

International Electives Policy

1. Maximum elective credit of one block (4 weeks). A student may elect to spend more than one block (4 weeks) abroad in a medical education environment; however, only 1 block (4 weeks) credit will be issued.
2. The rotation must be scheduled with a hospital health center, or medical clinic. Exceptions to this must be appealed to the regional campus Student Services Dean and the Vice Dean for Education and Academic Affairs.
3. Evaluation forms for the student may not be completed by a relative by someone who has a potential conflict of interest (e.g., a student's treating physician or close family friend).
4. All WVU medical students who are scheduled to travel abroad must complete a pre-travel meeting with the Global Health Program. Topics to be discussed include travel safety, insurance, repatriation, language, cultural environment, etc.
5. The student must also meet with a provider from the University Health Services or a Global Health Program approved travel clinic, at his/her own expense, to review appropriate immunizations and travel medications.
6. If it becomes apparent through warnings from the U.S. State Department, CDC, or other recognized group that this is an unsafe area to travel, the Global Health Office and Student Services office may cancel the trip at any time prior to or during the rotation. A make-up rotation(s) will be identified in a timely way to fulfill graduation requirements.

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