

Letter to Affected Students and Scholars, Jan. 28, 2017

Dear International Student,

With recent proposed changes to US Department of State policies, we strongly recommend that **if you are from** one of the following countries **or you have traveled to** one of these countries – AND if you want to continue your education or employment inside the US, **do not travel outside the United States** at this time. From what we understand, it may be extremely difficult for you to return to the US dependent upon executive action or changes in policy of the administration of the US Government. The countries affected so far are the following:

Iran	Somalia	Yemen
Iraq	Sudan	
Libya	Syria	

If you are from one of these countries and your visa has expired, it is likely that it will not be renewed. If you are currently inside the US, please be sure to maintain your lawful status and do not travel outside the US.

If you are currently outside the US and planning to return, and you are from one of these countries, please check with your airline about your chances for being allowed to board a flight to the US.

The Executive Order signed into effect last night by the President of the United States does contain a “religious test.” Some people arriving to the US who are Christian or of other minority religions from the affected countries may be allowed to enter the US. But, be aware that there are no certainties in this situation, especially since our border patrol personnel have not had time to be trained.

If you or someone you know from one of the affected countries is currently detained at a US Port of Entry (US airport, or check point in the UAE or Canada), please recommend that they contact Abed Ayoub at the Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee at: legal@adc.org

From what we can tell, this Executive Order is in place for at least 30 and possibly up to 90 days.

Your International Student Office at WKU will try to keep you informed and up-to-date with the latest information to help you.

Kind regards,

Your ISO Team