Date: 3/19/2020

Subject: Important update: Summer education abroad programs abroad cancelled

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Dear Student,

This is to inform you that we are cancelling all University at Albany summer education abroad programs. Due to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation, all global destinations have been designated by the U.S. Department of State as Global Health Advisory Level 3: Reconsider Travel and the Governor of New York has banned travel to Level 3 destinations for all SUNY and CUNY students, faculty and staff. These factors have made the cancellation of summer programs necessary.

The University does not make this decision lightly, but your health and safety are our primary concern. We apologize for the late notice of this cancellation, but we have been monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak while hoping to continue at least some of the UAlbany summer study abroad programs. Unfortunately, the continuation of programs abroad has become impossible at this time. If you have already paid a program deposit, the funds will be returned to you shortly. Please attempt to obtain a refund or credit for any airline ticket purchases. In addition, please document and advise CIEGS regarding any unrecovered costs to allow us to investigate any available options for financial assistance.

If you are interested in pursuing fall or future programs abroad, please contact your education abroad advisor, either Jay Stokes or Carmeisha Huckelby.

The University understands this is a difficult situation and we are here to support you throughout this transition. Please reach out to CIEGS with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your patience and understanding.