Q&A

Will I be able to study abroad in spring 2021?
Loyola is working with all its partner universities abroad to confirm how many Loyola students they will be able to accommodate in spring 2021 considering their most recent social distancing guidelines and safety requirements. Students will be informed program by program, as soon as Loyola receives more updates from our partner universities abroad.

Will I be able to travel while abroad?
It is possible that our host country, host university, or Loyola University Maryland will limit your personal travel outside of your host country while abroad. If needed, students will have to be ready to visit and enjoy only their host country or a limited number of designated countries in order to stay safe and healthy while abroad.

Will I be able to come home and finish my semester from home if a new wave of Covid-19 starts again?
As always, in any exceptional situation, Loyola will do its utmost to work with its partner universities abroad, travel agents and airlines to secure alternative options for students to complete their semester from the United States and to come home as soon as possible. Because Loyola students who study abroad are fully registered at foreign host universities, Loyola and its students must abide by all rules, regulations and decisions of their host partners and countries. Loyola will work in close collaboration with its partner universities abroad to secure alternative options to complete the academic semester from the United States if warranted. These options have first to be finalized and announced by each host university abroad. In spring 2020, the vast majority of Loyola students who were abroad flew back home with Loyola’s support while a handful decided to stay abroad. All students completed their semester online either from abroad, at Loyola or from home, in the U.S.

What measures, requirements or restrictions will be in place abroad because of Covid-19?
Universities around the world are constantly updating their safety recommendations and protocols in light of the evolving Covid-19 emergency. These protocols will vary from institution to institution and will be shared with students according to each program as soon as Loyola receives updates from abroad. In addition, Loyola will provide its own guidelines and recommendations and might limit students’ personal travels outside of their host country if needed.

When do students have to make their final decision once they are accepted to study abroad?
Accepted students can decide not to go abroad until Oct. 15 (deposit deadline). If students decide to cancel after Oct. 15 and the program is still running, there might be little or no refund. Loyola will not be able to refund moneys that cannot be reimbursed from abroad. It will also be difficult to obtain courses and housing at Loyola later in the semester.

Will a student be barred from course selection and room selection at Loyola if s/he decides to study abroad?
This will happen only after Oct. 15 if the student pays her/his study abroad deposit by then.

When could the decision be made to cancel or still run the spring semester abroad?
Tentatively it will be made before Oct. 15 and no later than Oct. 26, but programs could be cancelled at any time if there is a severe new wave of Covid-19 later in the fall or spring semesters.

Who will make that decision?
The University: in this case the Office of International Programs and the Office of Academic Affairs in close consultation with the Provost.

What if our family disagrees with the decision?
In this case, students can consider taking a Leave of Absence from Loyola and attend an external study abroad program on their own (see our Catalogue for more information on
external programs). Students must notify our office of this decision no later than 4 days after a program cancellation if a program is cancelled by Loyola.

Will classes be offered in person or online abroad. If the program starts remotely, could it move to in person during the semester? Additionally, would there be any of the educational tours that were part of the experience?

Like Loyola, all universities abroad are also working on their specific plans to accommodate all students in this new context. We will have more later at different times for each different program and country. Please contact our assigned program directors for each program. Study abroad will most certainly not be “like it was before” for many months to come.

If you have more questions please contact our Office of International Programs at international@loyola.edu or 410 617 2920 or 410 617 2910