

Sweden

Sent: January 21, 2021

Dear GO Sweden students,

We are disappointed to share the news that due to COVID-19, our on-site partner in Sweden will not be hosting any study abroad programs this summer. The on-site partner network relies heavily on in-person connections to build networks and community, and right now, that isn't possible. That means that, unfortunately, **need to cancel the GO Sweden program for summer 2021.**

We are committed to keeping you on track for graduation while keeping your health and safety at the forefront. We understand that each of you and your families may have differing thoughts regarding how you would like to proceed, and we will support your decision. From the beginning, we have guaranteed to work with students to meet the cross-cultural requirement for graduation.

As you know, GO is designed to allow students to meet the [cross-cultural learning goals](#) of the SU Central Curriculum. The structure of the GO requirement typically requires a minimum of 2 weeks on-site in a cross-cultural immersion setting, book-ended by a 7 weeks' preparatory course and a 7 weeks' reflection course. Because of COVID-19, we have identified different options that would allow you to meet the cross-cultural learning goals, and therefore the cross-cultural requirement for graduation.

1. **Currently, we are still cautiously planning other summer 2021 programs.** This may change as we keep a close watch on how the situation develops, but there [are programs with spaces available](#). These programs will open for applications later this week – Shane can assist you in an expedited application process. If you would like to apply for a program that has open spaces, and/or discuss other summer programming, please reach out directly to [Shane](#).
2. **Participate in a Summer 2021 GO Your Way program**
[GO Your Way program options](#) include pre-designed experiences such as study abroad courses in a broad range of subjects, volunteer, and internship programs (in fields such as medicine, veterinary, teaching, etc.) all through providers who coordinate housing and placements so you as the student do not have to coordinate all that on your own. Please [reach out to Shane](#) to learn more about these options.
3. **Submit a virtual accommodation request**
 - a. Based on feedback we have received from students concerned about travel, we have built a [COVID-19 accommodation request](#) application for approval to complete the cross-cultural requirement through a virtual program over summer 2021. We recommend setting up a meeting with [Molly](#) to discuss this option. These requests must be made by Feb. 15.
4. **Participate in a Winter 2021/2022 GO Short or GO Your Way program.**
 - a. Winter GO Short programs will be announced on mySU later this semester.

We do want to remind you that for any of these options, GO would complete the course registration.

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know – we are happy to set up a time to talk via phone or Zoom.

Best,
Molly Roe, Director of Global Opportunities
Shane Sanders, Short term Programs Coordinator

Scott Manning, Dean of Global Programs

Czech History and Theatre and PLUS

Sent: January 26, 2021

Dear _____,

We are disappointed to share the news that due to COVID-19, our on-site partner will not be hosting any study abroad programs this summer. The on-site partner network relies heavily on in-person connections to build networks and community, and right now, that isn't possible. That means that, unfortunately, we are unable to continue as previously planned and **need to cancel the ___ program for summer 2021.**

Currently we are still planning for other programs over summer 2021. Fortunately, there is a space available for you in your (preferred/alternative) program, so we have changed your status in the _____ program to "accepted". We would need you to commit to that program, if you'd like, by February 1st so we know how many students we could accept into that program during Round 2.

If you're not interested in participating in the _____ program, please do let me know so I can give that spot to another student.

Alternatively, other options to complete the cross-cultural requirement:

1. **Apply for a different GO Short Summer 2021 programs.** This may change as we keep a close watch on how the situation develops, but there [are programs with spaces available](#). These programs will open for applications later this week – Shane can assist you in an expedited application process. If you would like to apply for a program that has open spaces, and/or discuss other summer programming, please reach out directly to [Shane](#).
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4. **Participate in a Winter 2021/2022 GO Short or GO Your Way program.**
 - a. Winter GO Short programs will be announced on mySU later this semester. We are hoping that we will be able to have Czech History and Theatre on that list.

We do want to remind you that for any of these options, GO would complete the course registration.

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know – we are happy to set up a time to talk via phone or Zoom.

Best,
Molly Roe, Director of Global Opportunities
Shane Sanders, Short term Programs Coordinator
Scott Manning, Dean of Global Programs

Peace Youth and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland:

Sent: January 26, 2021

First Email about rescheduling: Dear Peace, Youth & Reconciliation in Northern Ireland students,

We wanted to connect with you about an update for the timeline for the Peace, Youth & Reconciliation in Northern Ireland program. Because of current COVID restrictions to movement in Northern Ireland, which are expected to continue through June, we **need to change the Peace, Youth & Reconciliation in Northern Ireland program to August 2021**. Exact dates will be shared likely in March.

