



Syracuse Abroad, in partnership with University leadership, has made the difficult decision to suspend our center study abroad programs for spring 2021. Although we have made every effort to offer our students a robust study abroad experience next semester, including modified programs complete with comprehensive Coronavirus health and safety measures, much to our disappointment, we are unable to guarantee the quality global learning experience you expect from Syracuse Abroad programs.

We understand how truly disappointing this must be for all of you, and particularly for those of you who have already deferred once, or for whom studying abroad in the future may be particularly challenging. This was a decision that was not taken lightly, knowing its impact on you, other students, and all our staff and faculty abroad who were so hoping to welcome you this spring.

Given recent news of a vaccine as well as expected lower rates of virus transmission with the onset of warmer weather, we are optimistic about our summer and [Spain-based short-term traveling courses](#) for Summer 2021, and hope that you will be able to take advantage of one or more of these options. Note that summer programs are available at most Syracuse Abroad centers! If you would like to learn more, please visit our [website](#) to review the information about available programs and the generous [summer financial aid and merit scholarships](#) many of you will be eligible for. We also hope that some of you will choose to attend one of our fall 2021 programs, as each of our centers will have exciting new activities, courses, travel and field study opportunities to make the fall a dynamic and meaningful experience. Our staff and faculty abroad are ready and excited for your return, and to open up new worlds and experiences for you.

As a spring 2021 study abroad student, you are given the option to defer your application and receive priority placement for the Summer 2021 options or the fall 2021 semester, without reapplying or paying another application fee or deposit. In order to properly transfer your application or get more information, we ask that you complete this [questionnaire](#) by December 4th.

Additionally, we recognize that the cancellation of fall 2020 and spring 2021 may make study abroad in the future very challenging in light of your degree progress. For this reason, we encourage you to petition our office to complete up to two courses online from main campus if it helps you make progress toward your degree while studying abroad in fall 2021. Please discuss your options and commitment to study abroad with your academic advisor and feel free to get in touch with our international advising and academic teams if you have further questions.

Please keep in mind that it could take several days after the Thanksgiving break before your Bursar account is fully updated for spring. Your Syracuse Abroad charges will soon be removed and replaced with main campus charges. This is a manual process, so we appreciate your patience as our campus colleagues are processing these changes as quickly as possible. If you decide not to defer to either summer or fall terms, your application fee and any deposits you have paid us will be reimbursed by our office.

For Syracuse students, should you need assistance with your spring semester on campus, we encourage you to reach out to the following Syracuse University departments:

- If you need support finding off-campus housing for the spring 2021 semester, please contact the Office of Student Living, at orlsc@syr.edu or 315-443-3637. For on-campus housing, please contact the Housing, Meal Plan and ID Card office at housing@syr.edu.
- If you need to register spring 2021 courses on main campus or make adjustments to your existing schedule, please contact your assigned academic advisor in your home school/college.

Visiting students should contact their home campus academic advisors and housing office for assistance on their spring campus options. Those who prefer not to defer to another semester, should notify Syracuse Abroad and their application fee will be refunded. Refund of any deposit and paid program fees, can be requested by contacting the Syracuse Bursar's Office directly (<https://bfas.syr.edu/bursar/refunds/>). If you are not able to do so online, please email your request to bursar@syr.edu.

We all at Syracuse University are committed to helping you as you now pursue alternative plans for the spring semester, and hopefully for a future semester abroad. Members of our team will be following up with you personally over the next several weeks. If you have any more immediate questions about this news or your study abroad application, we encourage you to reach out to Syracuse Abroad at suabroad@syr.edu. In the meantime, please know that you are on our minds and we hope to welcome you to one of our programs in the near future.

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