THINKING ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD?

Financial Aid Services does not have any funds specific to study abroad, but in some cases your existing financial aid may be used to cover study abroad costs. 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 process is required using a study abroad consortium form and obtaining pre-approval from the Office of International Programs (OIP). Initial inquiries about available programs should be made to the OIP, located in Library North – LNG 300.

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 Parent PLUS or alternative loans. The few scholarships that specifically apply to study abroad are handled through the OIP. More 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. Complete page 3 of this “Study Abroad Request for Review” form and attach a copy of your letter of acceptance and a detailed program cost sheet for the specific study abroad program you will be attending.

3. Stop by to meet with a Binghamton University Financial Aid counselor to determine what additional funds you may need to have on hand or borrow for this program.

4. Make sure you have done ALL of the necessary paperwork in the OIP so they can pre-register you for your study abroad program.

5. 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.

6. 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!

7. Final note: Once you have completed your study abroad experience, please be sure your transcript is received by OIP. Because you will be receiving federal aid for the semester abroad, this office must confirm receipt of your transcript before any future federal aid can be disbursed.
Study Abroad Facts and Figures I Need to Understand:
(This will be filled out during your meeting with a financial aid counselor)

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 are as follows:
2015-2016 Study Abroad Request for Review  
(SUNY-Sponsored Programs ONLY)

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 process, including a study abroad consortium form and obtaining pre-approval from 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.

Student’s Name ___________________________ B#____________________

Date of Birth ________________________________

1. What semester(s) will you be enrolled in a study abroad program?__________________________

2. How many credits will be earned from this program?__________________________

3. Through which college is the program offered?______________________________

4. List any scholarships you have applied for or been awarded specifically for this study abroad program: (if none, write N/A)

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5. 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____________
**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:** (Students: leave this page blank)

**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 _______________ $________

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**Total Expenses** $________
(for this program)

**minus** Original Budget - $________

**Difference (VS)** $________

*add this to student’s Banner Budget using code VS [ ]

Add a detailed message on RHACOMM [ ]

Make sure you have tracked these documents on RHAAREQ and completed ALL STEPS on the Banner Study Abroad procedure!!!

Initials ______ Date__________ and put this form in filing and you are done!