

RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRAM-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

In addition to the general travel risks outlined in the [Study Abroad Risk Advisory](#) this program Water Management in a Mega-City (hereinafter “Program”) has specific activities which may pose a heightened level of risk for participants. UC Davis Study Abroad provides this information so that students can make an informed decision about consenting to participate in the Program. Participants in Water Management in a Mega-City program will be expected to participate in the activities below.

If participants do not want to participate in an activity, they must inform the Faculty Leader or Program Coordinator immediately and ask to opt out. In some cases, an activity may be a required in order to participate on the Program (e.g. travel to another site). In these instances, participants wishing to opt out may not be able to participate in the Program at all and may need to choose another program. Study Abroad will try to keep opt out decisions confidential, but due to the group nature of certain activities (such as group travel/tours), it may be impossible for the decision to be kept confidential.

By participating in in a UC Davis Study Abroad Program, participants voluntarily assume these additional associated risks, both known and unknown. If participants do not ask to opt out, UC Davis Study Abroad will assume they consent to the risks associated with participating in the activities.

- **This Program includes transportation by rudimentary or primitive marine vessels such as canoe (powered or unpowered) or raft.** These vessels may or may not be subject to oversight by marine regulatory bodies of Mexico. At minimum, these vessels should have personal floatation devices but may not have additional forms of safety devices. Travel on these vessels may be subject to marine conditions (e.g. river currents, debris); participants may be expected to use paddles in some situations. Participants may need to enter the water in order to board the vessel. UC Davis Study Abroad does not certify pilot training or licensure, vessel integrity, or mechanical service. UC Davis Study Abroad cannot anticipate water conditions but where possible will postpone travel or change itineraries under inclement conditions (may not be possible for public conveyance). All travelers should ensure appropriate life-saving/personal floatation devices are available before boarding, review and understand all safety procedures, and ask questions about the use of safety devices.
- **This Program includes non-traditional motorized transportation** both during Program hours and/or as the primary means of transportation for students during free time via **(select all that apply):**
 - Private car-for-hire (similar to taxis, but operated by regulated or unregulated private drivers)
 - Private motorcoach or van-for-hire (similar to a small public bus but may be operated by regulated or unregulated private drivers)

This form of transportation is a common form of public transportation in the country abroad but may have limited or no governmental regulation. This means vehicles may or may not be inspected, drivers may or may not be licensed or certified, drivers may or may not have insurance, and safety standards (if they exist) may be significantly lower than those in the U.S.

- **In this location, you will encounter many stray dogs.** Rabies can be found in dogs, bats, and other mammals. Travelers should avoid free-roaming mammals. Do not assume stray dogs are nice. In most cases they are harmless, but many are not, and they can bite. Please consult travel health professionals to determine if pre-exposure vaccination is recommended. Visit the Centers for Disease Control ([CDC](#)) website for more information.