05.01.20: Fall Study Abroad Announcement:

The Office of International Programs continues to monitor the evolving situation regarding COVID-19. Working in conjunction with WU leadership (the Vice President of Academic Affairs and University Counsel) our host university partners and affiliate providers we have created the following protocol to evaluate programing. These events, in isolation or together, would compel WU to cancel or temporarily suspend our programs:

• An elevation in the CDC alert level to a 3 (“avoid non-essential travel” recommendation) for the host country;

• An elevation in the U.S. State Department advisory level for the country to a 4 (“do not travel” status);

• The host country or U.S. government recommends evacuation or immediate departure for foreign visitors or U.S. citizens.

The Office of Intentional Programs will make a final determination on whether to cancel programs 61 days prior to the departure date. If the US State Department Level 4 Warning is still in place at this time the program will be cancelled.

We strongly advise students to make contingency plans to study through WU in the Fall 2020, in case the study abroad program is cancelled. This includes enrolling in Fall 2020 courses at WU, confirming housing options, and all other WU requirements.

WU and the Office of International Programs will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. For any questions or further information, please contact WU Office of International Programs – Study Abroad at: studyabroad@washburn.edu

Travel insurance

Students planning to participate in study abroad programs are encouraged to purchase comprehensive travel insurance, including trip interruption and trip cancellation coverage for any reason. This type of insurance will provide travelers with some financial support and flexibility to adjust travel as needed. There are many companies and organizations that offer travel insurance, including:

• AIG Travel Insurance
• Generali Global Assistance
• ISIC Travel Insurance
• Allianz Travel Insurance
• LewerMark Student Insurance

WU does not specifically recommend any particular company.

For more information about how the university is preparing, visit Washburn University Response to COVID-19.