show them your passport with your visa and required paperwork (I-20/DS-2019 as well) to enter as they ask for it. Do not offer up additional documents unless they specifically ask.
  - Only answer questions you are specifically asked—do not volunteer additional information.

**Hampshire Emergency Contacts:**

<b>During Regular Office Hours:</b>			
Global Education Office	Katie Irwin	<a href="mailto:Geo@hampshire.edu">Geo@hampshire.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:kirwin@hampshire.edu">kirwin@hampshire.edu</a>	413-559-5542 (GEO); 413-559-6197
Multicultural & International Student Services	Dre Domingue	<a href="mailto:adomingue@hampshire.edu">adomingue@hampshire.edu</a>	413-559-5415
	Christina Rizleris	<a href="mailto:missintl@hampshire.edu">missintl@hampshire.edu</a>	
<b>Alternate Emergency Contact During Office Hours:</b>			
Dean of Faculty Office	Yaniris Fernandez		413-559-5378
President's Office	Joanna Olin		413-559-5521
<b>Emergency/After Hours:</b>			
Campus Police/Dispatch			413-559-5424