

Dear Students,

We are writing to you with an update about your study abroad program. As you know, we have been carefully monitoring the dynamic coronavirus situation in conjunction with the NY State Government, NY State Department of Health, SUNY System Administration, SUNY Office of Global Affairs, and SUNY New Paltz Administration with guidance from the Center for Disease Control.

Please read the following very carefully in its entirety, and please share this with your parent(s)/guardian(s).

SUNY has determined that it is necessary to immediately cancel all remaining campus-administered study abroad programs for the 2020 spring semester in response to the ongoing spread of the novel coronavirus outbreak. This means that SUNY is instructing all program participants in all countries to return to New York or their home in the US immediately.

Please read the following and confirm your intentions through the link below no later than Friday, March 13, 2020.

[Confirmation of Study Abroad Program Intentions](#)

Please note that SUNY New Paltz is not currently operating any campus-administered programs this spring semester. Rather, our programs are locally administered by overseas partnering host institutions which are not SUNY New Paltz branch campuses. Students who elect to remain overseas at their host institution program must sign a release form that will be forth coming.

Students who remain overseas will not be deregistered at their home campus and will remain enrolled in international health insurance provided by United Health Care. Financial aid will not be impacted for students who choose to remain abroad and are able to finish a semester. However, for students choosing to remain abroad, should the situation worsen in a country they are now in and they are not able to finish the semester, SUNY will have no responsibility for assisting in credit recovery and such students' financial aid may be impacted.

Students who remain overseas also need to understand that they will have minimal assistance from SUNY in resolving issues they may have. Students will need to address issues or problems with the administration of their host university. SUNY will not be coordinating evacuations in other countries which go to CDC Level 2 Alerts or higher as we just did for students in Italy, Japan, and South Korea.

If you are choosing to return to the US

Students should immediately contact their airline to rebook their return tickets home. Many international carriers have suspended change fees for rebooking tickets.

All students should go to the URL below to provide information regarding their return. Select New Paltz, log in with your NP login credentials, and then complete the form.

<https://idm.suny.edu/security/login/loginForm.do?redirectUrl=https://www2.sysadm.suny.edu/studyabroadStudent%2F>

Student returning from Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defined, Level 1 countries will not be subject to a precautionary quarantine.

Ensuring student safety and success is a priority for SUNY. Campuses and SUNY System Administration are actively working on course/credit recovery options for all students in conjunction with partner institutions abroad. Please be patient with us as we work through this process as this will take some time for us to coordinate. SUNY is also working with Federal and State officials to understand their policy flexibilities to accommodate student financial aid due to these exceptional circumstances.

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