On July 17, 2020, Education Abroad distributed notifications to all accepted study abroad students scheduled for Temple University Rome for the fall 2020 semester. Please see below for a summary of that announcement, which includes considerations for both Temple and non-Temple students.

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Dear Students,

After a thorough review of current circumstances and much discussion between our colleagues in Rome, Italy, and on the Main Campus, Temple University has made the difficult decision that it will not offer the fall semester in-person study abroad program at Temple Rome. To view the message to students from Dean Zankina, click here.

This decision was challenging as we have all been working to assure that our students had the opportunity to study abroad, but unfortunately, COVID-19 has presented too many challenges. These challenges have resulted in circumstances out of our control. International SOS, Temple University’s travel advisory and emergency services provider, continues to advise against non-essential travel to Italy from the U.S. In addition, there continue to be travel restrictions by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of State. Because these restrictions could limit our ability to support students coming from the U.S., we decided to cancel the study abroad program at Temple Rome for Fall 2020.

A selection of Temple Rome classes are being offered in an online format for fall 2020 and may be of interest to you. These courses include History 2319: *Mafia in Modern Italy*, Greek and Roman Classics 0804: *Race in the Ancient Mediterranean* (GenEd), and History 3312: *Ancient Roman Historians*. We will send a full list of courses once it is finalized. You will also be able to search in Banner for these courses by selecting your subject area (or all subjects) and limiting the campus search option to Rome.

In addition, Temple Rome will be offering virtual internships for academic credit in the fall semester. Interested students should contact Rome Program Manager Rosie Carlson (rcarlson@temple.edu) by July 24 to discuss the details of the program.

We know this news about the in-person study abroad program is disappointing to you; we share your sadness and frustration about the loss of this learning opportunity. We look forward to working with you on plans to study abroad in a future term, and we wish you and your family health and safety.
Please see below for information related to the program cancellation and future study abroad plans.

Be safe and stay well. A presto.
Education Abroad and Temple Rome

**Deposits**
Your $200 program deposit will be credited to your next Temple bill.

**Scholarships**
If you were awarded a scholarship for the fall semester and you defer your enrollment to the spring, your scholarship will be transferred to the spring 2021 Temple Rome program.

**Study Abroad in Future Semesters**

*Spring 2021*
We are expecting reduced capacity and high volume of applications for the spring 2021 semester at Temple Rome. If you have not yet opened an application for the spring semester, you may do so here. As the priority deferral deadline has passed, we are unable to transfer your fall 2020 acceptance to the spring 2021 term at this time, but you are welcome to submit your application to be considered. We can copy over a number of materials from your fall application. If you are considering Rome for spring 2021, we strongly encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible, as waitlists are likely. If you would like to have your application copied to the spring term, please email Rome Program Manager Rosie Carlson (rcarlson@temple.edu) to discuss the details.

*Summer 2021 and Beyond*
If you are interested in studying abroad in summer 2021, the application for the six-week summer I program at Temple Rome is now open. Please visit our website for more details and to access the application. We can copy over a number of materials from your fall application. We strongly encourage early application. If you would like to have your application copied to the summer I program, please email Rome Program Manager Rosie Carlson (rcarlson@temple.edu) to discuss the details.

Additional opportunities for the four-week summer II 2021 term in Rome will be announced on our website by September 1.

If you are interested in any term beyond summer I 2021, please email Rome Program Manager Rosie Carlson (rcarlson@temple.edu) to discuss the details.

**Housing**
If you are in need of fall semester housing in Philadelphia as a result of this program cancellation, please refer to the housing email sent by our office on June 25.