When flying small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) outside the United States, users must follow all applicable regulations and laws of the host country.

Country Regulations

An overview of current country regulations is provided by multiple organizations:

- UAV Systems International: uavsystemsinternational.com/drone-laws-by-country
- UAV Coach: uavcoach.com/drone-laws

Note: Drone laws are always evolving; do not rely solely on third-party websites when researching rules and regulations in other countries. Always contact the relevant authorities in the country you plan to visit for the most up-to-date import and use regulations.

Insurance

Many countries require that drones be insured. Contact the Office of Risk Management (Megan Adams, adamsm@princeton.edu, or Missy McGinn, hmcginn@princeton.edu) for more questions about insurance coverage for sUAS in other countries.

Shipping

A U.S. government export license may be required to ship or transport a sUAS or its payload (e.g. cameras, sensors, etc.) to a foreign country or to provide foreign persons with technology related to the item. Contact John Jenkins (jj21@princeton.edu) for assistance.

Learn More

Learn more about flying drones and other sUAS at Princeton on the Princeton Drones website: drones.princeton.edu or email drones@princeton.edu.

Taking Drones Overseas: Helpful Tips

- Drones are allowed through U.S. airport checkpoints. Check with your individual airline for policy on bringing drones as carry-on or checked bags.
- Batteries: Spare lithium batteries must be included in carry-on luggage, bagged separately with terminals covered in tape or cling wrap. Installed batteries can be checked with baggage.
- Bring a repair kit and extra propellers.