

Financial Aid Services

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THINKING ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD?

If the study abroad program you are considering is through Binghamton University or another SUNY four-year college or university, your financial aid may apply to help cover these expenses. **For non-SUNY programs to be considered for financial aid, a separate approval process is required through Katherine Krebs in the Office of International Programs.** Initial inquiries about available programs should be made to the Office of International Programs, located in G-1 of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center.

You may request a review of your financial aid to determine if it is applicable for the study abroad program you decide upon. This will also help determine what additional funds you may need to consider borrowing to supplement any financial aid already in place. As there are no “special funds” set aside to supplement study abroad, financing is primarily done through alternative loans. The few scholarships that specifically apply to study abroad are handled through the Office of International Programs and application information is available at: <http://www.binghamton.edu/oip/Content/Mainmenu/Scholarship.htm>

The following steps need to be taken after you have decided to pursue a study abroad program:

1. File your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as possible.
2. Obtain a letter of acceptance and a detailed program budget from the school you are going through. Complete a “Study Abroad Request For Review” form in Financial Aid Services and if you wish, meet with a Financial Aid Services counselor to determine what additional funds you may need to have on hand or borrow for this program.
3. Make sure you have done ALL of the necessary paperwork in the Office of International Programs so they can pre-register you for your study abroad program.
4. Discuss with the Student Accounts Office how your aid will be disbursed while you are abroad. No funds will be disbursed until the first day of classes for the Binghamton University semester.
5. Before you leave on the program, double check with all offices involved to assure your registration, financial aid, and billing details are finalized and will be processed smoothly. Don't leave without knowing everything at Binghamton University is complete!

Study Abroad Facts and Figures I Need to Understand:

Total amount needed:* \$ _____
(estimate based on figures provided)

Estimated financial aid in place: \$ _____
(for the semester abroad) + _____
+ _____
+ _____
+ _____
+ _____

Total of Estimated Aid:** \$ _____
(applicable toward this program)

***Total amount needed:** \$ _____
Minus ****Total of Estimated Aid:** -- _____
Amount Still Needed: \$ _____

Possible Options:

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2009-2010 Study Abroad Request for Review

To request a review of your financial aid to determine if it is applicable for the study abroad program you decide upon, please complete this form and attach the requested documentation. We will honor an increase in cost of attendance for the following: tuition, administrative fees, other fixed costs set by the program, and exchange travel within the country and countries not part of the program (recreational travel expenses will NOT be considered). **We will only review for SUNY - sponsored programs.** (Other programs require a separate approval process, see Katherine Krebs in the Office of International Programs.) When your counselor has reviewed the information, you will receive notice **only** if your award has changed. This form must be completed, signed, and dated or it will be returned to you.

Print Student's Name _____

Student's Date of Birth _____

Banner ID _____

1. What semester(s) will you be enrolled in a study abroad program? _____
2. Through which college is the program offered? _____
3. List any scholarships you have applied for or been awarded specifically for this study abroad program: (if none, write N/A)

Scholarship Name

Award Amount

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. You must attach the following documentation to this form:
 - Documentation from the school administering the study abroad program detailing the specific costs, AND
 - An official letter of acceptance to attend the program

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the information provided is true.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Study Abroad Expenses:

Tuition \$ _____
Differential \$ _____
Fees \$ _____
Administrative Fee \$ _____
Program Fee \$ _____
Room \$ _____
Board \$ _____
Books/Supplies \$ _____
Air Fare \$ _____
Travel \$ _____
Mandatory Group Travel \$ _____
Passport \$ _____
Visa \$ _____
Personal \$ _____
Insurance \$ _____
Other _____ \$ _____

Total Expenses \$ _____
(for this program)

minus Original Budget - \$ _____

Difference = VS* \$ _____

*add VS on EU1 []
add memo []

Initials _____ Date _____