COVID-related Information for Study Abroad FAQs

Effective January 3, 2022, Xavier University requires all students to be "fully vaccinated" on their COVID-19 vaccinations or have an approved medical or religious exemption. Please understand that countries and study abroad partner universities have varying definitions of being fully-vaccinated and terms of vaccination validity. Studying abroad in certain programs or countries may have additional requirements beyond what Xavier requires, e.g. required booster.

Leading up to departure for study abroad, it is the student's responsibility to familiarize and understand the destination's COVID-19 policies and host program/institutions policies in regards to COVID-19 and follow these respective requirements.

The CIE can provide assistance, if you have questions regarding requirements at studyabroad@xavier.edu.

Q: Where can I access information related to COVID-19 for my country of study?

A: The Department of State's website provides information related to COVID-19 in their country advisory pages.

1) You will want to navigate to your country of study and click on the country's name.
2) It will take you to the full advisory page. Depending on its advisory level, you may need to click "see more" to read the entire advisory.
3) In the body of the advisory, there is a link called **Embassy's COVID-19 page**. This link will take you to where you can read country specific information.
    a. You will want to read this page closely and click into additional pages that may tell you more about specific regarding the country's definition of fully-vaccinated and validity of vaccination.
4) You can also navigate to the Embassy's COVID-19 page from this list of country specific information.

**Review this document on how to navigate the different pages above.

The Center for Disease Control also provides information related to travel recommendations and rates each country's current level of COVID-19 in destinations worldwide.

Q: I have a religious or medical exemption. Will I be able to participate?

A: It may be possible to study abroad with an exemption. It is important for you to determine if the country of study will allow you to enter without showing proof of vaccination, or if you have an eligible reason for exemption in the country of study. Additionally, your host university or program may have additional requirements for vaccination. You will also want to see if it is possible to qualify for exemption with the local host.

To find information about entry requirements for your country of study, you can navigate to the specific Embassy's COVID-19 page from this list of country specific information.

You will want to review admission requirements with the host university or organization in regards to COVID-19 on their website or by contacting their admissions staff directly.

Q: Will the CIE tell me what the specific requirements are for my country before my departure date?

A: Due to the changing nature of this information, it is your responsibility as the traveler to ensure you know and follow the guidelines of your host location and any locations in which you plan to visit. The CIE will not provide an email with specific information for your country before departure.

Q: I plan to visit other countries during my study abroad program. How do I find out if they have different requirements than my study abroad location?

A: The Department of State's website provides information related to COVID-19 in their country advisory pages.

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Q: Can I bring a copy of my COVID-19 vaccination card?

A: You will need to carry the original CDC COVID-19 vaccination card with you. It is suggested you bring a copy and leave a copy with a trusted individual. However, a copy or photo of your card will likely not suffice as proof of vaccination at customs in many locations.