# **Explorations/Study Abroad**

Explorations/Study Abroad has been monitoring the spread of COVID-19 through multiple sources, including the U.S. Department of State, the Center for Disease Control, and the Overseas Security Council. All Spring 2020 Study Abroad programs have been cancelled.

## Full Semester Independent Programs

35 BW students were studying abroad at various institutional partners around the globe. On March 12, they were asked to return home. Most are completing their coursework online with their host institutions. The credit transfer process remains the same. At the end of the semester, BW will receive transcripts from the host institution and credits will transfer according to department chair approvals. For those who were not able to complete their coursework virtually with their host institution (i.e. their institution does not offer virtual instruction or their semester had not yet begun), have been in contact with their academic advisors to enroll in BW mini-B courses.

## Faculty-Led Programs

The following spring 2020 faculty-led seminars have been cancelled. Students will remain registered for the on-campus courses associated with each program. However the programs will no longer complete students "I" or "E" requirements. Graduating seniors, who were expecting these programs to complete either "I" or "E" graduation requirements, are working with the Provost's Office individually to resolve this.

- Discovering China: Students receive 3 credit hours for either BUS 463 or SOC 463.
- Theatre Seminar in London: Students receive 3 credit hours for THE 365.
- Global Sports: Students receive credit for either HPE 360, HPE 263, or SPM 360.
- Seminar in Germany: Students receive credit for either CAS 285 or HUM 285.
- BW in Zambia: Graduate SLP Program

## Summer Independent Programs

Summer programs have been cancelled. This cancellation should not significantly affect students schedules or progress toward graduation.

## Fall 2020 Full Semester Independent Programs

It is still very early to determine if COVID-19 will affect fall 2020 programs. At this time, Fall 2020 programs will run as scheduled, unless the U.S. State Department for the host country is a level 3 or higher, or the CDC Travel warning is a level 2 or higher. A final decision for fall programs will be made at a later date. Students have been asked to plan for both studying abroad and studying on the BW Campus by doing the following:

- Continue planning courses abroad- reaching out to department chairs for approvals and complete the COL008 Registration Form.
- Register for BW on-campus courses during normal Fall registration time.

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