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Subject: UVM Spring 2021 study abroad

Congratulations again on your decision to study abroad Spring 2021.

Due to COVID-19, UVM has canceled Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 study abroad as well as Winter 2021 travel study programs. It is too early to make an institutional decision about whether Spring 2021 study abroad will be permitted to continue. We expect to make a determination about the prudence of Spring 2021 study abroad by November 1, 2020.

As a result, we want 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:

- **Continue working on your study abroad requirements, meeting all deadlines.** Students must follow [UVM study abroad application deadlines](#), even if programs have later deadlines. This will allow for the option to study abroad in the event study abroad participation is approved by UVM.
- **Work with your academic advisor to discuss academic options.** In addition to planning for your courses abroad, you should consider what UVM courses you will take in the event study abroad is canceled. With your academic advisor, plan for your intended courses abroad and UVM courses. Consider if study abroad fits into a different term if you had to postpone it.
- **Do not make any non-refundable deposits towards your study abroad participation, including airfare.** If you anticipate needing to make non-refundable deposits prior to November 1, 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 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 enter UVM as first-year students and 2 semesters for students who transfer to UVM before the age of 20.
 - Students who have completed their on-campus residency requirement are not required to live on campus, but they may request it. If space permits, Residential Life will offer them a housing & meal plan contact 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 been converted to an on-line format.** The Office of International Education will contact participating students with instructions on how to complete this mandatory requirement.

We recognize this is a difficult thing to ask you to do – planning for two entirely different possibilities. However, we do not 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 you are not comfortable waiting until November to have a decision and would like to withdraw from Spring 2021 study abroad now or defer to a later term, please email studyabroad@uvm.edu.

Sincerely,

Study Abroad Advisors

UVM Office of International Education