If you would like to withdraw your spot in the program, please [contact us](#) to discuss the alternative ways to complete a GO Program and stay on track to complete your cross-cultural requirement. Alternatives include other potential summer 2021 GO Short or GO Your Way programs, a virtual summer break program, or a winter 2021/2022 GO Short or GO Your Way program.

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know – we are happy to set up a time to talk via phone or Zoom.

Best,
Molly Roe, Director of Global Opportunities
Shane Sanders, Short term Programs Coordinator
Scott Manning, Dean of Global Programs

New Zealand

Sent: January 27, 2021

Dear Summer 2021 GO New Zealand students,

There have been some unfortunate developments regarding international travel that impact our New Zealand program so I want to share with you what we know now.

The New Zealand government has announced that they will not begin vaccination of the general public until June 2021 and that they will keep their very strict border restrictions in place until nearly all New Zealanders are protected from the Coronavirus. So that means no entry for any non-citizen of New Zealand.

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/covid-19-coronavirus-jacinda-ardern-new-zealands-borders-likely-to-remain-closed-to-most-of-the-world-all-year/3OMNHUCIOJ13KGXCLCWRVWK32Y/>

These timelines can change. But at this point it seems clear that **we will not be able to travel to New Zealand in June as planned**. This is really disappointing news for all of us. The most likely scenario is

that we will have to **postpone the program to winter break**. Additionally, all persons arriving in New Zealand will be required to show proof of vaccination.

Since we will not be able to travel in June as planned there are few options. I hope many of you will be able to take option 1:

1. Keep your spot on the program which would travel from late December 2021 until mid-January, 2022.
 - a. Please confirm this by sending an e-mail to sanderss@susqu.edu by February 5
2. Apply to a different GO Short or GO Your Way program (I strongly recommend signing up for advising with GO: <http://go.susqu.edu/?go=shane>)
 - a. GO Short applications will be open from 1/27-2/10; GO Your Way applications are open through 2/15
3. Apply to a [virtual GO program](#) over summer break
 - a. Applications are open through 2/15

Scott Manning

FOCUS

Sent: Feb 15, 2021

Dear Summer 2021 FOCUS students,

We are disappointed to share the news that due to COVID-19 continued entry requirements, as Drs. Richard and Klotz shared in January, in addition to travel restrictions within Australia we will not be able to offer the program. The program relies heavily on in-person connections to build networks and community, and right now, that isn't possible. Additionally, as previously mentioned, it has already been announced that all persons arriving in Australia will be required to show proof of vaccination for the flight. That means that, unfortunately, we **need to cancel the FOCUS Australia program for summer 2021**.

Since we will not be able to travel as planned there are few options:

1. Keep your spot on the program which would travel in summer 2022
 - a. For those of you who are juniors, this would make you an August 2022 graduate, though you would be able to walk at graduation pending the completion of all other requirements.
 - b. Please confirm this by sending an e-mail to sanderss@susqu.edu by **March 1**
2. Apply to a different GO Short or GO Your Way program
 - a. Winter applications for GO Short and GO Your Way will open at the end of the spring 2021 semester.
 - b. Please sign up for advising with GO: <http://go.susqu.edu/?go=shane>
3. Apply to a [virtual GO program](#) over summer break
 - a. Please contact goprogram@susqu.edu today if you are interested in this option as we will work with you for a short extension through the end of the week.

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know – we are happy to set up a time to talk via phone or Zoom.

Best,
Molly Roe, Director of Global Opportunities
Shane Sanders, Short term Programs Coordinator
Scott Manning, Dean of Global Programs

Arts of Italy

Sent: February 15, 2021

Dear Arts of Italy Students,

We are disappointed to share the news that we will not be able to facilitate in-person connections to build networks and community. That means that, unfortunately, **we need to postpone the Summer 2021 Arts of Italy program to Winter Break 2021/2022.**

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1. Keep your spot on the program which would travel during Winter Break 2021/2022
 - a. Please confirm this by sending an e-mail to sanderss@susqu.edu by **March 1**
2. Apply to a different GO Short or GO Your Way program
 - a. Winter applications for GO Short and GO Your Way will open at the end of the spring 2021 semester.
 - b. Please sign up for advising with GO: <http://go.susqu.edu/?go=shane>
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 - a. Please contact goprogram@susqu.edu today if you are interested in this option as we will work with you for a short extension through the end of the week.

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