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Hello 2020-21 Accepted Study Abroad Students,

Given the current uncertainty regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19), **we will not require a deposit to confirm your enrollment in a 2020-21 study abroad program.** This means that you do not need to make any advance payment toward your future study abroad charges. **If you have already submitted a deposit, we will credit your student account** so that you can apply it to future charges or request a refund. We hope this measure will help to alleviate some of your current uncertainty as you consider whether to move forward with your study abroad plans.

**If you intend to participate in your semester program next year, be sure to do the following by March 20:**

- Complete your Plan of Study and submit to Academic Advising
- Change your status to "Committed" in [BentleyAbroad](#)
- Sign the enrollment contract in [BentleyAbroad](#)

As of this writing, we expect Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 study abroad programs to continue as planned. As we've seen in the past weeks, the situation can change rapidly, and we are constantly monitoring and responding to each new development. We will continue to update you as we take new measures to support our students at every stage of the study abroad process.

After spring break, **we will be holding daily drop-in advising hours on March 16-20 from 1:00-4:00pm**, where you can discuss any questions or concerns with an advisor. You may also schedule a one-on-one appointment with your program-specific advisor on [BentleyAbroad](#). Otherwise, we recommend that you continue your study abroad process as usual – **including attending all scheduled program meetings.**

We also recommend you keep up-to-date on the spread of the virus through reliable resources like the [World Health Organization](#), the [Centers for Disease Control](#), the [U.S. Department of State](#), and [the Massachusetts Dept of Health](#). You can also check on [bentley.edu/coronavirus](http://bentley.edu/coronavirus) for updates on Bentley-specific information regarding the virus.

We thank you in advance for your patience as we navigate this difficult situation and we look forward to advising you further.

Best,

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