

Financial Aid for Study Abroad/Explorations

Students participating in **Explorations/Study Abroad programs endorsed by BW** are considered registered at the University in absentia; pay BW tuition, room and board charges, and any study abroad program cost if applicable. Financial assistance -- BW, Federal and State financial aid eligibility (except federal work study), applies while studying abroad. This includes BW merit and scholarship awards, BW need-based grant, federal and state grants and loans, private education loans, and prepaid tuition plan withdrawals.

For need-based grants, federal and state aid, parent and private loans, students must have completed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid. www.fafsa.gov)

How does the financial aid office know who is studying abroad?

The Financial Aid Office receives a list from the Explorations Office of students approved to participate in Explorations/Study Abroad programs for each semester.

How do I know if my financial aid will change as a result of studying abroad?

Financial assistance, for students who have filed the FAFSA, is automatically reviewed for all students participating in approved Explorations programs. Financial aid is revised depending on the program type and program costs.

I am a commuter. What happens to financial aid for room and board when I study abroad?

When room and board charges are part of the program costs, your financial aid award is revised to include those charges for the semester in which the student will be studying abroad. A revised financial aid award is automatically sent to the student.

When there are program costs in addition to standard BW charges (tuition, room and board), am I eligible for additional financial aid?

Students who have filed a FAFSA and have demonstrated financial need according to the FAFSA results may be eligible for a study abroad grant when there are program costs in addition to BW costs.

- For BW faculty-led seminars, an explorations grant is 25% of the program cost.
- For BW full semester recommended programs, financial aid is based on BW charges and the regular financial aid award process is applied.

What about the cost for travel and added personal expenses associated with study abroad travel (i.e. airfare, local travel costs)? Can they be covered by financial aid?

Additional expenses related to travel abroad are part of the financial aid calculation process but do not qualify for additional grant or scholarship funds. Additional student or parent loan eligibility will be offered as part of revised financial aid awarded to help offset these expenses.

*Students participating in programs **not endorsed by BW**, are not enrolled through the University and are not eligible for financial assistance through us (including federal student loans). They should make all arrangements directly with the non-endorsed program itself, including possible financial aid directly from that program*

