

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As of March 16, GO notified students with travel over the summer that their approval was rescinded, as GO does not approve travel/reserves the right to rescind approval for a program in a region with a level 3 or 4 advisory.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

GO does not approve travel/reserves the right to rescind approval for a program in a region with a level 3 or 4 advisory. The US State Department travel advisory remains at a level 4 as of 7/31/2020. Therefore, we have suspended all Fall 2020 GO Long programs. 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.

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?

Yes. Unfortunately, due to the continued travel advisory level 4: do not travel, approvals were rescinded.

What information do you have about US passport processing?

The US State Department is resuming operations for passport processing, but due to the shut down in operations earlier in the year, they are 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 Winter 2020/Spring 2021 student, when does my preparations course start?

GO will enroll you in a preparations course, which will start during the second-7 weeks of the semester.

If you are a student who previously passed the OFFP: prep for GO Long course, you do not need to take the course again.

I am a Winter 2020 GO Your Way/Spring 2021 Student, when 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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