Coronavirus (COVID-19) Program Updates

Updated November 9, 2020

Chapman University is concerned for and committed to the health and well-being of all our students abroad. We regret that circumstances surrounding the ongoing pandemic have impacted students’ plans for studying abroad this year. Travel courses and study abroad are an essential facet of the Chapman Experience for many students, and we hope that we will be able to provide more opportunities in the near future. Continue to check the CUSafelyBack website for Chapman campus updates.

Spring 2021 Programs:
International study abroad programs for the spring 2021 semester have been canceled. 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 and CDC Travel Advisories continues to recommend to reconsider travel to countries where our students are supposed to go in the spring. There are still challenges to international travel that may include mandatory quarantines, travel restrictions, and closed borders. Students may still participate on the Washington Semester Program at American University in Washington D.C., following American University’s campus protocols and D.C. Health Department regulations.

Interterm 2021 Travel Courses
All domestic and international Interterm 2021 Travel Courses are canceled for Interterm 2021, following the reasons above.

Fall 2020 Semester Abroad Programs:
 Semester abroad programs for the Fall 2020 semester have been canceled. 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 have provided students with reentry resources to help them through this time. Students fulfilled the Global Study GE for the spring semester. Per Chapman University approval, if students’ programs abroad offered a pass/no pass option, Chapman accepted pass/no pass on students’ Chapman transcripts. All study abroad students who were billed Chapman housing (and in some cases board) received a partial refund for these costs. Updates regarding this were emailed to students’ Chapman email accounts.