March 11, 2020 Update from Office of Programs for Study Abroad

Dear Student,

You are receiving this because of your ongoing plans with spring semester study abroad. While we remain confident in both local leadership and your good judgement, we are aware of uncertainties associated with the public health situation that is currently impacting the world.

There are not current plans at Purdue to have all students return in a wholesale fashion. Each program is advised in context of relevant factors. But for you, individually, each student can nonetheless voice their desire to voluntarily depart early at any point in the future. To honor that, your specific study abroad advisor would describe available options at the time of the inquiry so as to inform your decision. We anticipate it could include different components according to the program (e.g. remote instruction, readings) so as to maximize credits for the semester.

This email is intended to open the conversation to questions which may be on your mind. Meanwhile, we do wish you all the best (as with the Purdue community on-campus) for optimal outcomes and pledge our help with it.

Yours sincerely,

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