Dear Student,

Yesterday you received an email from the University at Albany stating that effective March 23, 2020, all University at Albany courses will be delivered remotely until further notice. Please contact your academic departments and instructors for further instructions about how each of your courses will continue to be delivered.

As study abroad students, you still must continue to maintain full-time registration and participate in your classes (12 credits for undergraduates and 9 credits for graduate students). Students who continue to make normal progress in a full course of study will continue to maintain their J-1 status. Should there be a reason you must drop below full-time enrollment as defined above, please review the acceptable reduced course load authorization reasons and request form [https://www.albany.edu/isson/89007.php](https://www.albany.edu/isson/89007.php) and contact at [ISSS@albany.edu](mailto:ISSS@albany.edu) for additional guidance:

We recognize that your home universities have also been communicating with you due to the rapidly evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. Please note that the University is still operating as normal, including the delivery of courses, student housing and dining services. Students in residence halls who require spring break housing should make sure that they have completed the sign-up necessary forms to stay during the break. If you choose to return to your home country, it will be considered a voluntary withdrawal. No tuition or housing refunds will be available.

If the coronavirus COVID-19 situation worsens to a point which the University at Albany needs to, or is ordered to close its campuses, all international students and other students who cannot return home, and currently reside in a residence hall, can stay in the residence halls through the end of the semester and the University will make meal plan accommodations for these students.

For more information regarding immigration and travel-related issues, please contact an [ISSS advisor](mailto:ISSS@albany.edu). For academic and study abroad related questions, please contact your education abroad advisor, [Jacqueline Ledermann](mailto:Jacqueline.Ledermann@albany.edu). Thank you for your patience and understanding. The University understands this is a difficult situation and we are here to support you throughout this transition.

Sincerely,

The Center for International Education and Global Strategy