

Office of International Programs

Boston College

Fall 2020 Cancellation FAQs

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I still want an abroad experience, what should I do?

All students scheduled to go abroad for the fall 2020 will be given first priority for the program they originally were scheduled to attend for fall 2021. Students are asked to let their OIP study abroad advisor know of their decision by September 1st and no later than the study abroad deadline of January 5th. Summer abroad also remains an option. Summer 2021 programs will be announced on the OIP [website](#) towards the end of August 2020. Students will need to apply by February 5.

I withdrew from the fall semester prior to the cancellation announcement. Can I be considered for fall 2021 without reapplying?

Yes, students who applied and were assigned to a fall 2020 program, yet then withdrew prior to the fall 2020 cancellation notice, can also be given first priority for fall 2021. Please contact your OIP advisor for more information.

Now that I am returning to BC in fall 2020, what are my options for housing and courses?

Fall students will receive information regarding enrolling in Boston College (BC) courses and housing directly from the Office of Student Services and the Office of Residential Life, respectively. Students should contact these respective units for more information.

Can I transfer my abroad acceptance to the spring 2021 semester?

No, this is not possible. Students may add their name to one of the spring program [waitlists](#). However, please note that spring is still over enrolled, and the odds of coming off a waitlist are low.

My program has said I can defer to the spring. Can I do so? What if my program is a non-BC, external program?

Students cannot defer their acceptance to the spring term. This applies to all BC and approved external programs.

My program is offering courses online. Can I stay enrolled in study abroad and take these courses?

No, this is not possible. The cancellation of fall 2020 programs includes both in-person and online courses.

Can I attend a BC program or external program on my own, either for the fall or the spring semester?

Students are strongly advised against this option. If a student chooses to attend a BC or external program on their own, without approval, they must take a leave of absence from BC. They will not be able to transfer credit to BC and must forfeit all BC financial aid, scholarships, and grants.