



# Going Abroad: Fall 2021

How to prepare for a stay abroad during Covid-19 times – version 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Yes! You have registered for a minor Study Abroad or are planning to do an internship abroad during the Fall 2021 semester! Studying abroad is a lifelong dream for many students and a great way to further develop your (international/intercultural) skills. Unfortunately the Covid-19 crisis continues to have a big impact on international travel. Your preparations may therefore be a little different than what they would be in a regular year when we are not dealing with a global pandemic. Of course Fontys very much hopes that you will be able to start your Study Abroad opportunity, but with the current unpredictability we would like to give you some guidelines to make sure you are as prepared as possible.

Below you will find information about Fontys' policy regarding international mobility and what to expect in the months leading up to your travels abroad. Please read the following very carefully.

Am I allowed to travel?	What do I do if the travel code is orange (and does not change)?
<p>In order to determine whether it is safe for you to travel, Fontys uses the travel codes from the <a href="#">website</a> of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. You can check the colour code (travel advice) of your destination and the specific travel advice for the country or region. This travel advice is leading in whether Fontys gives a GO or NO-GO for your travels abroad.</p> <p><b>Green / yellow</b> → GO: Student are allowed to travel to this country, region or city but are required to fill out a risk analysis form (see your workflow in Mobility Online)</p> <p><b>Orange / red</b> → NO-GO: Students will not get permission from Fontys to travel to this country, region or city. Fontys strongly advises you not to travel to this country, region or city.</p> <p>Things to remember:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the colour code <i>on the day of departure</i> is the final go/no-go for your travels and colour codes are subject to change. This means it is best to check the colour code regularly and on the day of your departure.</li><li>• there can be a difference in classification within one country or region.</li><li>• classifications may change continually and may change even just before you leave. Therefore we advise you to sign up for a travel advice alert or download the app on the <a href="#">website</a> of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</li></ul>	<p><b>During preparations</b></p> <p>Due to the unpredictability of the Covid-19 crisis we ask all students who plan to study or do an internship abroad for Fall 2021 to <u>prepare a plan B</u> in case traveling abroad will not be possible at the time of departure.</p> <p>Your plan B can e.g. be an alternative minor, at Fontys or another university in the Netherlands, an internship position in the Netherlands or switching your semester for internship and the minor. Please contact your <a href="#">Coordinator Internationalisation</a> or study councillor to discuss your options for your plan B.</p> <p>It is also advised to choose a final date at which you are still willing or can still switch to your plan B without study delay. Set your own deadline as to say, when do I want to be sure about what I am going to do during Fall 2021? A last minute switch may not be always possible, discuss the most suitable 'deadline' for your with your <a href="#">Coordinator Internationalisation</a> or study councillor.</p> <p><b>Departure</b></p> <p>If the country, region or city of your destination has an orange or red travel advice Fontys strongly advises you not to travel. Fontys will give a so called NO-GO for your travels. Traveling abroad when the travel advice is orange or red is at the student's own risk and responsibility. Fontys will not offer guidance and support during your time abroad. Be aware that not receiving guidance and support from Fontys can enhance the risk of a study delay (e.g. due to not receiving feedback or interim review).</p> <p>If you decide to travel abroad for your studies when the travel code is orange please contact your <a href="#">Coordinator Internationalisation</a> as you will have to give a written statement that you do not follow the Fontys advice.</p>

