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Dear Student,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you of the University of Delaware's decision to cancel all spring 2021 study abroad and domestic travel study programs.

Unfortunately, the probability remains quite low that safe travel and entry into other countries, [due to COVID-19](#), will resume in the coming months. With your health and safety in mind, we have made this difficult decision now so that you have time to plan for the semesters ahead.

Although international travel as part of your UD experience is not yet feasible, the Institute for Global Studies remains committed to inspiring and facilitating your pursuit of global understanding. To this end we invite you to take advantage of our newly developed [virtual international internships for the 2021 winter session](#). Apply by September 20 to be considered for a month-long virtual match with employers in Australia, Hong Kong, Ireland, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand or Vietnam. Looking ahead, consider studying abroad with UD [in summer or fall 2021](#).

As a reminder, the University has recently announced that students can "float" six credits from the fall semester, allowing you to take up to two courses at no additional cost during the 2020-21 Winter and/or Summer Sessions. That means if you are enrolled in [fewer than 18 UD credits this fall](#), you may use your remaining credits for a virtual international internship this winter or short-term study abroad next summer. For example, if you are enrolled in 15 credits this fall, you will have 3 credits that you can use over winter or summer session. Or, if you chose to take a lighter load this semester and are enrolled in only 12 credits, you will have 6 credit hours left to use in winter or summer. As many of these programs require enrollment in 3 credits, you may be able to participate at little to no tuition cost.

Explore these opportunities at our [Virtual Study Abroad & Global Studies Fair](#) throughout September and find inspiration on our [UD Global at Home](#) page at any time. Connect with a member of IGS at our [virtual reception desk](#) Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., or meet with a study abroad coordinator during [drop-in advisement hours](#) on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Again, please know that we share your disappointment about the cancelation of spring programs. We are optimistic about the future and look forward to exploring the world together. For updates on the University's response to COVID-19, please visit UD's [Looking Forward: Fall 2020 website](#). Should you have any questions, please contact our office at any time.

Sincerely,

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