

Greetings!

As the outbreak of the novel (new) coronavirus, known as COVID-19, continues to evolve, I write on behalf of the Institute for Global Studies (IGS) to assure you that your health and safety are our top priorities.

IGS continues to work closely with our campus and international partners to monitor the situation. As always, we are following official guidance given by the <u>U.S. State</u> <u>Department</u>, the <u>U.S. Centers for Disease Control</u> and <u>Drum-Cussac</u>, our travel risk service.

As long as conditions in our host communities are deemed safe, all spring study abroad programs will continue as planned. We recommend that you remain cautious, practice good health and hygiene and monitor your UD email regularly for updates. Please follow guidance from your host institution, as well. We also remind you to sign up for email alerts for your host location(s) via Drum-Cussac, and to register your free-time travel in that system as well. We will continue to post updates on our website.

If conditions worsen and UD decides to cancel a study abroad program, we will communicate directly with affected students and their emergency contacts. If you have immediate concerns please reach out to your program's on-site administration or your UD Study Abroad Coordinator.

You are a valued member of our community, and we are here to support you, should you need help in the days or weeks to come. Please do not hesitate to <u>contact our office</u> at any time.

Sincerely,

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