

March 16, 2020

Dear WSU Study Abroad Community:

I am sure many students are nervous about the rapidly changing conditions related to Coronavirus and COVID-19. Like always, our primary goal is to keep our students as safe as possible. You might have already heard the [recent announcement](#) that WSU is making changes related to university procedures and international travel. All university-sponsored international travel is discontinued at this time for all students, staff and faculty, which includes study abroad programs. The University has decided to make these changes in an abundance of caution. Although university offices will be open during this time, we are making some changes that will impact the services we normally provide in the Garvey International Center for the area of study abroad and international students.

CHANGES STARTING TUESDAY, MARCH 17

How do I speak to someone about study abroad programs?

There are no in-person appointments at this time. Instead of coming into the office, please email your questions to studyabroad@wichita.edu. If you would prefer that the advisor call you instead of replying by email, please be sure to include your telephone number in your message. Our staff in the study abroad office will primarily be working remotely from home so if you do come to the office, you will be directed to email them. At this time, we will focus on students who are participating or applying for study abroad programs in 2020 in order to address their needs in a timely manner.

I need to submit something. How should I do that?

Scan whatever you need to submit and email it to studyabroad@wichita.edu.

How do I keep up-to-date about the Coronavirus and COVID-19?

Be sure to bookmark <https://wichita.edu/COVID-19>

Spring 2020 Study Abroad Programs

We are currently communicating directly with all students who are participating in spring 2020 study abroad programs. Please continue to check your email and reach out to us if you have questions. You can email ann.burger@wichita.edu or studyabroad@wichita.edu

Summer 2020 Study Abroad Programs

We are currently communicating directly with all students who have already applied for summer 2020 study abroad programs. We will make decisions soon in regards to summer programs, as most will probably need to be cancelled for 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation. Please continue to check your email and reach out to us if you have questions. You can email ann.burger@wichita.edu or studyabroad@wichita.edu

Fall 2020 Study Abroad Programs

We are currently communicating directly with all students who have applied for fall 2020 study abroad programs in regards to your options and the next steps you would need to take. Please continue to check your email and reach out to us if you have questions. You can email ann.burger@wichita.edu or studyabroad@wichita.edu

Spring 2021 or future Study Abroad Programs

Students interested in applying for spring 2021 study abroad programs or for other future terms, can still submit applications by email to studyabroad@wichita.edu. Those applications will be reviewed as soon as possible, however please be aware that there will be a delay in response for spring 2021 & other future programs. Given the nature of the COVID-19 situation, we are placing top priority on all students who have applied for study abroad programs in 2020 in order to ensure that we can address their questions and concerns. No appointments are available at this time for spring 2021 & future study abroad programs. If you have questions, you can email ann.burger@wichita.edu or studyabroad@wichita.edu

Thank you for your patience as we make this transition. We are making these changes to keep you as safe as possible. Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,
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