<p><b>What happens if the travel code changes whilst I am abroad?</b></p> <p>Due to Covid-19 but also due to other circumstances travel advice might change. If the colour code of your destination changes to <b>orange</b> or <b>red</b> whilst you are there, for your own safety Fontys will advise you to return to the Netherlands or your home country immediately. You will be informed about this advice by email and receive further instructions. Please note that you are (financially) responsible for arranging your return journey.</p> <p>Sometimes an immediate return might not be possible. If this is the case please inform your <a href="#">Coordinator Internationalisation</a> about this as soon as possible to discuss your situation. Make sure to always follow the instructions of the local authorities.</p> <p>If you decide to stay in the country of your destination despite the change to an orange or red travel advice, Fontys will continue to offer guidance and support for your studies or internship. Provided that the travel code was yellow at the start of your stay abroad.</p> <p>However, the remaining of your stay will be at your own risk. You will be responsible for all practical matters, including but not limited to financial and insurance matters.</p>	<p><b>Exceptions to the travel codes</b></p> <p>There are two exceptions for the orange or red travel advice. If you fall into one of the following categories you may be allowed to travel abroad for your studies when the travel code is orange or red:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you are an international student and will do a minor or internship in your home country (e.g. you are a Bulgarian national and will do an internship in Bulgaria);</li> <li>• you live in the Netherlands but will do a minor or an internship in the border region of Belgium or Germany. Your permanent address remains in the Netherlands and you only travel across the border for your studies and do not stay abroad for more than 48 hours at a time.</li> </ul> <p>Please contact your <a href="#">Coordinator Internationalisation</a> or study councillor if you fall into one of these categories to discuss the specifics.</p>
<p><b>Financial matters</b></p> <p>Fontys always advises you to not make any financial arrangements (such as down payments etc.) until you are sure you will be able to travel. However, we are aware that this may not always be possible. Make sure you have a clear overview of your financial situation and the potential financial risks.</p> <p>The financial risk of, organising, international travels for studies for the student.</p> <p>For up-to-date information about the Erasmus scholarship, also during the Covid-19 crisis, please refer to the <a href="#">Study Abroad website</a>.</p>	<p><b>Insurance</b></p> <p>The right insurance is always essential, but now that we're dealing with Covid-19 you need to make extra sure you are properly insured. Going abroad for study or internship asks for a different kind of insurance than when travelling for leisure. Every situation is different so make sure you make this a top priority on your to-do-list. Fontys also has set minimal requirements for healthcare, repatriation (please note repatriation for Corona related situations may not be included anymore) and liability. There are special insurances for students going abroad like Insure to study or AON, make a considered choice.</p>
<p><b>Visa</b></p> <p>For most European countries travelling to and residing does not require a visa. However this is also depending on your nationality. Outside of the EU you will need a visa. Visa applications take time and cost money, now even more since a number of embassies or consulates may be closed. Make sure you check all the regulations for the country you are travelling to and start the process in time.</p>	<p><b>General preparations</b></p> <p>Familiarize yourself with the country of your destination. Read up on local customs, laws, culture and Covid-19 regulations.</p> <p>Now that borders are re-opening there may be additional focus on the behaviour of travellers, be aware of this. Make sure you respect local (Covid-19) rules and approaches to dealing with the pandemic and keep in mind that when abroad you represent Fontys.</p>
<p><b>Entry requirements for the country of your destination</b></p> <p>Depending on your country of destination you may be required to go into quarantine for a fixed amount of time. You may also be required to bring a statement of health, a negative test report for Covid-19 or even proof of vaccination in order to enter the country of destination. Please make sure you are informed about the specific health requirements that are in place. This can also include facemasks, so don't forget to bring those.</p> <p>Please make sure you familiarize yourself with the local regulations and be aware that these may change. You can contact your host institution for further details in case you have any questions.</p>	<p><b>Registration in Mobility Online</b></p> <p>Going abroad for study or an internship is not possible without finishing your registration in Mobility Online. If you're not registered in Mobility Online we also cannot locate you if an emergency occurs and offer you support or - grant you your scholarship if you proved to be eligible.</p> <p>Always make sure your contact details and those of your emergency contact person are up-to-date in Mobility Online. Put the contact details of your <a href="#">Coordinator Internationalisation</a> in the Emergency Contact Person list of your phone.</p> <p>Save the emergency number of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in your phone, +31 247 247 247. If you do not have the Dutch nationality you need to make sure you know where the embassy or consulate of your home country is located and how to reach them.</p>