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To All Spring 2020 Study Abroad Students and Families,

Uncertainty around travel restrictions has increased significantly across the globe in the last 48 hours. As the response to the global pandemic has become increasingly unpredictable, we wanted to be in touch again today, regardless of whether you remain at your study abroad site or if you have already returned home. The purpose of this communication is to make clear to all spring 2020 study abroad students that **if you depart from an in-progress study abroad program and return home, Bentley will ensure that you have a path to earn credit for Spring 2020 coursework already in progress.**

Students can earn credit in one of two ways:

- If your host institution offers continuation of current coursework via distance learning, you must follow those procedures to earn expected spring credits.
- If your host institution does not ultimately offer distance learning and it is impossible to continue the semester from home, Bentley advisors and faculty will work with each student individually to identify how to complete your in-progress coursework to earn Bentley credit.

If you haven't already entered your study abroad courses into BentleyAbroad please be in touch with your study abroad advisor to ensure we have the most up to date information on the exact courses you have in progress so we can best assist you going forward. The specific faculty members that will assist you and the steps that will be taken will be highly dependent on your specific courses. While we ask for your patience, you can rest assured that, if needed, each student will be personally advised on the best path to continue their academic plan and earn credit for this semester. Until we reach out to begin individual advising, in the meantime you should maintain frequent communication with your host institution, individual professors, and Bentley study abroad advisor. Raise all questions, concerns, or doubts as early as possible to avoid credit transfer issues later.

We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and positivity in these extremely challenging times. Please continue to communicate with your study abroad advisor about any questions or concerns. We are here to advise and support you! The health and safety of our students and the entire Bentley community remains the university's top priority.

Sincerely,

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