



GILMAN ADVISOR SURVEY

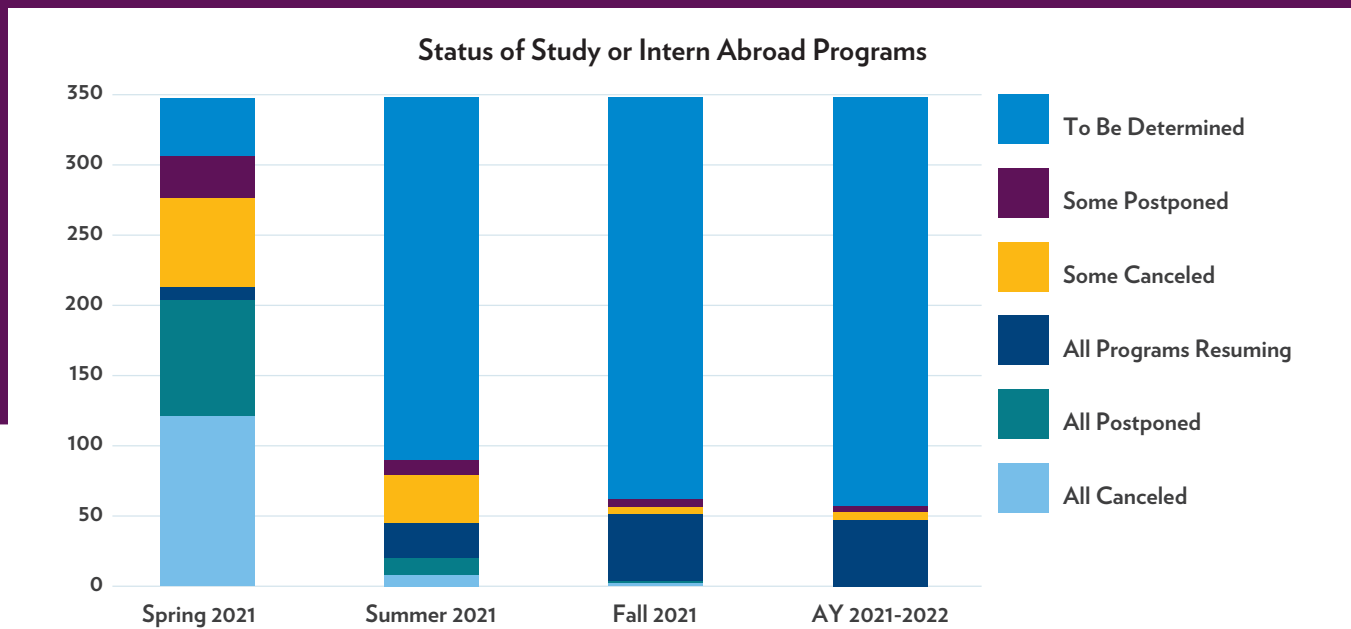
November 2020
Status of Study Abroad

The Gilman Program sent a survey to all Gilman advisors to collect updates on their campuses' status and their work status. This report covers a wide range of perspectives and updates from colleagues in the higher education community.

This November 2020 survey was open from November 2-16, 2020. The survey returned 349 respondents representing 312 institutions.

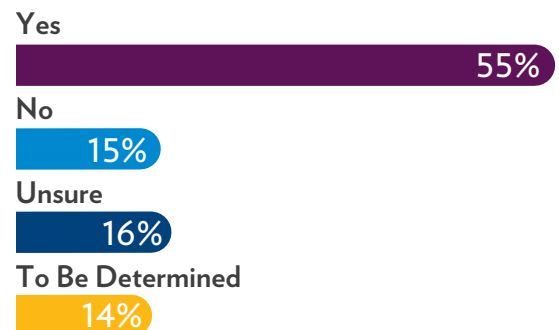
Study Abroad Programs Status at Institutions

As institutions continue to make decisions about study abroad programs, most of them have canceled or postponed all in-person programs (almost 60%) for the Spring 2021 term. This is to be expected as travel is still limited and there is a general concern for health and safety.



Virtual Options Provided by Institutions

Over the past 6 months, there has been an increase in institutions allowing for virtual international study abroad or internship programs. More than 50% of the respondents indicate that students are able to participate in virtual programs.



Institutional Measures for Students' Health and Safety Before and During Abroad Programs

With the precautions surrounding travel due to COVID-19, institutions are responding to the safety and health of their students. From the graph below, institutions are overall increasing health and safety measures especially through signed waivers and providing instructions for quarantine.

Measures Institutions are Taking Before and While Students Participate in In-person Programs	Percent of Responses
Increasing Health and Safety Measures*	52%
Quarantine Precautions and Instructions	47%
Signed Waivers	45%
Access to Medical Care	32%
Evacuation Planning	30%
Health Supplies	14%

*Some institutions may depend directly on program providers to determine health measures and precautions.

Top Challenges Advisors are Facing in Their Work

Listed in order of highest frequency:

- 1 Disruption to in-person meetings and/or student recruitment
- 2 Budget cuts for office, department, and/or staff
- 3 Staff or faculty remote work
- 4 Planning for Spring 2021 term
- 5 Increased demand for student support and advising
- 6 Other: Job security, maintaining relevance, reduced staff, increased workload, uncertainty about future plans, virtually engaging with students, risk management



“Just thank you, as Gilman is a great scholarship for the students, and I hope that it continues to help students pursue their dreams.”
- Advisor Survey Respondent

