



March 12, 2020: Guidance regarding change in travel restrictions from Europe

Dear Students currently studying in Europe,

Following the United States' announcement last night of new travel restrictions from Europe, many of your study abroad programs may be either requiring or recommending that students return to the U.S. Ithaca College trusts in the advice, guidance and in-country expertise of our study abroad partners, and **we therefore encourage you to follow your program's guidance.**

IF YOU CHOOSE TO RETURN HOME, you should work with the airline with which you booked your original travel to Europe to change your return date, and with the onsite staff of your study abroad program if you need assistance doing so. Note that many airlines are currently providing waivers for the fee normally charged to change your return date, so be certain to ask about that when you speak with them. We will also do our best to assist, but are unable to give any guidance regarding flight bookings, flight routes or schedules.

Please be certain to let your program know of your plans for departure, and make sure they know you intend to complete your coursework remotely. **The below policies, which were provided to you before your departure for study abroad, apply regardless of whether your coursework is finished onsite or remotely:**

AFFILIATED & EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

All coursework taken on Ithaca College Affiliated & Exchange programs is guaranteed to automatically transfer back to Ithaca College as **non-designated elective credits** as long as an official transcript has been received by the Office of the Registrar upon completion of the program. If students plan to use courses to fulfill major/minor requirements, ICCs, major/minor specific electives, liberal arts electives, or other types of requirements, these courses must be approved on a [Petition for Assignment of Credit](#). If you wish to petition for ICC designations, in addition to the Petition for Assignment of Credit, you must also submit an [ICC petition](#).

NON-AFFILIATED PROGRAMS

All courses taken on a non-affiliated program must be approved on a [Petition for Transfer Credit](#) in order to transfer back to IC. No coursework will transfer in without the Petition for Transfer Credit form being submitted to the Office of the Registrar, and a transcript from your study abroad program being sent to the Office of the Registrar after program completion. Note that you must earn a C- or better in each course in order for the credits to transfer. If you wish to petition for ICC designations, in addition to the Petition for Transfer Credit, you must also submit an [ICC petition](#).

We understand that you are likely stressed and worried, and undoubtedly very disappointed that your study abroad experience has been so significantly impacted by COVID-19. We are standing by to assist – reach out to us at studyabroad@ithaca.edu or 607-274-3306. Please keep us informed of your decisions, either to remain or to return.

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