

COVID-19 and Upcoming Travel FAQ 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.

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 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.

- Summer 2021 GO Short: Notifications were sent on December 10, 2020. Round 2, for select programs, will open the first week of classes. Round 2 will close February 10, 2021, with notifications sent February 23, 2021.
- Summer 2021 GO Your Way: applications accepted on a rolling basis through February 15, 2021
- Fall 2021 GO Long: Notifications were sent on January 20, 2021.
 - Next steps will be sent to students directly, including information about the GO Long overview meeting and application process to the university.
- Spring 2022 GO Long: Notifications will be sent out May 20, 2021

You will have time to confirm your acceptance after notification is sent out. Please pay attention to the deadlines in your acceptance letter.

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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