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Subject: UVM Study Abroad: GoAbroad post-acceptance checklist is now live

Dear student,

The GoAbroad post-acceptance checklist is now live for students who have been placed/accepted to a program for the Fall/Academic Year 2021 term.

If you are awaiting an acceptance decision, please be sure to forward confirmation to studyabroad@uvm.edu as soon as you receive that.

If you have been placed/accepted, please login to GoAbroad to begin working through the final checklist in the UVM study abroad approval process. Upon logging into GoAbroad, you will see your **post-acceptance checklist of forms you will need to complete between now and May 1, 2021**. There are a lot of steps, and some may take some time to complete, so please pace yourself appropriately. Make sure to follow the instructions carefully on all forms, and carefully read anything that you are signing. If you have any questions when working through the remaining forms in the UVM study abroad approval process, please contact studyabroad@uvm.edu.

As part of the post-acceptance checklist, students will be required to complete Pre-departure Orientation requirements. **Pre-departure Orientation has moved to an online format**. We will be in contact with students soon with instructions.

A decision regarding Fall 2021 study abroad programs that begin on or after August 15 will be announced by June 15, 2021. Because a decision is to be made in mid-June, we want you to prepare for two possible courses of action: Fall semester abroad as planned, and Fall semester at UVM. Please review [this communication sent on February 8, 2021](#) which includes recommendations to do so. We recognize this is a difficult thing 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 necessary arrangements in Burlington (courses, housing, etc.) in the event study abroad is canceled.

We encourage you to take the following actions:

- **Register for Fall 2021 UVM courses as if you will be on campus.** If in mid-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.
- **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 mid-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 2021.**
 - **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 transfer to UVM before the age of 20. If you are required to live on campus, please complete an on-campus housing request at housing.uvm.edu now. If study abroad is permitted you will be able to cancel without penalty.
 - **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, please complete an on-campus housing request at housing.uvm.edu now. If space permits, Residential Life will offer students 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](#).

If you are not comfortable waiting until mid-June to have a decision and would like to withdraw from Fall 2021 study abroad now, please email studyabroad@uvm.edu.

Please visit our [Study Abroad and Coronavirus](#) web page for FAQs and most recent communications.

If you wish to meet with a UVM Study Abroad Advisor, please [click here](#) for instructions to schedule using Navigate.

Sincerely,

UVM Study Abroad Advisors
Office of International Education