



How will I pay for my study abroad experience?

Semester Programs

Will my financial aid package apply to my study abroad experience?

Yes! When you study abroad with one of our affiliated (aka pre-approved) programs, your Etown financial aid package will be applied to the program. This means you can use your merit-based scholarships as well as your federal and state financial aid to pay for your time abroad. You'll pay the same for tuition, whether you choose to stay on campus or go abroad. Etown will send your tuition bill to you as normal.

Preferred Program Fee

There is a small selection of affiliated semester programs, with higher tuition expenses, that require an additional Preferred Program Fee. On our website, you'll see several different categories for program fees. For example, if a program is listed as 'Etown Tuition + \$1,000', you will pay your typical Etown tuition for the semester, along with an additional \$1,000 Preferred Program Fee. This additional fee will be billed by Etown's Business Office, along with your tuition.

Non-Affiliated Programs

If you choose a study abroad program beyond the offerings on our affiliated list, you must pay the full cost of that respective program. Your Etown scholarships and aid will not be applied to a non-affiliated or partner programs. You can still use your federal financial aid, but you will need to pay for the full amount of the program before you depart for your semester abroad.

Meeting with your Financial Aid Advisor

All students have different financial aid packages and are therefore encouraged to be in communication with the Financial Aid Office to discuss the specifics of financing your study abroad experience.

International Students, Tuition Exchange & Tuition Remission

International, tuition exchange and tuition remission students should consult the Financial Aid Office to discuss financing study abroad, as your arrangements may be different.

Questions?

All study abroad questions pertaining to your financial aid can be directed to your Etown financial aid advisor or Jennifer Behmer, Associate Director of Financial Aid at behmerj@etown.edu or 717-361-1344

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What's the cost of room and board?

All students, regardless of location, are responsible for their program's room and board expenses. Since you will not be on campus during your semester abroad, Etown will not charge you for housing or a meal plan. Instead, you'll receive a bill for these costs from your study abroad provider or university. These costs vary by program as they're dependent on the cost of living in your selected country and the available housing options (ie. apartment, dorm, host family, etc.). Many programs do not offer a meal plan, so you will need to budget for groceries and going out to eat as you're able. Please contact your Etown financial aid advisor or Jennifer Behmer, Associate Director of Financial Aid at behmerj@etown.edu or 717-361-1344, to discuss covering this expense with loan funding, if needed.

Summer & Winter Programs

Students who attend May term, summer, spring break or winter break study abroad programs are typically not able to apply their Etown financial aid package to their study abroad experience, as these programs occur outside the academic year. However, students earning six or more US credits during a single term are considered part-time students and might be eligible for additional financial aid. If that's you, please contact the Financial Aid Office to learn more. If you have questions about taking out additional loans for a short-term study abroad experience or other inquiries, please contact your Etown financial aid advisor or Jennifer Behmer, Associate Director of Financial Aid at behmerj@etown.edu or 717-361-1344.

Study Abroad Fee

All Etown study abroad students, excluding faculty-led participants, are required to pay a study abroad fee. This fee allows the student to be enrolled at two universities at once. It also provides the full support of many offices on campus, including but not limited to, the Study Abroad Office, Registration and Records, Financial Aid Office and the Business Office.

The study abroad fee for affiliated and partner semester programs, as well as all short-term trips, is \$250. Those who study abroad on a non-affiliated semester program pay a higher fee of \$1,000. Students can pay their study abroad fee online, as a part of their post-approved, Etown study abroad application. Students who study abroad on more than one external program, only need to pay the study abroad fee once. Unless, they're attending a non-affiliated semester program, the \$1,000 fee is always required for those programs. Please note, this fee is different than the Etown Preferred Study Abroad Program Fee, if applicable for your semester program of choice.

Scholarships

All students are encouraged to research study abroad scholarship opportunities a year in advance of their study abroad experience to ensure they do not miss any early application deadlines. You can review a list of Etown and external study abroad scholarship opportunities on our website. Twice a year, the College awards five \$1,000 study abroad scholarships. Students studying abroad during any term are invited to apply for a \$1,000 award. If planning ahead, students will have two choices to apply for these awards. Please visit our website for more details and to apply now.

Gilman Scholarship (Up to \$5,000)

If you're a Federal Pell Grant recipient, the Study Abroad Office encourages you to apply for the US Department of State's Gilman Scholarship. Each recipient is awarded up to \$5,000. Students studying a critical language can apply for an additional \$3,000 scholarship. All students who are eligible and apply for the Gilman Scholarship will automatically have their Etown study abroad fee waived (value of \$250). Students eligible for the Gilman, just need to apply to receive the waiver. They do not need to be selected for the Gilman Scholarship to receive the waiver.

Budgeting

Please contact the Study Abroad Advisor to help you complete the following budget sheet for your preferred program(s), so you're not surprised by any hidden fees later in the application process.

Program:

Term:

Program Costs	Program Fees
Provider Application Fee	
Provider Confirmation Deposit	
Etown Study Abroad Fee	
Etown Preferred Study Abroad Program Fee (if applicable)	
Tuition	
Housing	
Housing Deposit / Security Deposit (if applicable)	
Total	

Additional Expenses	Estimated Expenses
Meals	
Round Trip Airfare	
US Passport	
Student Visa (if applicable)	
Textbooks & Supplies	
Local Transportation	
Additional Personal Expenses	
Total	

Study Abroad Fee: The standard Study Abroad Fee is required for all study abroad participants, excluding Etown faculty-led programs. This fee is paid, when completing your study abroad post-approved application materials for Etown. The only way to waive this fee is to be eligible and apply for the Gilman Scholarship (see previous page).

Preferred Study Abroad Program Fee: The additional Preferred Study Abroad Program Fee is only required for specific semester-long programs. Please reference the Study Abroad Office's website for an updated list of fees by program. This variable, additional fee ranges from \$1,000 - \$4,000 depending on the program. This fee is paid at the same time as your Etown tuition, according to Etown's semester billing due dates. These due dates are typically early August for the fall semester and early January for the spring semester. Please contact the Financial Aid Office to discuss covering this fee with loan funding, if needed.