

Dear Study Abroad students,

Although there are certainly increased risks and uncertainty associated with international travel at this time, the University of Arizona is committed to supporting your participation in a fall 2020 study abroad program.

The University has no current plans to cancel upcoming programs but continues to closely monitor the current declared COVID-19 pandemic through the U.S. Department of State, which maintains a [Level 4 Global Health Advisory](#) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which maintains a [Global Level 3 Warning](#).

If you decide to proceed with your fall study abroad plans, we ask you to review the critical information below and complete application requirements in order to remain enrolled in your upcoming program.

### **What you need to do now**

Log in to your study abroad application and complete the following questionnaires and signature documents by **5pm on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**:

- COVID Assumption of Risk Agreement
- COVID Cancellation and Withdrawal Policies
- COVID Assumption of Risks questionnaire

*Failure to complete these items will result in your removal from the program.*

### **Important financial considerations**

By travelling during a pandemic, you are assuming heightened financial risk. Here are some important points for you to consider:

- Make sure you have read and fully understand the COVID Cancellation and Withdrawal Policies
- When you purchase your international airfare, we strongly recommended that you purchase refundable tickets.
- You may also wish to purchase trip cancellation insurance, to safeguard you from any financial losses you might incur in case you have to cancel your travel plans.

### **What to expect when preparing to travel**

Although international travel restrictions could change rapidly, here are some things we know now:

- On June 30, the Council of the European Union [adopted a resolution](#) barring most travelers from the U.S. from entering the European Union for at least until the end of July, though there appears to be an exception for those traveling “for the purpose of study.” At this time, it is not clear what parameters will be used to define “purpose of study” - this means we cannot be certain that you will be permitted to enter your host country to begin your upcoming program if you are traveling to a Schengen country.

- Your host institution has not indicated plans to cancel the upcoming program, but they could announce program cancellation at any time. Consider delaying purchasing your international flight until your host institution confirms their plans for the upcoming semester.
- Routine visa processing is currently operating in a limited capacity in most countries. You are independently responsible for ensuring that you have met all immigration requirements to legally enter your destination country. If you are unable to travel due to an inability to obtain a visa in a timely manner, you will be subject to the *COVID-19 Cancellation and Withdrawal Policies*.
- Upon arrival to your destination you may be asked to:
  - Fill out a health declaration
  - Submit to a physical health screening
  - Agree to quarantine for 14 days after arrival
  - Wear a face covering while in public

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work through this unprecedented, complex and rapidly evolving situation. These are certainly trying times, but the University of Arizona remains committed to supporting you and your academic success. To that end, we have provided links to additional resources below.

Do not hesitate to reach out to your Study Abroad Coordinator, with questions related to your upcoming program.

Stay Safe and Bear Down,

UA Study Abroad Team

### **Where to find more information**

- <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/06/30/council-agrees-to-start-lifting-travel-restrictions-for-residents-of-some-third-countries/>
- <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>
- <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/travel-advisory-alert-global-level-4-health-advisory-issue.html>
- <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- The local health department where you will be studying abroad
- [Drum Cussac](#) (log in with UA Net ID and password)