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Dear Student,

Given that UD's fall semester is about to begin I wanted to write with an update on spring study abroad programs. While it is still our hope to facilitate your journey this spring, it is highly unlikely that spring study abroad programs will be able to take place. Although a final decision has not yet been made, we wanted to provide an honest assessment of spring travel programs so that you have time to adequately and appropriately prepare for your academic year.

Even as our university, our state and our nation carefully reopen, safe worldwide travel due to COVID-19 has not yet become feasible. While the [U.S. State Department](#) and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) have somewhat eased their global travel advisories, country-level restrictions continue to evolve and international cross-border mobility remains very limited. Thus the probability is quite low that normal, safe travel and entry into other countries will resume in the coming months. We understand that this is a disappointing reality that introduces further uncertainty into an already uncertain semester.

Should spring programs be canceled, please know that the Institute for Global Studies team is actively collaborating with partners at UD and beyond to offer alternative global education opportunities for you, beginning with virtual internships in winter session and study abroad in summer and fall 2021. We invite you to explore those experiences and more at our [Virtual Study Abroad & Global Studies Fair](#) throughout September. For now, visit our [UD Global at Home](#) page to continue exploring.

To our World Scholars and Delaware Diplomats, we recognize that study abroad is an integral part of your programs. In the event of spring program cancellation, IGS staff will reach out with additional guidance and support.

Again, please know that we share your disappointment about the outlook for spring programs and that we will communicate a final decision soon. You are a valued member of our community, and we are here for you. For updates on the University's response to COVID-19, please visit [UD's Looking Forward: Fall 2020 website](#). Should you have any questions, please [contact our office](#) at any time.

Sincerely,

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