



SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Suspension of Education Abroad Programs for Fall Term 2020

Q: What programs are impacted?

A: The suspension applies to all education abroad programs for fall quarter/semester 2020. This includes SU exchanges; long and short-term faculty led study abroad programs; SU sponsored study abroad programs, service trips and other group trips; and non-SU programs.

Q: Why did SU determine that my program should be suspended?

A: SU has a [Travel Advisory Policy](#) prohibiting University-related activities and programs involving students that occur in locations under any of the following travel advisories or restrictions:

- U.S. State Department: Travel Advisory Levels 3 and 4
- World Health Organization: Travel Restriction
- CDC: Travel Advisory Level 3
- U.S. Treasury Department: Travel Restriction

Several countries currently have travel restrictions that fall under the Travel Advisory Policy and the University also considered that travel restrictions have been changing frequently and often with little or no notice as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

In addition, the University considered local government advisories and regulations, entry restrictions in some countries for foreign nationals, availability and access to medical resources, challenges in program logistics (i.e., buildings, classrooms, host families, residences, transportation, etc.) due to social distancing and other public health requirements, and the ability to support a student needing to self-isolate or quarantine.

Q: What about education abroad programs scheduled for winter and spring quarters?

A: A decision has not been made about winter and spring quarters. The University will notify students as soon as a decision is made. In the meantime, if you have questions about a winter or spring program please contact Gina Lopardo, Director of the Education Abroad Office, at glopardo@seattleu.edu.

Q: Will I be reimbursed for my program fee and airfare?

A: SU has not charged students program fees for fall 2020 sponsored and exchange programs, thus reimbursement is not necessary. If you enrolled in a non-SU program, contact your program provider to determine if deposits and payments are reimbursable. Contact your airline for its policies regarding date changes and cancellations. Many airlines are being flexible with their refund policies given the circumstances, but you need to contact them directly.

Q: How should I prepare for fall quarter?

A: In early April the Education Abroad Office advised all students planning to study abroad in fall 2020 to consult with their academic advisor and register for SU courses. If you have not already done so, you should contact your advisor to create an academic plan for fall quarter. You can also visit the SU [Student Support Center](#) to find out the latest information about fall quarter or to chat with a SU staff person.

Q: Who can I contact if I have specific questions?

A: Please contact Gina Lopardo, Director of the Education Abroad Office, at glopardo@seattleu.edu. You can also visit the Education Abroad Office [website](#).