

Dear Colgate Parents & Families:

Colgate University has a long tradition of providing students with enriching domestic and international academic programs. Colgate values these opportunities as part of its liberal arts curriculum and wants to ensure that students are fully aware of their responsibilities and the potential risks of such travel. Your student's participation in an off-campus study program is conditional on their maintaining satisfactory academic and disciplinary records before and during the off-campus study program. Additionally, students are expected to attend all pre-departure meetings and submit required paperwork in a timely fashion in order to remain eligible.

[A \\$450 nonrefundable deposit](#) toward the costs of the study group is due at the time of commitment. If your student withdraws after committing to the study group, the program deposit will be forfeited. In the event that Colgate University cancels the program due to COVID-19 or other exceptional circumstances, this deposit will be applied to the student account as a credit.

Please review the off-campus study forms that your student shares with you. Students are required to acknowledge that they have read and understood the **Off-Campus Study Policies** form, and the **Acknowledgement of Risk and Responsibility form**. These important forms convey the conditions that govern student off-campus experiences. Please pay close attention to Section 1: "Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk;" Section 2: "Health and Safety, Medical Insurance;" and Section 6: "Release." While parents/families are not asked to complete or sign these forms, we recommend that you retain them for your records. Note that there will very likely be additional forms and communication later in the semester to address off-campus COVID-19 regulations, safety protocols, and requirements.

The most recent [off-campus program cost estimates](#) are available on our website. For updated exchange rate information, the following website is helpful: <http://www.oanda.com/>.

All students participating in Colgate-sponsored international programs are automatically enrolled in Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) worldwide medical travel insurance, designed exclusively for use outside the United States. The cost of this insurance is included in the program fees for Colgate Study Groups and Extended Study programs.

Students on domestic programs must retain their regular domestic (United States) health insurance. To prepare for being on a U.S.-based study group, students should identify medical or mental health providers covered under their plan in that location.

Students on international programs are also enrolled in International SOS, a global security and assistance program. Colgate University contracts with International SOS (I-SOS) to provide worldwide assistance, security, and safety information, as well as evacuation services for the Colgate community abroad. For more information, please see <https://www.internationalsos.com/> Note that I-SOS does not offer medical or mental health insurance coverage.

We hope you and your student are excited about the adventure that awaits! Please refer to the [OCS FAQ page](#) on our website. If you have any further questions or concerns, we can be reached at (315) 228-7216 or [off-campusstudy@colgate.edu](mailto:off-campusstudy@colgate.edu).

Sincerely,  
Off-Campus Study/Center for International Programs