



Study Abroad

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

SUBJECT: Student Acceptance Form COVID-19 Acknowledgement

DATE: January 8, 2021

When your program is approved for opening, the following acknowledgement will be one of your acceptance tasks:

COVID-19 Acknowledgement

I understand that due to the global COVID-19 pandemic my study abroad program may be impacted. I acknowledge that circumstances due to the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 continue to rapidly change, and that the information below includes examples of potential impacts, but is not exhaustive. I will be responsible for maintaining the [Badger Pledge](#) while abroad and remaining up to date on guidelines from my host country and program.

I acknowledge, understand, and will abide by the following:

Academics

- My courses may need to change in the following ways throughout my program:
 - Shift of the mode of instruction (online, hybrid, in person, etc.)
 - Availability of certain classes may be reduced
 - Syllabus, and/or assessment may be adjusted
 - Classes may be canceled

Financial

- I must carefully review the cancellation policies on the program cost sheet
- There may be additional costs for quarantine, housing, or travel, in addition to what is included in the cost sheet

Health and Wellness

- UW Study Abroad will work closely with partners, but cannot guarantee a COVID-19-free environment.
- I will be enrolled by UW Study Abroad in [CISI insurance](#) for the duration of my program.
 - CISI will not pay for evacuation expenses or benefits due to a pandemic; it will pay for medical expenses or medical evacuation if I become ill and clinically warranted

- I must read the current [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and [U.S. Department of State](#) guidelines for my host country and any country where I may travel.
- I must follow any public health and safety measures that may be implemented by my host country or program.
- Prior to my departure, I will talk with my personal healthcare provider about any underlying health conditions that may put me at higher risk for complications from COVID-19 and whether studying abroad is advisable at this time.
- I will wear a mask, practice safe physical distancing, and follow any other local/country requirements that are in place or encouraged by guidance.
- I may be required to enroll in and/or abide by COVID-19 tracking, tracing or monitoring protocols adopted by my host country or program.
- Access to COVID-19 treatments, vaccines, or medical care may be less accessible or less available in some countries or locations.

Housing

- Housing options available at my program site will have various risk factors and I will educate myself on those risk factors

Travel

- I will follow domestic and international laws and regulations regarding travel and quarantine. Any costs related to quarantine and testing will be at my own expense unless it is stated specifically on the cost sheet.
- I may need to provide, at my own expense, proof of a negative COVID-19 test in a short time frame prior to departure, either during my time abroad or at the start or end of the program.
- I may need to provide proof of receiving, or having a medical or religious exemption from a COVID-19 vaccination and booster vaccination prior to departure, either at the start or end of the program.
- If required (by my host country or program), I will arrive with enough time to quarantine as prescribed, prior to the start of the program.
- I understand that independent travel, including during weekends and academic breaks, and available modes of transportation, may be limited. This will vary by each country's and program's regulations.
- If I am allowed and choose to travel independently, I may be required to quarantine upon return to my host site. Absences are not excused for quarantines and this may negatively impact my academic performance.
- If I am allowed and choose to travel independently, I understand that rapid border closures, movement restrictions, or other declarations may preclude timely return to the host site, resulting in unforeseen personal expenses for which I will not be reimbursed, and potentially even preclude successful program completion without reimbursement.
- I may need to quarantine prior to, or upon return to the United States, with potential associated personal costs for which I will not be reimbursed, and which may impact my plans and obligations

- I need to carefully review ticket change fees and policies, travel insurance options, and the airline's protocols for COVID-19 – this may include the requirement for vaccination and the completion of a "vaccination passport" prior to travel.
- I understand that I will need to follow program or country requirements if I would like to have family or friends visit during my program.