

October 1, 2021

Subject: UVM Spring 2022 study abroad decision to be announced by October 15

You are receiving this message because you plan to study abroad during the Spring 2022 or Calendar Year 2022 term.

This is a reminder that an institutional decision about whether Spring 2022 study abroad will be permitted to continue will be announced by Friday, October 15, 2021. As soon as we receive word from UVM administration, we will communicate the decision via email to students that have Spring/Calendar Year 2022 GoAbroad records. A notice will also be posted to our Study Abroad and Coronavirus FAQ page.

Until a decision has been announced, we advise you to prepare for two possible courses of action: spring semester abroad as planned, and spring semester at UVM. We encourage you to take the following actions:

- Avoid making any non-refundable deposits towards your study abroad program beyond the
 application deposit and pay close attention to refund policies. This includes the purchase of
 airline tickets. In the event study abroad is cancelled, students will not be charged the UVM
 study abroad fee. If you anticipate needing to make non-refundable deposits prior to UVM's
 decision in two weeks' time, please email studyabroad@uvm.edu to advise us of your situation.
- Consider what your housing plans will be if you need to be in Burlington Spring 2022.
 - Students who have not completed their on-campus residency requirement are required to live on campus in the residence halls if their program is canceled. In general, the oncampus residency requirement is 4 semesters for students who enter UVM as first-year students and 2 semesters for students who transfer to UVM before the age of 20.
 Residential Life will contact students required to live on campus to have them complete a housing & meal plan contract and give them a room assignment.
 - Students who have completed their on-campus residency requirement are not required to live on campus, but they may request it when the time comes to do so. If space permits, Residential Life will offer them a housing & meal plan contract and give them a room assignment.
 - If Residential Life is not able to offer students housing or they prefer to live off campus, students are encouraged to pursue options listed under <u>Off-Campus Living</u>, including Affiliate Housing and the <u>UVM Off-Campus Housing Service</u>.

We recognize this is a difficult thing to ask you to do – planning for two entirely different possibilities. However, we neither want to close off the chance for you to study abroad in the spring if it is viable to do so, nor do we want you to be unprepared for a semester at UVM in the event study abroad is not approved.

If your plans have changed and you no longer plan to study abroad during the Spring/Calendar Year 2022 term, please email studyabroad@uvm.edu so that we can adjust our records accordingly.

Sincerely,
Study Abroad Advisors
UVM Office of International Education