

Yale Study Abroad

Planning for Fall 2021 & Full Year 2021-2022 Abroad

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You can add questions to Q&A at any time, but they will be answered at the end of the session





COVID-19 & Study Abroad

- Sponsored outbound international travel from the United States is suspended for Yale College students for the duration of both the fall 2020 and spring 2021 terms.
- Yale College anticipates, though it is not yet certain, that the universal travel restriction will be lifted for the fall 2021 term, and international travel decisions will be determined by the <u>Yale University</u> <u>International Travel Policy for Yale College Students.</u>



Does this mean I can go abroad in the fall?

There is no guarantee. **At a minimum**, these 3 Yale requirements will need to be met:

- 1. Yale College will need to lift its universal travel restriction
- 2. Your intended location cannot be restricted by the Travel Policy
- 3. Courses must be offered at least 50% in-person at time of application

You must also meet your intended location's entry requirements. In some cases, even if Yale's travel policy allows for travel to a particular location, the country itself may limit entry based on the traveler's citizenship and where the traveler has been, including transit countries.



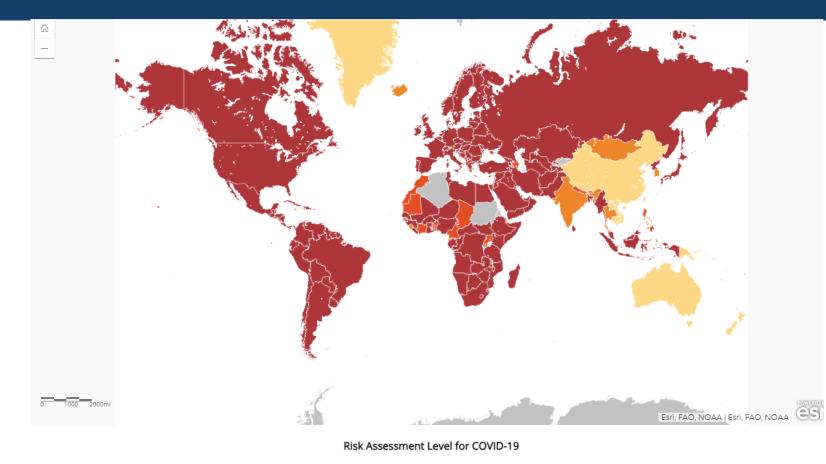
Yale University International Travel Policy for Yale College Students

Yale will not award credit or fund study abroad in locations which:

- The <u>U.S. State Department</u> has issued a Travel Advisory Level 4 "Do Not Travel"
- International SOS has issued a Travel Global Risk Rating of "Extreme" or "High"
- The <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</u> has issued a Warning Level 3 or 4



CDC's Travel Recommendations by Destination



Level 4: COVID-19 Very High

Level 2: COVID-19 Moderate

Level Unknown: COVID-19 Unknown

Level 3: COVID-19 High

Level 1: COVID-19 Low

CDC Risk Assessment Level for COVID-19 (as of 3/11/2021)

Yale Study Abroad

Year or Term Abroad (YTA)

- Programs not run by Yale, but designated as eligible for credit transfer
- Apply for Yale approval to transfer up to 4 general graduation credits for a term; 9 for a full year
 - Grades are not included in Yale GPA, but do matter
 - With approval from relevant academic department, courses can also be used to fulfill major/distributional requirements
- In addition to <u>applying for Yale credit</u>, you must also apply directly to your intended program for admission
- <u>Eligible programs</u> can be found on our website
 - Programs continue to make updates to their operating decisions, so you must check directly with your intended program to confirm they will be running this fall
 - It is also possible to <u>petition</u> to earn credit from a program that is not on Yale's designated list



YTA Eligibility Requirements

- Be a second-semester sophomore or a first or second-semester junior at time of enrollment abroad
 - On October 5, 2020, Dean Chun approved a special exception to allow students who will have a status of first-semester senior during fall 2021 or spring 2022 to study abroad for one semester as long as it is not the final semester of enrollment.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, or:
 - Applicants with a cumulative GPA below 3.0 will be asked to submit an additional short essay that addresses their academic performance at Yale and outlines specific strategies for maintaining academic good standing abroad.
- Be in academic good standing
- Not be on disciplinary probation at time of enrollment abroad
- Meet the Yale <u>YTA language requirement</u>



Year or Term Abroad Timeline & Review Process

April 15	Deadline for the Year or Term Abroad application for Fall 2021 or Full Year 2021-2022 Abroad (Remember, you will also need to apply directly to your intended program for admission by their deadline)
April 16 – Early May	All applications will be reviewed for conditional approval, with the condition that Yale College lifts its universal travel restriction and that your intended location is not restricted by the Travel Policy on June 1
June 1	 If travel is restricted for your intended location on June 1: You will be notified by the end of the day that the program that is not eligible under the Travel Policy. If you did not select a second-choice program with an eligible location, your application will be withdrawn. This travel restriction decision will be final even if the travel restriction is lifted after June 1 and before the program start date.

Funding for Term-Time Study Abroad

Financial Aid

- If you receive Yale financial aid during the academic year, you are eligible to apply for financial aid for your year or term abroad
- You can access the application from the **Student Financial Services website**
- For more information, please visit the Student Financial Services website or contact <u>nicole.rothfuss@yale.edu</u>

Yale Fellowships

• Competitive, merit-based funding opportunities

Outside Scholarships

• Merit and need-based scholarships



Next Steps

- Review the <u>Travel Policy</u> and our <u>COVID-19 Updates page</u>
- Review the <u>CDC travel recommendations</u> by destination, reviewing which countries are at a level 3 or 4.
- Explore possible programs using the "search programs" tool
- Refer to your intended country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and/or Embassy website for detailed entry requirements.
- Learn about how your intended country has responded to COVID-19 (e.g. testing availability, social distancing, mandatory face masks, quarantines, the availability to purchase PPE, lockdowns, positivity rate, the treatment facilities, and the capacity to respond to an increased outbreak).



Next Steps (continued)

- Check directly with your intended institution/program to confirm that they will be accepting applications for the fall semester or the full year.
 - If so, ask them how they are preparing to host study abroad students and what may look different (e.g. housing changes, travel restrictions, hybrid in-person/online courses, excursions & independent travel during the program).
- Do not make non-recoverable payments until you have received further guidance from Yale Study Abroad.
- Meet with a <u>study abroad adviser</u> to discuss your plans, ask questions, and receive support for choosing a program that matches your goals and interests



Have a Back-up Option

- Make sure you have identified back-up options for your fall semester or academic year in case study abroad is not possible. Options might include:
 - Enrolling in Yale
 - Consider spring 2022 for studying abroad, if eligible
 - Take a leave of absence, if you are eligible
- Review the FAQs on our <u>COVID-19 Updates page</u>.



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Questions for us?

Please add to Q&A