Study Abroad
Fall 2021

Next Steps Webinar
Q&A for Students (COVID-19)
Overview

- Housekeeping and Outcomes
- Current Context
- Moving Forward
  - NC State Study Abroad
  - Students
- What’s Next
  - No Go
  - Go
  - Petitioning
- Questions and Answers
Housekeeping

- Webinar is being recorded
- All attendees’ videos and mics are muted
- Q&A is available throughout webinar
  ○ Please ask questions as you have them
- Recording of webinar and presentation will be available after
Outcomes

- Understand NC State’s Restricted Travel Policy
- Identify current advisories for your host-country
- Understand Study Abroad’s plan moving forward
- Understand factors to consider when making your plans moving forward
- Understand steps after Go/No-Go dates
Website Updates

Information and regular updates are available at: studyabroad.ncsu.edu
Current Context
Tentative Acceptances

Acceptances are tentative, as the majority of programs at this time (Feb. 22) are not able to run in alignment with the Restricted Travel Policy.

Study Abroad will/has continue/d with student nominations and other programmatic logistics, as we want to allow for study abroad opportunities should they become possible in the future.
Restricted Travel Area

Defined as any location for which:

- the **U.S. Department of State** (DOS) has issued a Level 3 or above, or
- the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (CDC) has issued a Warning Level 3 or above, or
- NC State has restricted travel.
U.S. Department of State (DOS)

Travel Advisory Levels

1. Exercise normal precautions
2. Exercise increased caution
3. Reconsider travel
4. Do not travel

DOS Advisories

Germany - Level 3: Reconsider Travel
August 6, 2020
U.S. Department of State (DOS)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Risk Assessment Level for COVID-19

- **Level 4: COVID-19 Very High**
- **Level 3: COVID-19 High**
- **Level 2: COVID-19 Moderate**
- **Level 1: COVID-19 Low**
- **Level Unknown: COVID-19 Unknown**

COVID-19 Travel Information

**Level 4: COVID-19 Very High**

- COVID-19 in Germany
  February 02, 2021
  Travelers should avoid all travel to Germany.

COVID-19 Global Notice - Very High

- Updated Cruise Ship Travel and COVID-19
  December 02, 2020
  CDC recommends that travelers defer all cruise travel worldwide.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Current Context

Break for Questions
Moving Forward
Moving Forward, Study Abroad Office

- Study Abroad will continue with student applications.

- However, all of the following conditions must be met by the Go/No-Go Dates, in order for programs to proceed:
  - U.S. DOS travel advisory for the host country is lowered to a level 1 or 2
  - CDC travel notice for the host country is lowered to a level 1 or 2
  - NC State has not implemented policies restricting travel
  - the host country allows entry of student visitors from US.
### Go/No-Go Dates

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*Program Specific Go/No-Go Dates*
Moving Forward, Students

Factors to Consider
Finances

• **Admin Fee**
  – Students who withdraw prior to start date of program will receive a full admin fee refund

• **Program Expenses (e.g., visa, on-site housing)**
  – Study Abroad recommends to delay payment of all program expenses
    • NC State cannot provide refunds for any expenses paid to outside entities

• **Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) Insurance**
  – [CISI](https://www.cisi.com)
  – [Gallagher](https://www.gallagher.com)
Host-Institution Requirements/Deadlines

- What is being asked of you by the host-institution, and when?
  - Can you logistically move forward with the host-institution requirements?
  - Are you comfortable committing additional resources (e.g., time, energy, money) to an opportunity that is not a guarantee?
Personal Risk Tolerance / Comfort with Ambiguity

- Living in the gray is the new normal, this is difficult
- What is your personal level of comfort?
- Are you comfortable moving forward without a guarantee your program will run?
Being Abroad During a Pandemic

• Research your host-country
  – What restrictions are in place?
    • Curfews
    • Restricted borders, limiting travel
    • Mandatory quarantine/testing upon arrival
    • Reduced capacity for/cancellation of public events
    • Closure of popular tourist spaces

• How could these restrictions change your experience while abroad?
• Does this potential experience match your expectations for studying abroad?
You Know Best
Moving Forward

Break for Questions
What’s Next?
Always Have a Contingency Plan

- Consult with your Academic Advisor
- Register for NC State courses
- Accommodations at NC State for next semester
- Other plans for staying domestic
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Go/No-Go Outcome

- Go 😊
  - Continue to complete application/host-institution requirements
  - Maintain on-campus contingency plan
  - Pursue independent CFAR insurance
  - Future elevated DOS/CDC levels could lead to future suspension, even after being abroad
  - Study Abroad will also follow up with you to check in and support you in the next steps
Go/No-Go Outcome

- No Go 😞
  - Admin Fee refunded
  - Application withdrawn
  - Pursue additional [On-Campus](#) Global Opportunities
  - Pursue future study abroad opportunities
  - Students may petition to seek an exception from the Restricted Travel Policy
## Petition Dates

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**Program Specific Go/No-Go Dates**
Petition

- DOS COVID-19 Traveler Information (general)
- DOS Travel Advisory (country specific)
- CDC Travel Notice (country specific)
- Statement of Academic Purpose
- Safety Assessment & Risk Mitigation Plan

Petitions will be submitted via PackAbroad.
Questions

• Connect with your Program Coordinator
  – Maura, Kory, Kyle, and Sean
• Continue to work with your Study Abroad Advisor
  – Stephanie, Bethany, and Amanda