

Fall GO Long 2020, Winter GO Short 2020, Winter GO Your Way 2020 and Spring 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.

As of March 16, GO notified students with travel over the summer that their approval was rescinded, as GO does not approve travel/reserves the right to rescind approval for a program in a region with a level 3 or 4 advisory.

Fall GO Long 2020: Decisions to postpone or cancel programs are made by each program provider; therefore, the timing may vary. If a program is cancelled by the provider, GO will work with students to help them find alternatives.

For SWSB London, GO office makes postponement and cancellation decisions for this program. We have decided to suspend the Fall 2020 program and have been working with students directly about their options. Students were notified directly about this decision.

Many programs and universities are starting to make decisions about their programming and communicating that directly with GO and the students. We are watching travel advisories very closely as GO does not approve travel/reserves the right to rescind approval for a program in a region with a level 3 or 4 advisory.

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Winter GO Short/GO Your Way 2020:

We are cautiously moving ahead with winter programs. A decision about travel will be made in October.

“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.

Spring GO Long 2021:

Students who applied for Spring 2021 GO Long programs will hear from GO about their application on August 10, 2020. We, along with the study abroad field, are hopeful that programs will be able to run during the spring semester.

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Is my Fall GO Long 2020 program canceled?

It depends. For many, the providers/universities have already indicated their plans for the semester

included not accepting study abroad students. Students on these programs have already been contact by GO about deferral or alternative plans.

If you are still signed up with GO, we are cautiously moving forward for your semester. Your host institution has made plans to follow local regulations regarding coronavirus. If you would like more details about their plans, or other questions pertaining to your GO semester, please contact Molly Roe, Director of GO.

GO reserves the right to rescind approval for a program in a region with a level 3 or 4 travel advisory; therefore, the approval status of these programs could change if restrictions are not lifted. GO will be in contact with students directly if we need to rescind approval because of travel advisories.

I am a Fall 2020 GO Long Student, should I book my airfare?

We recommend waiting to make airfare arrangements.

That being said, a travel agency [has outlined a document](#) that compiled the information in one place, to assist you in understanding the refund/cancellation policies for airlines in regards to this ongoing situation.

Each airline has their own policy regarding refunds and cancellation waivers due to the coronavirus. These are being updated regularly as the situation is changing minute to minute. While airlines that have cancelled flights directly into areas with coronavirus outbreaks will provide refunds, many airlines are offering to waive change and/or cancellation fees for flights booked in the next few weeks to provide you with protection and flexibility with upcoming travel plans. All of these airline-specific policies apply to tickets booked directly with an airline and through travel agencies.

I am a Winter GO Short 2020 student, when will I be billed for the program?

We will not bill GO Short students until the determination for travel is made in October. The decision date was determined based on when the second 7-week preparations course is scheduled to start.

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