

**Study Abroad Administrators
Security Overseas Seminar (SAA SOS)
Thursday, May 7 – Friday, May 8, 2009
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center's
Foreign Service Institute
Arlington, VA**

In this two-day seminar, study abroad administrators, faculty and staff will identify security threats associated with study abroad programs and develop effective strategies to overcome them.

Department of State subject matter experts will instruct participants regarding personal security issues including current crime trends and how to reduce risks. Presenters will include officials from the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC), a division of the Diplomatic Security office, and the Consular Affairs Bureau, a division that assists victims of crime overseas. These experts will share security guidance and information on topics such as: risk assessment in a foreign context; sexual assault awareness; and the interpersonal side of crisis communication and management. Participants will have a unique opportunity to meet face-to-face with the professionals who provide routine and emergency services overseas. This course will not only help improve existing security measures, it will also help administrators create new, effective action plans for the future.

The seminar is one of two private sector security seminars offered at the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), part of the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center in Arlington, VA. Information on all security seminars and the Foreign Service Institute may be found at: <http://www.state.gov/m/fsi/tc/1853.htm>.

Curriculum and Objectives:

This seminar provides concrete strategies and defined procedures for maximizing the safety and security of study abroad students.

Seminar highlights will cover:

- specific services available to you and your students from the American Citizen Services unit at Embassies and Consulates worldwide;
- health risks related to student travel including how to respond to cases of undiagnosed mental health illness;
- legal issues facing study abroad administrators;
- personal security in a cross cultural context (including Anti-Americanism);
- how to assist sexual assault victims as well as what steps to take immediately following an attack.

Who Should Attend:

This training is specifically designed for college and university study abroad administrators, faculty, and staff who want to provide a strong, comprehensive security and safety net for their students studying overseas. Any institution, large or small, that prepares and supports students for international study abroad programs, will benefit from this training. All administrators, faculty, or staff interested in networking with academic colleagues and subject matter experts in the field of overseas security should attend.

Prerequisite:

The prerequisite for enrollment in the Study Abroad Administrators Security Overseas Seminar is that your academic institution or organization must be an Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) constituent. OSAC is a public-private partnership that promotes cooperation between private sector interests worldwide and the U.S. Department of State. There is no charge for becoming a constituent and one of the many advantages of membership is that your organization will have access to exclusive security content.

Registration for the Study Abroad Administrators Security Overseas Seminar is accomplished through our partnership with OSAC:

1. Access the OSAC website at: <http://www.osac.gov>.
 - a. *If your institution is already an OSAC constituent*, use your OSAC logon and password to access the Study Abroad Administrators Security Overseas Seminar information under Events.
 - b. *If you are not an OSAC constituent*, on the left hand side of the website, please click the “Join OSAC” button to create your membership account.
2. The Study Abroad Administrators Security Overseas Seminar information is found on the left hand side navigation bar of the website, under the “Events” heading. Click the “Events” button and scroll to the bottom of the list.

3. Click on the “Study Abroad Administrators Security Overseas Seminar” choice.
 - a. View the Study Abroad Administrators Security Overseas Seminar list of attachments.
 - b. Click on the DS-3083 Form (Training Registration for Non-U.S. Government Persons) and download it.
 - c. Next, select the “Website Registration” attachment and click to open it. Print out and read these directions for completing and submitting the DS-3083 Form.
 - d. Complete the form.
 - e. Fax the completed form along with payment information to:

Foreign Service Institute
Office of the Registrar
703/302-7152 (fax)
Attention: SAA SOS

- f. Acceptable forms of payment: Company credit card, money order, or check. We do not accept personal credit cards, personal checks or cash. For further payment instructions, please see the DS-3083 Form.

Full Tuition for the two-day seminar: \$315

For more information:

For more information about the Study Abroad Administrators Security Overseas Seminar, view <http://www.state.gov/m/fsi/tc/1853.htm>, contact the Transition Center's Security Overseas Program by [email FSISOS@ state.gov](mailto:FSISOS@state.gov) or phone (703) 302-7269/7271 or fax (703) 302-7452. For more information about the location or directions to the Foreign Service Institute, see [FSI DIRECTIONS](#).