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# THE SHORT

Global Short-Term Programs Newsletter



## Short-Term Programs

This message is for students and family members of students participating in a [Study Abroad or Study USA short-term program](#) in the fall of 2021, and Winter Term 2022. In this first newsletter, you'll find general information pertaining to travel documents and processes.

## The to-do list

- Get travel documents
- ID/Passport Upload
- Personal Information Form (PIF)
- Submit travel deviation request by Sept. 8 if necessary

## Passport

We have an important and time-sensitive message for those of you that are U.S. citizens or are U.S. passport holders:

**Current U.S. passport processing times** are significantly delayed, and we don't want you to miss out on an abroad experience because you don't have a valid passport. Please apply as soon as possible!

You will need to apply using expedited processing. Don't let anyone talk you out of expedited processing. We want you to be successful in your application, and for many study abroad programs, you need your passport months ahead of your actual departure date. If you aren't sure if you need to renew your passport, check the expiration date and make sure it is valid for at least six months after the end date of your study abroad program. You can find the program dates on your programs' [brochure page](#) or by emailing your program manager.

Learn more from the [Department of State](#).

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## Visa

Students going on programs with visa requirements: You will need a valid passport to obtain a visa. The GEC will help you in the fall with processing your visa if applicable. There is no other action item, for now, **ONLY TO ENSURE YOU HAVE A VALID PASSPORT BY SEPTEMBER**. Please make sure to have your passport with you in the fall. You will need to have a physical copy to have your visa processed.

The programs below require a visa for U.S citizens:

COR 3310 Tanzania: Wilderness & Adventure Therapy

GBL 2050 Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile: Through the Lens of ESPN

GBL 2900 Ghana: Performing Arts in Cultural Context

GBL 2470 Ghana: West African History & Culture

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## Forms

Upload a copy (or photo) of your passport and enter details of your passport to your [MyElonGlobal application](#) as requested in *GEC Passport Copy and Information* questionnaire.

Study USA Program Participants: Please make sure you have a valid ID for travel by referring to [TSA's "REAL ID" Briefing](#). Upload your valid ID to your [MyElonGlobal application](#).

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## Submit Travel Deviation Requests

Group flights have been reserved with Direct Travel, our partner travel agency. All students are expected to travel on the group flights listed below. Requests for travel deviations may be submitted for a limited time.

If you are ...

- Planning a family vacation that is either before or after the program in the location of your study abroad program
- An international student and will be abroad already
- Spending the spring semester on a global engagement program, so your international flight truly needs to be different from the group

... you may be eligible for a travel deviation. Please complete the [Student Travel Deviation Form](#) by September 8, 2021.

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## Personal Information Form (PIF)

Please complete a Personal Information Form as soon as possible, available as a questionnaire in your [MyElonGlobal application](#). This form allows you to address any health concerns – physical, psychological, or emotional – prior to going on your program. We will try our best to accommodate any of your concerns expressed in the form.

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## Medication

Travel, both international and domestic, can magnify many conditions. Review the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs](#) websites for country-specific information about health and safety.

For international travelers: Certain over-the-counter and prescription medications readily available in the U.S. are restricted or illegal in some countries. Check with the above sites, the website of your host country's embassy, and the [Overseas Security Advisory Council guidance](#) to learn more about any potential restrictions on medications.

Learn more from the [health and safety webpage](#).

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## Elon Global Scholarship

Elon Global Scholarship notifications have been sent for Early Action applications. Students that applied during the rolling period will be notified in September. At the time of notification, scholarship applicants will be offered a brief withdrawal deadline extension in order to allow time for a student to assess whether the program is financially viable with the award decision.

Students may qualify for other awards as well, such as the [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship](#) and the [Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant](#), among others.

Learn more from the [financial planning webpage](#).

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## Billing

Billing for Winter Term programs will be issued around early September and will be due Sept. 30.

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## Insurance

All winter term participants are registered for iNext health and travel interruption and cancellation insurance by the GEC. This coverage is for unexpected and emergency medical treatment, including:

- doctor visits for diagnosis
- testing and treatment as recommended by a doctor
- unexpected quarantine that results in a trip delay
- acute care for pre-existing conditions
- travel cancellation, interruption, or delay caused by a provider
- travel delay or cancellation (up to policy limits) resulting from a medical opinion that dictates the student should not travel
- baggage delay coverage
- political and natural disaster evacuation

The insurance cost is included in the program fee. All short-term program participants will be insured regardless of whether they sign into their iNext account. All students will be insured and will be emailed their iNext log-in information in mid-September from an email account called [inext@ciee.org](mailto:inext@ciee.org). Please designate this email account as a safe sender in your Elon email account, so that it does not go to your Junk/Spam folder.

Notes on Covid-19:

- Travel interruption due to Covid-19 is not covered by the trip cancellation or interruption insurance; in the context of a global pandemic, it is no

longer considered an unexpected event

- Medical care is covered if a student contracts Covid-19 while traveling
- Preventative testing, i.e. asymptomatic testing, which includes tests prior to airline travel is not covered by the insurance.

For an overview of the insurance, please visit our website: [Global Engagement Insurance Overview](#)

For other insurance questions or assistance filing a claim, please e-mail Kevin Winpisinger, Global Education Center Business & Data Manager, at [kwinpisinger@elon.edu](mailto:kwinpisinger@elon.edu) or call 336-278-6700. For additional questions, email [inext@ciee.org](mailto:inext@ciee.org).

Please refer to our international insurance page for more information.

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If you have any questions, you are always welcome to contact your program advisor in the GEC.

[GEC Contact us page](#)



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