

Russia Study Abroad Programs to Continue Despite U.S. Travel Warning – Academic Group

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The United States' recent caution against traveling to Russia has not deterred study abroad programs, according to a survey published by a U.S.-based academic group on Russia studies.

The U.S. State Department [listed](#) Russia as one of the most dangerous countries to visit in January, citing threats of terrorism and harassment. Acting on the advisory, Stanford University [said](#) in March that it was suspending its study abroad programs to Russia.

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The Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) [said](#) most of the 34 members it surveyed said their programs are continuing on their own or through third-party

programs.

“Only two universities, one being Stanford, reported that they decided to cancel their programs because of the travel advisory,” ASEES said Wednesday.

A third university cancelled the study abroad program because of low enrolment and a fourth institution was still waiting, the University of Pittsburgh-based group said.

ASEES describes itself as a 3,000-member scholarly society supporting research Russia, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

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