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Dear student,

We were hopeful that study abroad programs would be able to resume this summer; however, I am saddened and disappointed to inform you that all summer 2021 study abroad programs have been cancelled.

Unfortunately, the probability remains quite low that safe travel and entry into other countries, [due to COVID-19](#), will resume in the coming months. With your health and safety as our top priority, we have made this difficult decision now so that you have time to make summer plans.

Although international travel as part of your UD experience is not yet feasible, the Institute for Global Studies remains committed to inspiring and facilitating your pursuit of global understanding. To this end we invite you to take advantage of our newly developed virtual international internships for the 2021 summer session. Apply by February 28 to be considered for a virtual match with employers from all around the world. Looking ahead, consider studying abroad with UD in fall 2021 or beyond. Winter and spring 2022 programs will be posted on our [website](#) in mid-February.

As a reminder, students can "float" six credits from the fall semester, allowing you to take up to two courses at no additional cost during the 2021 winter or summer session. That means if you were enrolled in [fewer than 18 UD credits last fall](#), you may use your remaining credits for a virtual international internship this summer. For example, if you were enrolled in 15 credits last fall, you have 3 credits that you can use over winter or summer session 2021. Or, if you were enrolled in only 12 credits last fall, you have 6 credit hours left to use in winter or summer 2021. The virtual internship programs require enrollment in a 3-credit course, and thus students with "banked" credits may be able to participate at little to no tuition cost.

Explore future study abroad opportunities at our Virtual Study Abroad & Global Studies Fair on February 25 and find inspiration on our [UD Global at Home](#) page at any time. Connect with a member of IGS at our [virtual reception desk](#) Monday - Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., during Winter Session, or meet with a study abroad coordinator during [drop-in advisement hours](#) on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. during spring semester.

Again, please know that we share your disappointment about the cancellation of summer programs. We are optimistic about the future and look forward to exploring the world together. For updates on the University's response to COVID-19, please visit UD's [Return to Campus](#) website. Should you have any questions, please contact our office at any time.

Sincerely,

Lisa Chieffo, Interim Director
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