

The Cuban Assets Control Regulations

The Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), has the primary authority to regulate sanctions under the Cuban Assets Control Regulations (CACR), [31 CFR Part 515](#). As provided under the CACR, nearly all transactions, exports, and imports, involving the country of Cuba, the Cuban government, or entities/subentities designated on the U.S. Department of State "[Cuba Restricted List](#)", will generally require a specific license from OFAC prior to their occurrence.

Additionally, nearly all technology, software, defense articles, or defense services, will likely require a license from the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) or the Directorate of Defense Trade Control (DDTC) prior to being transferred or released to Cuba or Cuban nationals. Cuba also has additional restrictions on imports from Cuba under [CACR §515.562](#).

CACR UPDATE (June 9, 2022): On June 9, 2022, the Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published their final rule formally amending the CACR. The purpose of the amendments is to align the CACR with the White House policy change, announced on May 16th, 2022, for increasing support of the Cuban people. As detailed below, the amended sanctions alter the existing CACR to allow for:

- Professional research and professional meetings in Cuba.
- People-to-people travel incident to education exchanges not involving academic study pursuant to a degree program.

For more information on the most recent CACR updates, please refer to the [UNC-Chapel Hill Export Compliance Office Memo: Publication of Amendment Cuban Assets Control Regulations \(CACR\) 31 CFR 515](#).

Travel To Cuba

The [Cuba Program](#) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is committed to the development of multiple and multifaceted initiatives that foster production and dissemination of knowledge of Cuba, based on professional collaboration between the members of the faculty, staff, and students of the University with colleagues in Cuba. Based on [CACR §515.560](#), the following travel purposes may be authorized by OFAC under the CACR:

1. Family visits (see [§ 515.561](#));
2. Official business of the U.S. government, foreign governments, and certain intergovernmental organizations (see [§ 515.562](#));
3. Journalistic activity (see [§ 515.563](#));
4. Professional research and professional meetings (see [§ 515.564](#));
5. Educational activities (see [§ 515.565](#));
6. Religious activities (see [§ 515.566](#));
7. Public performances, clinics, workshops, athletic and other competitions, and exhibitions (see [§ 515.567](#));
8. Support for the Cuban people (see [§ 515.574](#));
9. Humanitarian projects (see [§ 515.575](#));
10. Activities of private foundations or research or educational institutes (see [§ 515.576](#));

11. Exportation, importation, or transmission of information or informational materials (see [§ 515.545](#)).

Please Note: When traveling to Cuba, certain UNC Chapel Hill faculty have substantial expertise that can be utilized by the broader UNC Chapel Hill community to assist travelers with the logistical and cultural complexities of Cuba. [The UNC Institute for the Study of Americas \(ISA\)](#) houses the following faculty experts who can provide extensive guidance on UNC activities in Cuba:

- **Dr. Louis A. Pérez, Jr.** has over 25 years of experience in traveling to Cuba for the purposes of conducting research in the humanities and has published numerous research articles and books on the history and culture of the Cuban people. Please contact Dr. Pérez at perez@email.unc.edu with any questions having to do with traveling to Cuba or ISA.
- **Beatriz Riefkohl Muñiz** has over two decades of working with universities to strengthen Latin American studies. At ISA, she advises students on academic and funding opportunities, manages and develops grant and endowment programs, and oversees the activities of the UNC and Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Please contact Executive Director Riefkohl Muñiz at riefkohl@email.unc.edu with any questions having to do with traveling to Cuba or ISA.

If you plan to travel to Cuba and are taking any technology or software other than a standard UNC Laptop, please contact the Export Compliance Office at exportcontrol@unc.edu prior to leaving the United States.