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1. Introduction

Students at Durham College (DC) may pursue a variety of academic and non-academic endeavours outside the province of Ontario. Supporting students who are travelling to and participating in College-approved activities beyond provincial boundaries is essential to mitigating risk, promoting health and safety and enhancing social and cultural transitions.

2. Purpose

This policy and procedure provide a framework for the assessment and administration of College-approved student travel and activity outside the province of Ontario.

3. Definitions

Refer to [Durham College's Standard Definitions](#).

4. Policy statements

- 4.1. This policy and procedure apply to all students travelling on and participating in College-approved activities outside the province of Ontario, including but not limited to: varsity athletics; academic research; international exchange and study abroad opportunities; work-integrated learning; international development projects; and academic competitions.
- 4.2. Where student travel or activities are extended beyond college-approved undertakings, DC is not responsible for and does not review these arrangements.
- 4.3. This policy and procedure do not apply to student travel or activity outside the province of Ontario that is organized or sponsored by a student association, a student club, or any other entity that is not required to have College approval.
- 4.4. Before travel arrangements are booked, College approval must be granted.

- 4.5. All DC policies and procedures apply to students travelling to and participating in College-approved activities outside the province of Ontario. It is the responsibility of the appropriate Faculty or department, in collaboration with the Office of Risk Management, to ensure students are aware of the relevant requirements for out-of-province travel.
- 4.6. Students are responsible for abiding by all laws and regulations of any jurisdiction as part of travelling to and participating in College-approved activities outside the province of Ontario.
- 4.7. For student-initiated travel and activities outside the province of Ontario, students must make arrangements for adequate insurance coverage prior to travel and may be required to provide proof of insurance coverage prior to departure.
- 4.8. For College-initiated travel and activities outside the province of Ontario, DC will ensure students are provided adequate out-of-province health and medical insurance.
- 4.9. It is the responsibility of the International Education Office to schedule and host pre-departure and re-entry debrief sessions for students traveling outside of Canada, as appropriate.
- 4.10. It is the responsibility of Faculties and departments to provide pre-departure and re-entry debrief information for students, as appropriate
- 4.11. DC will not approve student travel to countries or regions with a Global Affairs Canada (GAC) risk rating advising to avoid non-essential travel (Level 3) or to avoid all travel (Level 4).
- 4.12. DC reserves the right to cancel or recall College-approved student travel and activities outside the province of Ontario at any time. Students must comply with any such cancellation or recall unless exceptional circumstances render compliance beyond their control.

5. Procedure

- 5.1. Out of Province Travel Initiated by Students or Initiated by the College
 - 5.1.1. The undertaking of student out of province travel and activities related to DC will be expressed to the appropriate Executive Dean/Dean/Director or designate to ascertain whether the travel can be considered a college-approved activity.
 - 5.1.2. Applicants will research the destination and communicate the relevant information to their Executive Dean/Dean/Director or designate. Information may include but is not limited to health, safety, transportation and living accommodations of the travel destination.

- 5.1.3. As soon as possible, but not later than four (4) weeks prior to booking travel, the student will complete all applicable documentation, including but not limited to:
- The Student Travel Outside of Province Request form, which will be approved by the appropriate Executive Dean/Dean/Director or designate who will also determine if the out of province travel has any budgetary or program credit implications. For travel outside of Canada, the Dean, International Education, Vice President, Academic and Students and President must provide approval. Once the form is completed with all required approvals, the Executive Dean/Dean/Director or designate will forward the form to the Office of Risk Management.
 - The Traveller Information and Assumption of Risk Waiver form, including the travel itinerary, to provide contact information that will be used/released by the College to appropriate parties in the event of an emergency, as determined to be necessary by the College and in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Once completed, the Executive Dean/Dean/Director or designate will submit this form to the Office of Risk Management.
- 5.1.4. Should DC cancel, recall or cut-short previously approved student travel or activities outside the province of Ontario, the decision will be made in collaboration with the Vice President, Academic and Students, the appropriate Faculty or department and the Office of Risk Management. Unless circumstances are beyond the student's control, failure to comply with a cancellation or recall will result in the College deeming the student as being on personal travel. In such cases, the student will be solely responsible for any harm or associated costs incurred as a result of non-compliance.
- 5.1.5. For College-approved travel outside Canada, pre-departure information will be provided by the appropriate Executive Dean/Dean/Director or designate, in collaboration with the International Education Office. For College-approved travel within Canada, pre-departure information may be provided by the appropriate Faculty or department.
- 5.1.6. Where applicable, students must enroll with Registration of Canadians Abroad (ROCA).
- 5.1.7. Student are responsible for monitoring advisories prior to and during their travel and stay outside the province of Ontario. Student are required to notify their designated College contact of any changes that may impact their travel plans or activities.

- 5.1.8. Upon return to DC, students will participate in a re-entry de-briefing session, if offered. For College-approved travel within Canada, re-entry debriefing sessions may be organized by the appropriate Faculty or department. For College-approved travel outside Canada, re-entry debriefing sessions will be organized by the relevant Executive Dean/Dean/Director or designate in collaboration with the International Education Office.

6. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act considerations

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) standards have been considered in the development of this policy and procedure and it adheres to the principles outlined in the College's commitment to accessibility as demonstrated by the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

7. Non-compliance implications

Failure to comply with this policy could adversely affect the health, safety and wellbeing of students while travelling outside the province of Ontario. It could also impede a student's ability to successfully complete course or program requirements.

Non-compliance could also negatively impact the reputation and financial health of the College and/or its ability to retain external funding.

8. Related forms, legislation or external resources

- Global Affairs Canada
- Student Travel Outside of Province Request Form
- Traveller Information and Assumption of Risk Waiver Form