

Summer Study Abroad Frequently Asked Questions

Financial Aid

Is there assistance available for students interested in studying 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 Profile before the April 15 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 before the start of the summer program.

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

No, there are no funding 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 expenses.

What expenses related to summer study abroad will a student or PLUS loan cover?

The average cost of attendance for study abroad includes tuition, the international program fee, an allowance for books, personal expenses, and transportation. These allowances recognize the reasonable expenses a student may have for personal and transportation expenses while studying abroad and will be included in the loans offered.

Will a student or PLUS Loan cover my plane ticket to and from the study abroad program site?

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

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

A list of outside scholarship opportunities is available on our website at: <http://financialaid.nd.edu/current-students/planning/international-study>. Since Notre Dame meets the demonstrated financial need of the student, the receipt of funds not included on the Financial Aid Notification will likely result in an adjustment to their financial assistance.

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

Student Accounts

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 on 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 complete the online *Refund Request Form* 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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