

Office of International Programs

Boston College

Spring 2021 Cancellation FAQs

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

All students scheduled to go abroad for the spring 2021 will be given first priority for the program they originally were scheduled to attend for fall 2021. Students are asked to complete [this form](#) no later than November 15, 2020. Summer abroad also remains an option. Summer 2021 programs can be viewed on the OIP [website](#). Students will need to apply by February 5 for summer 2021.

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

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

My program was cancelled prior to BC's announcement. Can I be considered for fall 2021?

Yes, students whose programs were already cancelled may choose to study abroad in the fall of 2021. Please complete the form found [here](#) by November 15, 2020.

I was on the waitlist for spring 2021. Will that list continue?

With the cancellation of spring 2021 programs, the waitlist is now closed and will no longer be reviewed. If you had planned to go abroad in fall 2020 and were assigned to a program by the OIP in February, you are still able to go abroad for fall of 2021.

Now that I am remaining at BC for spring 2021, what are my options for housing and courses?

Spring 2021 students have not yet been registered for spring study abroad in BC's system. Students will be able to register for classes as normal in November. Students with housing questions should contact [Residential Life](#) directly.

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

Unfortunately this is not possible. The cancellation of spring 2021 programs includes both in-person and online courses.

My study abroad program is only offered during the spring term. Can I select a new program?

Yes, please speak to your OIP advisor regarding selecting a new program.

Can I study abroad during the spring semester of my senior year? What about for the full academic year as a senior?

There are several considerations regarding this option centered around graduation and completing your Boston College degree. Please contact your OIP advisor and your academic dean.

Can I attend a BC program or an approved external program on my own, either for the spring or the fall 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 with the permission of their academic dean. They will not be able to transfer credit to BC and must forfeit all BC financial aid, scholarships, and grants.

I submitted a scholarship application to help fund my spring program. Can my scholarship application be deferred?

With the University decision to cancel spring 2021 programs, McGillicuddy-Logue and Fung applications for the spring semester will be put on hold. Please contact oiptel@bc.edu if you have further questions.