

Cuba Travel

What you need to know



1. All faculty, staff, and students traveling to Cuba for university purposes must follow all the requirements of the U.S. government and the university.
2. Consult UW's [Export Control Office](#) and [International Safety and Security office](#) who will assist in determining whether a specific license from OFAC is required and if obtaining one is appropriate.
3. Because travel to Cuba is restricted, UW-sponsored travel requires advanced review and approval. School/College/Division or university travel approvals may be required.
4. All travel to Cuba requires a license from the U.S. government.
 - a. The Vice Provost and Dean of the International Division will review your purposes for travel and determine whether you meet the requirements for General Licensure. A letter of General Licensure is provided by the International Division. Travel approved by a general license will come with restrictions on your activities (e.g., limits on recreational travel)
 - b. A general license authorizes, subject to conditions, persons to travel to Cuba. under the following 12 categories of travel:
 - i. professional research and professional meetings;
 - ii. educational activities;
 - iii. public performances, clinics, workshops, athletic and other competitions, and exhibitions;
 - iv. activities of private foundations or research or educational institutes;
 - v. family visits;
 - vi. official business of the U.S. government;
 - vii. foreign governments, and certain intergovernmental organizations;
 - viii. journalistic activity;
 - ix. religious activities;
 - x. support for the Cuban people;
 - xi. humanitarian projects;
 - xii. exportation, importation, or transmission of information or informational materials; and
 - xiii. certain authorized export transactions.
 - c. A specific license from OFAC is required for Individuals who do not meet the regulatory conditions of the general license they seek to travel under do need to apply for an additional license from OFAC to travel to Cuba. The Export Control Office will assist you with and submit your specific license application to OFAC.
5. You cannot have interactions with blocked officials, including Cuban government officials and communist party members on the [Cuba Restricted List](#).
6. Where you stay in Cuba is also regulated by the [Cuba Prohibited Accommodations List](#).
7. Import and Export. What you take with you may require a license to export the item to Cuba. What you bring back may require approval from the U.S. government to import items into the U.S.

For questions, please contact the [Export Control Office](#) and the [International Safety and Security office](#).