

# Advisory for non-essential travel within the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. What countries are part of the MENA Region?

This memo is directed at a region, and it is anticipated that countries within this region may be impacted by this event in different ways or to different degrees. Campuses may assess specific country risk for the various countries that may be considered to be part of the Middle East or North Africa, consider the specifics of who is traveling where and when, and apply their own regional definition and approval process accordingly.

2. What is the definition of essential travel?

The definition of 'essential travel and nonessential travel' is determined by each campus.

3. What is the travel approval process?

Travel risk assessment and approval processes are determined by each campus.

4. What is a pre-departure travel briefing?

This is a discussion or presentation with either your campus travel risk manager or UC's security consultant Crisis24 to review country-specific security risks, risk mitigation strategies, and other travel guidance. It typically lasts about 1 hour.

5. What else should I consider if I have planned travel to the MENA region?

Iran and Syria are heavily sanctioned. Travel to sanctioned countries requires special considerations. Consult your [campus Export Control Office](#) for guidance on sanctions compliance prior to traveling.

6. Who can I contact at my campus for information about the campus-specific definitions and approval processes?

Your [campus travel risk manager](#) should be able to advise you about any travel risk policies or protocols that are practiced at your campus.