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Subject: November updates for Departmental Study Abroad Advisors

Dear Departmental Study Abroad Advisors,

I hope you are well as we are on the downward slope of the semester!

Applications for Summer, Fall, and Academic Year study abroad programs are open! For most, the WU deadline is February 1. Applications for Spring semester will open March 1.

Thank you for your feedback on the new study plan. We made many tweaks based on your suggestions and are happy to share the version that will be posted to semester applications. We have also revised the summer study plan in a similar fashion, also attached. Our next project is updating the credit request questionnaire to attempt capture to the information you need to evaluate courses in a more useful format.

We also heard your input that students do not understand the process of choosing a program and securing course approval. We have created graphics for both summer and semester study abroad that we hope will make things easier! If you have feedback, please let us know!

Other updates to the application? General recommendations (survey-type, not letters) have been simplified to allow the recommender to capture basic academic information easily but also provide comments on maturity, open-mindedness, and flexibility if they feel they can based on their interactions with the student. Recommenders are not held to the student deadline, but we cannot review an application until recommendations are submitted.

As we move into the new application season, we wanted to make you aware of programs that may be challenging for one reason or another. If you are working with students interested in these programs, please refer them to the relevant advisor in Overseas Programs.

- All **UK university semester programs** (except, so far, Oxford) continue to be complicated due to labor actions (instructional, marking, and assessment strikes). It is imperative that any student considering those programs speak with the program advisor for the UK before finalizing their decision. University College London and King's College London may continue have significant limitations on the fields of study they will accommodate. King's College has a very early deadline for Fall or Academic year term – January 10.
- Some programs have rolling admission and may fill quickly: Syracuse University's Florence program, DIS, some SIT programs.
- Some programs are highly selective or competitive due to limited capacity but may not have rolling admission. Bocconi University Milan, Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (summer), , CET Japan summer, Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies, FAMU with CET Prague, Middlebury CMRS Oxford, Keble College Oxford, and National Taiwan University Summer are known, but each term brings its own surprises.

If your department would like to organize a meeting for your majors and minors about study abroad, please let us know! We are happy to have an Overseas Programs advisor attend and present basic framing information on searching for a program, application timeline, process, and policies as well as answering questions about specific programs.

As always, we appreciate your support for study abroad and your partnership.

Best wishes from all the Overseas Programs staff !

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