

## SUNY Education Abroad– Summer and Fall 2022 Information

The SUNY Education Abroad Relaunch Plan, approved by New York State, requires campuses offering programs to communicate the following before students commit to a program:

- All program admissions are conditional until the program has been approved for relaunch, and until it can be verified that the student has been vaccinated at a point that allows for maximum protection before departure.
- Programs may be modified or cancelled if conditions warrant after the program begins.
- Programs may be cancelled if COVID-19 conditions in the host country or region deteriorate significantly, and students must be informed of cancellation or early termination conditions.
- Host requirements for quarantine and any associated costs, recognizing that a post-arrival quarantine requirement may be introduced at any point before the program begins.
- Students are required to purchase supplemental insurance identified by SUNY that will help with potential unrecoverable expenses stemming from COVID disruptions. The full cost of travel insurance will be subsidized by SUNY, with students paying no more than \$250 total. This policy will assist students with COVID related costs such as trip delays, quarantine due to testing positive for COVID prior to return to the U.S., evacuation costs, etc. While these coverages are aimed at providing students with broad protection, there may be uncovered expenses that result from disrupted travel plans related to COVID-19. [Note: SUNY Cortland International Programs Office will enroll students in the SUNY trip insurance and will add the fee with subsidy to the program budget.]
- In the event that evacuation is required and is not covered by the student's travel insurance policy, the SUNY organizing/host campus will be responsible for providing coordination and travel assistance, if necessary, to all impacted students. If modifications to students' return tickets incur a fee, the SUNY campus will be responsible for any costs not covered by the student's travel insurance policy. As a last resort, the SUNY Campus will be responsible for group evacuation coordination and expense.
- SUNY's vaccine requirement, combined with the U.S. testing requirement for all passengers entering the U.S. should significantly limit the need for post-return quarantine. However, if necessary, campuses offering programs must provide housing at the campus's expense for students needing to quarantine upon arrival.
- If testing reveals a "breakthrough infection" prior to students' return to the United States, students may not be allowed to board until they can document they have recovered. If a break through infection is detected upon return to the U.S., for anyone who cannot safely quarantine at home, the administering campus will arrange an appropriate quarantine option at the campus' expense.
- All students should be asked to consider their personal risk profiles preferably using the COVID advising document developed by the Council on International Education, and that of any household members who may be impacted when they return.

In addition, campuses offering programs must communicate the following to the students. Some of these conditions are documented in a separate COVID Acknowledgment and release form signed by the student indicating:

- that working with their academic advisors they should prepare an alternate academic plan in the event they cannot attend their chosen overseas program, e.g., be prepared to enroll in classes at the home institution

- that they are required to update their contact information after arrival and keep the SUNY Campus informed on their current contact information at all times
- that strict compliance with SUNY's and local risk mitigation requirements is a firm expectation of all participants, and that non-compliance may lead to program expulsion
- that in the event of a rise in COVID cases at their host institution or in their host country they will be expected to follow the requirements of the host institution for isolation and continuity of studies
- that if they choose to return home due to an increase in COVID activity, they will do so at their own expense and they are expected to make arrangements with their host institution to finish their academic programs
- that they should be prepared in the event they must return home due to the closure of their host institution, city, or country. In the event that evacuation is required and is not covered by the student's supplemental insurance policy, the SUNY organizing/host campus will be responsible for providing coordination and travel assistance, if necessary, to all impacted students. If modifications to students' return tickets incur a fee, the SUNY campus will be responsible for any costs not covered by the student's insurance policy. As a last resort, the organizing/host campus will be responsible for group evacuation coordination and expense.
- that the host country may require vaccination with a vaccine different from the vaccine received prior to departure. Students should consult with their medical provider before taking a second vaccine type for the purpose of study abroad.
- that current CDC directives require that all passengers boarding a plane destined for the United States must test negative for covid-19 with a test administered with 3 days of boarding
- that they are required to return if directed to by SUNY
- that limits on commercial air travel may restrict their options in practice and they could be forced to remain in place until flights are available.
- that immigration restrictions ("travel bans") may be imposed more quickly by the United States. Although these circumstances can affect all travelers, non-U.S. citizens without Resident Alien status should be advised that they are at the highest risk of not being readmitted to the United States if an outbreak occurs while they are abroad. These risks should be assessed on a case-by-case basis in collaboration with applicants, and where appropriate, in consultation with international student advisors or the student's immigration attorneys.