Coronavirus (COVID-19) Program Updates

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Chapman University is concerned for and committed to the health and well-being of all our students abroad. Continue to check the CUSafelyBack website for Chapman campus updates.

Interterm 2021 and Spring 2021 Programs:
Most spring 2021 semester programs and several Interterm 2021 Travel Courses are scheduled to run. However, as the circumstances surrounding the global pandemic continue to evolve, there may be changes.

Programs are developing their in-country protocols for study abroad students which may or may not include some or all of the following:
• Covid-19 testing prior to departure
• Covid-19 testing upon arrival
• Two-week self-quarantine upon arrival
• Physical distancing practices on campus and in the classroom
• Following local guidelines
• Monitoring symptoms
• Limited travel in and outside your host country
• Block scheduling
• Possibility of switching to remote learning partway through the semester based on local government guidelines

Chapman University is monitoring and following guidance from the U.S. Department of State, Center for Disease Control, and the World Health Organization to determine if study abroad will be possible for students during interterm and spring. Students will be notified in a timely manner if the status of their program changes. We recommend that students wait to purchase your flight until they have confirmation that they will be able to travel.

Fall 2020 Semester Abroad Programs:
Semester abroad programs for the Fall 2020 semester have been cancelled. There remains a considerable uncertainty about the status and safety of travel and international response to the global pandemic. The U.S. Department of State continues to have a Global Level 4 Health Advisory – Do Not Travel. Students who were accepted to go abroad in the fall will not be responsible for any study abroad fees. The Center for Global Education will work with students to go abroad in a future term once study abroad again becomes feasible.

Summer 2020 Programs:
Travel Courses and International Internships have been canceled. All program fees, visa fees, deposits will be reimbursed to the students.

Spring 2020 Semester Abroad Programs:
Since the implementation of a Global Level 4 Health Advisory – Do Not Travel by the U.S. Department of State, all students abroad on spring 2020 programs have been advised to return home. All programs and host institutions are transitioning to online learning. The Center for Global Education and Chapman University are committed to assisting students through this transition. We will provide students with reentry resources to help them through this time. Students will still fulfill the Global Study GE for the spring semester. Per Chapman University approval, if students’ programs abroad are offering a pass/no pass option, Chapman will accept pass/no pass on students’ Chapman transcripts. All study abroad students who were billed Chapman housing (and in some cases board) will receive a partial refund for these costs. Updates regarding this will be emailed to students’ Chapman email accounts.