

OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL AID: Academic Year Frequently Asked Questions

Will the cost of studying abroad for a semester at a Notre Dame program be more than the cost for studying on-campus?

Students attending a Notre Dame Study Abroad Program are charged Notre Dame tuition, an International Program Fee (this is equivalent to the average room and board charge) and a \$750 International Studies Fee. The International Program Fee includes: Room and stipend (specific to site), Notre Dame credit and grades, HTH Worldwide Insurance and curricular field trips (specific to site).

What expenses related to study abroad will my financial aid cover?

In addition to the cost of tuition and the international program fee, the average cost of attendance for study abroad includes: an allowance for books, personal expenses, and transportation. The allowances recognize the additional expenses a student may have for personal and transportation expenses while abroad.

Will my financial aid cover my plane ticket to and from my home to the study abroad program site?

An allowance for transportation is included in the estimated financial aid cost of attendance. Financial aid may not be disbursed, however, until after the first class day (each semester). **Students must purchase their plane ticket(s) to the program site using their own resources.** If their financial aid eligibility exceeds their University charges, they may request a refund to be given after the start of the program for reimbursement. If this up-front expense would be prohibitive, please contact your study abroad program director.

Will my Federal Work Study or campus employment eligibility be replaced with other financial aid while I am studying abroad?

Students may receive additional student loan eligibility to offset the amount of student employment eligibility they would be awarded if they were studying on-campus.

Are there any scholarships from sources outside the University that are available for students participating in study abroad programs?

While not exhaustive, a list of some known outside scholarship opportunities may be found at <http://financialaid.nd.edu/current-students/planning/international-study>.

Is there assistance available for students interested in study abroad during the summer semester?

Financial assistance for summer study abroad programs is limited to private educational loans or the Federal PLUS (Parent) Loan. *University Scholarship is not offered for summer study abroad.*

Please contact the Office of Financial Aid with questions about your specific financial circumstances.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS: Frequently Asked Questions

How will I be billed for my study abroad program?

The authorized payer(s) will access their billing statement from the Office of Student Accounts through **IRISHPAY** just as if the student were attending school at the main campus. Students studying internationally will be billed for the fall semester in mid-July and the spring semester in early-December.

How do I request a refund from my student account while studying abroad?

The student or parent should contact the Office of Student Accounts to request a refund; this may be done in-person (before leaving campus), by phone, or by completing the *Refund Request Form* (located in the Toolbox at <https://studentaccounts.nd.edu>). Refunds to students are processed via direct deposit through **IRISHPAY** and may not be issued until the first class day of the program.

We encourage you to contact the Office of Student Accounts with questions related to your account.

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