

Frequently Asked Questions: Study Abroad

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

A: Students attending a Notre Dame Administered Study Abroad program are typically charged Notre Dame tuition, and an international program fee (equivalent to the average on-campus room and board charge plus a \$750 international studies fee).

Q: What does the price of the program include?

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- Tuition for the program of study
 - Room and partial board (specific to site)
 - Round-trip airfare from the designated gateway city (all programs except Washington D.C.)
 - Curricular field trips (specific to site)
 - Notre Dame credit and grades for courses taken abroad

Q: What expenses related to study abroad will financial aid cover?

A: In addition to the cost of tuition and the international programs fees, the average Cost of Attendance budget for study abroad includes: an allowance for books, personal expenses and transportation. The budget allowances recognize the additional expenses a student may have for personal and transportation expenses while studying abroad.

Q: Will my financial aid cover my plane ticket to and from my home to the gateway city airport?

A: 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 gateway city using their own resources. If their financial aid award exceeds their charges, they may request a refund to be given after the start of the program.

Q: What if my expenses exceed the average Cost of Attendance for the semester I am abroad?

A: If a student's expenses exceed the average Cost of Attendance, they may request an increase to their Cost of Attendance. All requests must be submitted in writing to the Office of Financial Aid and include documentation of extraordinary expenses. An increase is not guaranteed and will be reviewed on a case by case basis for alternative loan eligibility only.

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

A: 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.

Q: Are there any outside scholarships available for students participating in study abroad programs?

A: See [Study Abroad Scholarship Resources](#)

Q: How will I be billed for my Study Abroad Program?

A: The responsible parent(s) will receive a bill from the Office of Student Accounts just as if the student were attending school at the main campus. Students studying abroad will be billed for the fall semester in mid July and the spring semester in early December.

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

A: 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 email. A refund check will be issued, and the student/parent has one of the following options to receive the funds:

1. Provide his/her Notre Dame Federal Credit Union account number or member number and the Office of Student Accounts will deposit the check to that account.
2. Provide his/her preferred bank's name, address and account number and the Office of Student Accounts will mail the check to that bank for deposit.
3. Provide the Office of Student Accounts direction where to mail the check. Most often, this will be the student's home address so that a parent can deposit the check for the student. The check may be made payable to the student's parent if requested.

The refund check will not be released until the student has enrolled, and the classes for his/her Notre Dame study abroad program have begun.

Q: How can I apply for financial aid while studying abroad for the spring semester?

A: All students who wish to be considered for full financial aid eligibility must complete the FAFSA and CSS PROFILE on an annual basis by the priority filing deadline of February . This includes students that may be in a study abroad program for the spring semester. Both applications may be completed online and signed electronically by the parent(s) and student. Any other documentation requested by the Office of Financial Aid, may be submitted without the students' signature and signed at a later date. See [How to Apply for Financial Aid](#) for further details.

Q: Can I get financial aid if I study abroad through another college/university (e.g. Saint Mary's College, Butler University, etc.)?

A: A student must follow the approved University procedures and receive approval for a Leave of Absence. A formal Consortium Agreement must be completed between the University of Notre Dame (home school) and the host school. University of Notre Dame awarded scholarship or grant assistance, University of Notre Dame Departmental Awards and University of Notre Dame Alumni Club Scholarships are not available for study abroad in a non-Notre Dame program. The student should contact the Office of Financial Aid for further details.

Q: As an international student, is financial aid available to cover my study abroad expenses?

A: Private loan eligibility may be available.