For the fall 2021 semester, you should dual plan- plan to be on your program, and also plan to be at Amherst in the event that your program is suspended or study away is not possible. Make sure to keep in touch with GEO if your plans change, and with any questions or concerns.

**Study Away Planning Timeline**

**Plan to be at Amherst**

- Pre-register for courses
- Participate in housing selection if you’re able/eligible
- Consult with your academic adviser(s)

**April**

**Plan to be on your program**

- Identify date you can withdraw from program without financial penalty:
- Consult with your academic adviser(s)
- Check out GEO’s FAQ’s for fall study away
- Consult your program on when to apply for your student visa (if needed) and when to purchase airfare
- Review the College’s Travel Policy
- Complete the next steps in the Educational Leave Approval Checklist in the Travel Registry (upon acceptance from your program)

**May**

**Plan to be on your program**

- Complete the final steps in the Educational Leave Approval Checklist in the Travel Registry (upon acceptance from your program)
- Complete the Travel Policy Petition (for travel to countries with a DOS travel advisory of level 3- instructions forthcoming)
- Consult your program on entry requirements for your host country (i.e., negative COVID-19 test results)
- GEO will place you on Educational Leave and any pre-registered courses and housing selections will be dropped (Exact date TBD)

**August**

**Plan to be at Amherst**

- Consult with your academic adviser(s)
- Consult with your program if you plan to withdraw

**September**

- Amherst courses begin September 7th
- Last day of add/drop is September 16th

Questions? Contact GEO@amherst.edu