



Dear Study Abroad Students,

As you are aware, the status regarding the novel (new) coronavirus, known as [COVID-19](#), continues to evolve. Over the past months, the U.S. and countries across the globe have taken [unprecedented measures to restrict travel](#) and limit the spread of the virus. In light of the ongoing uncertainty of the pandemic, the University of Delaware has decided to cancel all fall 2020 study abroad programs.

The University is taking this action now out of an abundance of caution for your safety and well-being. While we understand that this decision may disappoint you, our goal is to give you ample time to plan your housing, courses and finances for the fall semester. This is a difficult time for us all and for our partners around the world, but we hope that our decision today provides you and your family with some degree of certainty for the coming months.

Please note the following important financial information related to the cancellation:

1. **Your fall study abroad tuition and program fee will be credited to your UD student account over the coming weeks.** Please understand that we are managing multiple program cancellations at this time and processing may take several weeks or longer.
2. **IGS will honor study abroad scholarship awards.** If you received a Delaware Diplomats scholarship to participate in this program, that same amount can be applied to the program fee of a future UD study abroad program. If you received an IGS need-based scholarship to participate in this program, that scholarship will also apply to another UD study abroad program, but on a proportional basis (for example 50% of the program fee--a similar percentage to what you received for this program).

If you wish to [study abroad](#) in spring 2021, you still have some time to submit an application. The deadline for most spring 2021 programs is September 20, and many fall programs are offered at the same locations during the spring semester (though courses may differ somewhat). Note that a final decision regarding the feasibility of spring 2021 programs may not be made for some time.

Please know that we share your disappointment in the cancellation of your program, and we hope that you will be able to study abroad at some point during your time at UD. You are a valued member of our community, and we are here to support you. For updates on the University's response to COVID-19, please visit the [UD website](#). Should you have any questions, please [contact our office](#) at any time.

Sincerely,

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Interim Director

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