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In the interest of safety and security, and with the utmost regret, we announce that we must cancel all 2021 summer study abroad programs in Austria, France, Italy and Japan. We have been monitoring the ongoing pandemic by staying in close touch with our partners abroad, as well as staying abreast of and adhering to current travel advisories from the U.S. Department of State and the Centers for Disease Control. Regrettably, the official travel alerts remain unchanged since March 2020.

While we hope that the worldwide situation will improve in the coming months as vaccines become more widespread, the environment is still not safe to plan international travel. It is very difficult to cancel our summer programs for the second year in a row and disappoint all of our enthusiastic students, faculty, staff, and partners. So much of the past year has defied our expectations and none of us could have foreseen a year ago that the 2021 program would not be possible. Still, we see glimmers of hope for returning to normalcy later this year when we look forward to announcing our programs for 2022! We deeply appreciate your support. Mask up and stay safe!

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