



**Message re: Study Abroad Program to Italy**  
**February 27, 2020**

Dear {STUDENT NAME},

Due to your participation in a UGA study abroad program to Italy, we are reaching out to you with this update.

On February 28, 2020, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued "Warning Level 3: Avoid Nonessential Travel" for Italy based on the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the country. U.S. Department of State also elevated its travel advisory to "Level 3: Reconsider Travel" on February 28, 2020. This is an escalation from previous warnings. A novel coronavirus disease, recently designated as COVID-19, is causing an outbreak of respiratory illness.

Given this development, and after consulting with the UGA Risk Management Committee, **OGE is suspending all of the university's Spring 2020 study abroad, international independent experiences, exchanges, and dual degree programs in Italy, effective immediately**, in compliance with [UGA International Travel Policy](#). UGA students studying in Italy on a non-UGA program should consult their program provider regarding plans to suspend programs in Italy and assist students with returning to the United States.

We are requesting all UGA study abroad students in Italy impacted by this decision to return to the United States. We are ready to assist you and will work with you on academic and financial concerns.

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