

STUDY ABROAD AND FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM INFORMATION

ARE YOU THINKING OF STUDYING ABROAD?

Studying Abroad can be an extremely enriching experience that can greatly enhance your academic degree. As you begin to research which international program is right for you, it is important that you understand the cost and have the ability to finance your trip. Your financial aid can be used to help finance your trip.

There are several stages to the Study Abroad process for Financial Direct Subsidized, Unsubsidized, and PLUS Loan funds. For more information, go to millersville.edu/fa-maintain > Satisfactory Academic Program

2. **Students who are enrolled in a course that is less than four weeks, may not be able to use federal aid towards their study abroad program.** Contact the *Office of Financial Aid* to determine eligibility for federal aid if your study abroad program is close to the four-week minimum. Students can apply for private student loans for programs less than four weeks.
3. Assume that your current financial aid **will not be enough** to cover your bill. Most likely, you will need additional loan funds (Parent PLUS Loan/ Private Loan) or cash on hand to cover all of your study abroad expenses.
4. Please be prepared to pay for certain study abroad fees in advance. For example, study abroad application/program fees and travel related expenses such as: airfare, visa, and passport fees.
5. Per federal regulations, the *Office of Financial Aid* will disburse funds on specific dates set by the university. Federal and state financial aid disburses after the add/drop period of each term. The *Office of Financial Aid* will not be able to disburse federal and state funds prior to these dates. Therefore, you may have to use personal funds to cover program costs due prior to the disbursement dates. You can contact the *Office of Financial Aid* to verify the disbursement date for the term you are studying abroad.
6. It is recommended that you set up a power of attorney while you are studying abroad, as it gives the designated person (family member or trusted friend) the power to act in your behalf ^{1 (r8)4} if you have applied for a Pr days prior to your departure date. You must request this and provide proof of your airfare and departure.



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