

COVID-19 and Upcoming Travel FAQ

Spring GO Long 2021, Summer 2021, Fall GO Long 2021

When will GO make a decision about postponing a program?

The timing of decisions will be based on a balance of global health news, public health and safety advisories, travel restrictions, visa application dates (when applicable), and program deadlines (when applicable), as well as feedback from on-site contacts. Once a decision has been made to postpone a program, GO will promptly notify students with details about alternative options. GO does not approve travel/reserves the right to rescind approval for a program in a region with a level 3 or 4 U.S. State Department Travel advisory.

Spring GO Long 2021:

As of November 16, 2020, approval for GO Long Spring 2021 programs was rescinded.
Students impacted by this decision were notified directly.

“GO Long” programs are options during the semester in which students attend programs not directly managed or administered by the GO office.

Summer GO Short/GO Your Way 2021:

We, along with the study abroad field, are hopeful that programs will be able to run during the summer. We will be monitoring each country and travel recommendations closely in the coming months in hopes that we will be able to travel. Information about travel will be directly communicated with students accepted into GO Short/GO Your Way programs.

“GO Short” programs are study-away options offered during winter and summer breaks in which students attend programs that are directly managed and administered by the GO office.

“GO Your Way” programs are options during winter and summer break. Students typically attend study abroad programs through providers.

What information do you have about US passport processing?

The US State Department has resumed operations for passport processing, but due to the shut down in operations earlier in the year, they are still experiencing significant delays. Passports are likely to take over 12 weeks to process. Additional information can be found on: <https://travel.state.gov/passports>

I am a Spring 2021 student, what does the spring semester cancelation mean for me?

In planning for Spring 2021 GO Long, you also should have prepared to remain on campus in the spring by going through spring course registration and housing selection in an abundance of caution.

We will work with you to defer to a later semester GO Long program (Fall 2021, for example). Or work with you through a GO Short or GO Your Way program over summer/winter break.

I just applied for a Summer 2021, Fall 2021, or Spring 2022 program, now what happens?

We are still planning for these programs to be able to run. Updates about your application will be sent out according to the timetable below. You will have time to confirm your acceptance after notification is sent out. Please pay attention to the deadlines in your acceptance letter.

- Summer 2021 GO Short: December 10, 2020
- Summer 2021 GO Your Way: applications accepted on a rolling basis through February 15, 2021
- Fall 2021 GO Long: January 20, 2021
- Spring 2022 GO Long: May 20, 2021

I applied for a Summer 2021 program, what if it is canceled?

Just as we did in 2020, we will work with students about deferral and alternative program options to complete the cross-cultural requirement. By being signed up for a program, we are able to work with you on next steps.

I am at high risk for COVID-19 and am not sure about travel in 2021, what should I do?

We have heard from some students that they are still concerned about traveling because of COVID-19 and completing the cross-cultural requirement for graduation. Therefore, we have built a "[COVID-19 accommodation request](#)" application for approval to complete the cross-cultural requirement through a virtual program over summer 2021. Please set up an [appointment with Molly](#) if you would like to pursue this accommodation.

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