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Subject: UVM Fall 2020 study abroad

Congratulations again on your decision to study abroad Fall 2020.

UVM has canceled Summer 2020 study abroad due to COVID-19. It is too early to make an institutional decision about whether Fall 2020 study abroad will be permitted to continue. We expect to make a determination about the prudence of Fall 2020 study abroad the first week of June.

As a result, we want you to prepare for two possible courses of action: Fall semester abroad as planned, and Fall semester at UVM. We encourage you to take the following actions:

- **Register for Fall 2020 UVM courses as if you will be on campus.** If in the first week of June UVM approves Fall study abroad to proceed (and you have not informed us that you are withdrawing from study abroad), you may drop those on-campus courses, and we will have the Registrar's Office enroll you in "OSSP," the UVM Overseas Studies Program placeholder course.
- **Do not make any further non-refundable deposits to your study abroad program.** If you anticipate needing to make non-refundable deposits prior to the first week of June, 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 Fall 2020.**
 - **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 on-campus 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.** To request on-campus housing, students need to complete a housing request at housing.uvm.edu. 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 [Off-Campus Living](#), including Affiliate Housing and the [UVM Off-Campus Housing Service](#).
- **Pre-departure Orientation has moved to on-line format and the Office of International Education will contact you with instructions.**

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 this fall if it is viable to do so, nor do we want you to lose out on appropriate course registration if we later need to cancel.

If you are not comfortable waiting until June to have a decision and would like to withdraw from Fall 2020 study abroad now, please email studyabroad@uvm.edu.

Sincerely,

Study Abroad Advisors
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