FLY AMERICA ACT (FAA)

OVERVIEW

UConn travelers are required by the "Fly America Act," to use Airlines owned by an American Company also known as “U.S. Flag Carriers” or on a foreign country’s carrier that has a codeshare with a U.S. Flag Carrier regardless of cost or convenience (with a few exceptions) for all air travel and cargo transportation services funded by Federal Grants.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE FLY AMERICA ACT

OPEN SKIES ACT

One exception, frequently permitted, is the “Open Skies Agreement” which is an agreement between the United States (U.S.) government and the government of certain foreign countries. Under the Open Skies agreement, the use of a foreign carrier is allowable when that airline is a member state carrier or between two points outside the U.S.

OTHER EXCEPTIONS INCLUDE:

1. Travel time extended more than 24 hours.

2. If a U.S. Flag carrier does not offer nonstop or direct flight, you must use a U.S. Flag carrier on every portion of the route where it provides service unless, when compared to using a foreign air carrier would require:
   a. More than 2 additional stops (change of aircraft).
   b. Increase travel time by 6 hours or more.
   c. An overseas connection with more than a 4 hour layover.