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Dear Fall 2020 GO Long students,

Now that your GO Long prep class has started, I am checking in with you about continuing to plan for GO Long this fall. Hopefully the prep course will offer a good place for you to virtually connect with others who are also planning for GO Long – there are over 100 of you!

I wanted to let you know that in later April, the traveling workshop will become available online. Everyone is welcome to view that, and for those of you who have not already done a workshop, it will be required.

The mandatory health and safety training will also be available online later in April, and will be mandatory for everyone. We are in the process of developing it now, and it will likely include a few components, all of which will be online.

For those of you who were working on passport applications and starting to think about visa applications: please note that those services are not currently available, so we will all need to watch out for when those come back online. If GO hears of that happening, we will reach out to you.

And finally, GO sent out an email last week about planning in two directions: as if you will be attending fall GO Long, and as if you will be on campus this fall. This dual planning will put you in the best position no matter what happens with fall GO Long programming.

On the GO Long application front, please make sure to apply to your program by its stated due date. If you have already done this, great. For those of you who haven't, please make note of when your program will accept applications until (it should be on their website). Many programs have extended their deadlines and put in place more flexible cancellation policies and deposit/application refunds. Please remember that program dates are most likely tentative as higher education navigates the evolving COVID-19 situation.

If you decide that you no longer want to travel in fall, you have a couple of withdraw options. You would be able to defer to spring 2021 or fall 2021; alternatively, you can participate in a future summer/winter break option. At this point, if you decide that you would like to withdraw from fall GO Long, we recommend that you stay in your OFFP: Preparation to GO Long course. Because of COVID-19, you will not be charged the withdrawal fee from GO. If you would like to withdraw from fall 2020 GO Long, please contact me.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. I am still available for advising (Zoom or phone), you can make an appointment on <https://go.susqu.edu/?go=ariana>.

Best,
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