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Dear OAP Student,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Study Abroad UC San Diego is strongly advising all Fall 2020 OAP study abroad students to have a plan A and plan B option.

Plan A is to continue with the study abroad planning, such as the OAP paperwork. You should also reach out to the study abroad provider to ask if they are flexible on the application deadline. Ask them about their refund policy in case you decide not to participate. Several study abroad providers are now planning to offer virtual programs in the fall, so you may wish to ask your provider if such an alternative exists for your program.

The plan B option is to work with your college and departmental advisers to select Fall 2020 courses at UC San Diego that will meet your graduation requirements.

Our office anticipates that we will send a further advisory message to all Fall 2020 OAP study abroad students in May or June. Given the serious nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, all study abroad students should be making alternative plans to take courses at UC San Diego during Fall Quarter 2020, or to consider a virtual study abroad program. I am very sorry to have to give this difficult news, but we want to offer some hope. This pandemic will lift at some point, and we are ready to assist you with plans to postpone on-site study abroad to a safer time. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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