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Update on Semester at Sea Academic Sponsorship

The University of Virginia and the Institute for Shipboard Education have mutually agreed that U.Va.'s academic sponsorship of the Semester at Sea program will conclude by May 31, 2016. Please see below for more information.

What is occurring regarding U.Va.'s involvement with Semester at Sea?

The University of Virginia and the Institute for Shipboard Education have agreed to conclude U.Va.'s academic sponsorship of the Semester at Sea program no later than May 31, 2016.

Why is the sponsorship concluding?

After careful consideration and in-depth discussion, U.Va. and ISE have mutually agreed that the time is right for each to explore other opportunities. ISE is actively pursuing a new academic sponsor. U.Va. has served in that role since 2006.

Will the upcoming voyages take place?

Yes. All voyages from now through Spring 2016 will proceed as planned. Beginning with the Fall 2014 voyage, ISE will move to a two-voyage model with only spring and fall voyages.

Will students on those voyages receive academic credit through U.Va.?

Yes. Students who successfully complete the required coursework on voyages for which U.Va. is the academic sponsor will receive University of Virginia course credit.

Any questions regarding upcoming voyages should be directed to the Institute for Shipboard Education.