Study Abroad, COVID-19 Updates

Why was my Summer Education Abroad program cancelled?
Effective March 16, 2020, Florida A&M University (FAMU) has cancelled all summer study abroad programs. This decision was made after careful consideration by FAMU senior leadership. This cancellation applies to all types of university related travel, domestic and international.

What if I'm participating in a Non-FAMU (Direct-Enroll or Third-Party Provider) program, and they haven’t cancelled?
FAMU will not allow students to participate in any study abroad program, even if the provider has not cancelled it.

What if I have already purchased airfare?
Students are responsible for their own flight arrangements. Many airlines have adjusted their cancellation or flight change policies due to COVID-19. We recommend that students contact their airline to see what accommodations can be made.

Now that my program has been cancelled, will I receive a refund?
All deposits submitted to the Office of International Education and Development are being refunded.

If I am returning from a current study abroad programs, do I need to be quarantined upon return to the United States?
All travelers will be screened upon entry to the United States. Anyone returning to the U.S. from international travel should stay home for 14 days. Students may click here to review after travel precautions.

How can I fulfill my degree requirements now that my study abroad plans have been cancelled?
We highly recommend that students contact their academic advisor to discuss alternate plans.

How does The Office of International Education and Development at FAMU make decisions concerning study abroad?
When making decisions concerning the safety of students abroad, FAMU takes guidance from the U.S. Department of State, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as our travel risk management company.

Should I continue to plan for study abroad or study away programs?
Students may continue to research study abroad opportunities as well as scholarships, fellowships and grants associated with studying abroad.
When can I study abroad?

As of now, all travel has been suspended until August 30, 2020. We are monitoring Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization for updates. The Office of International Education keeps providing all regular services remotely, except passport applications. We encourage you to complete your advising application and start planning your education abroad experience and applying for international scholarships in advance. Contact studyabroad@famu.edu for further assistance.

If you wish to complete an online/remote international internship in Summer 2020, contact studyabroad@famu.edu for assistance.

Who can I contact about study abroad and study away advising?

Study abroad and study away advisors are working remotely, and students can request to have meetings via Zoom to address questions they may have. Students may contact the appropriate staff members by clicking here.

Though summer study abroad programs are cancelled, can I still travel abroad this summer for personal travel?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends all travelers avoid all nonessential travel and defer all cruise ship travel worldwide.

Where can I learn more about COVID-19?

Members of the community may visit the sites below for information related to COVID-19:

US Center for Disease Control
US Department of State
World Health Organization