



Dear Student,

Congratulations, once again, on your acceptance to a Fall 2020 UD Study Abroad Program! We recognize that you have already invested a great amount of effort & energy in preparing to travel abroad.

As you are aware, the novel (new) coronavirus, known as COVID-19, continues to rapidly evolve. Over the past few weeks, the U.S. and countries around the globe have taken unprecedented measures to restrict travel and limit the spread of the virus.

The Institute for Global Studies (IGS) is working closely with our campus and international partners to monitor the situation and to assess the feasibility of future study abroad programs, including for Fall 2020. As always, we are following official guidance given by the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control](#), and your health and safety are our very first priorities. We promise to continue to share any new information with you as it becomes available.

In the meantime, we recommend waiting to purchase your flights and to defer your UD on-campus housing, just in case your program does not take place. In addition, you should work with your academic advisor to identify a full schedule of courses to take on campus in the event that your program is canceled. Registration for Fall 2020 begins on Monday, April 20. Please see your program's acceptance instructions, available in the [Study Abroad portal](#), for full details.

If UD decides to cancel a program, we will communicate directly with affected students. In the event that your program is canceled, the full program fee and tuition will be credited to your UD account.

Please note that if you wish to independently withdraw from your Study Abroad program, you have until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25 to do so without penalty. Those who independently withdraw after the 25th will be assessed the standard \$500 withdrawal fee.

We understand that this situation is far from ideal, and hope that you will choose to stay the course with us. Our goal remains offering you a rewarding and safe international educational experience. If you have any questions or concerns in the coming days, please don't hesitate to [reach out](#).

Sincerely,

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