

OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL AID: Summer Study Abroad Frequently Asked Questions

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.*

How do I apply for financial assistance for study abroad during the summer semester?

Applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE by the April 25, 2017 priority submission date to receive consideration for the Federal PLUS Loan. Applications for private educational loans should be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid one month prior to the start of the summer program.

If I am an international student, is there financial assistance for study abroad during the summer?

No, there are no options available for international students for summer study abroad. The Financial Aid Notification and/or the Certification of Finances you submitted to the University of Notre Dame provides information regarding your responsibility for summer session.

What expenses related to summer study abroad will a student or PLUS loan 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 a student or PLUS Loan cover my plane ticket to and from my home to the study abroad program site?

Financial aid may not be disbursed until after the first class day of your program. **Students must purchase their plane ticket(s) to the program site using their own resources.** When we certify your loan eligibility we will include an estimated amount for transportation. Your loan funds will be paid to your student account after the start of your program. If that amount exceeds your University charges, you may request a refund from the Office of Student Accounts. Information about the refund process is on the Office of Student Accounts website.

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>.

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

STUDENT ACCOUNTS: Summer Study Abroad 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 in programs that end on or before June 30 will be billed for the summer session in April. International programs that end after July 1 will be billed for the summer session in May. Payment is due upon receipt of the statement.

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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