



Dear students,

We write with news that might not be a surprise but may still come as a disappointment: we are canceling all study abroad programs for spring 2021.

Given health and safety concerns, as well as the continued lack of clarity around the effects of the COVID-19 virus on travel in the months ahead, we have determined that we cannot confidently support study abroad at this time.

This decision takes into account the current US State Department and CDC guidelines on travel. For most every country to which we send students, the Travel Advisory level is a 3: "Risk is high; reconsider travel." The countries at lower risk are keeping their numbers low by severely limiting incoming visitors.

While Lewis & Clark continues to be deeply committed to the value of overseas study, these factors, taken together, make it inadvisable to send students abroad at this time.

Our office has notified relevant campus departments, such as College Advising, the Registrar's office, and Financial Aid, as well as the academic departments, of this decision. Staff and faculty are informed and prepared to help you as you adjust your plans for the Spring.

We are working to gather information to help you make a decision about future overseas study. We will reach out to you individually by October 15 with more information. Once we have identified your options, and you have had a chance to make a decision, we will either refund your deposit, or we will apply it to a future or different study abroad experience. More information about this process will be included in our upcoming communication.

We appreciate your patience while we work on this. As always, please reach out with any questions.

With warmest regards,

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