

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM REQUEST

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| First Name | Middle Initial | Last Name | Student ID# |
| Your program of study/major | | | |
| Name of study abroad program | | | |
| Destination/Location | | | |

During what semester(s) will you be registered for credits at Barry University and involved in the study abroad program?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2017 Summer I (May-June) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2017 Summer II (June-August) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2017 Fall (August-December) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2018 Spring (January - May) |

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| Total number of Barry credits you will be registered for during this study abroad program | Date you will leave for study abroad | Return date |
| Contact person (faculty member/ advisor) at Barry | | |

| DESCRIPTION | ESTIMATED COST |
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| Barry University Tuition & Fees | |
| Application Fee | |
| Deposit | |
| Full Program Fee (Not including Deposit) | |
| Immunizations, if applicable | |
| Airfare | |
| Housing | |
| Meals | |
| Insurance (If not included in program fee) | |
| Books or other course supplies | |
| Local Commuting/transportation | |
| Personal Expenses (Toiletries, laundry, entertainment, souvenirs, gifts, etc.) | |
| Any other expense not listed above. (Describe) | |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PROGRAM | \$ |

The estimate above is accurate: Study abroad Faculty/Advisor

Date

Student's Signature

Date

FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Financial Aid is Available

Federal, State and University financial aid is available to eligible students for studying overseas through a study abroad program approved by Barry University. Generally, financial aid is awarded and processed just like any other semester where a student is registered for courses. In most cases, it is only the Cost of Attendance that might be adjusted.

Program Eligibility Requirements

- There must be a Barry faculty/advisor coordinating the program at Barry.
- The program must be attached to a specific semester at Barry, that is, Summer I, Summer II, Fall, or Spring.
- The program must offer Barry University credits that count toward student's overall degree completion at Barry.
- These credits must appear on the Registration system at Barry for the specific semester associated with the program

Student Eligibility Requirements

- The student must meet all normal federal, state and university financial aid eligibility requirements.
- The Study Abroad Financial Aid Request Form must be completed.
- The student must apply for financial aid, (FAFSA) and turn in all applicable documents and forms well in advance of the program start.
- For summer programs, students must apply for financial aid earlier than normal. All applications and documents must be received and correct by April 1st to guarantee funding for summer.

Cost of Study Abroad Program

The key difference between a semester studying abroad and a regular semester is the cost of attendance. The Financial Aid Office must be notified of the total cost of the study abroad program so that we can calculate your financial aid for that semester. This should be obtained from your study abroad faculty/advisor that is coordinating the program at Barry. If an official printout of the cost is not available, then you must complete the estimated study abroad cost on the Study Abroad Financial Aid Request Form, and have your program Faculty/Advisor sign it.

Release of Financial Aid Funds

Financial aid disbursement into the student account is tied to the standard academic calendar, not the study abroad dates. That means financial aid will be credited to the student account after the official add/drop period of the standard semester. In some cases this is before the study abroad program begins, but often it is after. The aid will be used to pay off any balance still due on the student's Barry account, and then any remaining credit will be provided to the student via direct deposit into their bank accounts, or mailed to the appropriate individual at an address in the United States as designated by the student in writing. Financial aid funds cannot be sent overseas. (The Financial Aid Office strongly recommends that students set up direct deposit with the Cashier/Business Office.)

If the study abroad program requires any payments prior to the add/drop period of the regular semester, the student will need to arrange for alternative payment methods and funding until financial aid funds can be made available. Please note that a credit refund can only be generated if you have an overabundance of financial aid that covers all of your university charges first, and then the additional amount will be considered the refund amount. This is not always possible.

Full-time Attendance during Fall and Spring semesters

Financial aid designed for full-time undergraduate students is based on a minimum of 12 credits registered in the Fall and Spring semesters. Students enrolled in a study abroad program that provides less than 12 credits at Barry will not receive financial aid that requires full-time attendance.

Summer Attendance

Most financial aid programs are designed for Fall and Spring semesters, however, Federal Stafford loans, Federal Pell Grants and parent PLUS loans are available in summer, so long as students are enrolled at Barry for at least 6 credits during that period and they meet the eligibility requirements for the programs.

Student Abroad – Office of Financial Aid

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will financial aid funds totally cover the entire expense of study abroad?

This is not guaranteed. It depends on the student's financial aid eligibility, the cost of the program and the amount of student and/or parent loans borrowed.

2. Question: Can I get my financial aid early in order to pay deposits and other fees associated with the program?

No. Federal regulations tie the financial aid to the specific semester/term you are officially registered in. Financial Aid is disbursed after traditional add/drop periods.

3. Question: How do I apply for financial aid for the study abroad program?

- Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov
- Turn in all requested financial aid documents
- Complete Study Abroad Financial Aid Request Form

4. Question: Can I pay my program deposit with my financial aid?

No, usually the deposit is due before the financial aid will be released.

5. Question: Are there limits to the amount of financial aid I can receive?

Yes. Your financial aid, including scholarships and loans, can never exceed the official Cost of Attendance for your chosen study abroad program.

6. Question: Does Barry University offer special scholarships or grants for study abroad?

No, the Financial Aid Office awards the same type of financial aid for study abroad programs as any other semester. However, if the cost of attendance of your study abroad program is significantly higher than your normal semester costs, you may qualify for increased aid. However, this is rare.

7. Question: Are there any special things I should do to apply for financial aid for a study abroad program?

Yes! Complete the Study Abroad Financial Aid Form, and complete all other necessary financial aid applications and documents earlier than you normally would to ensure funding.

8. Question: Can I defer my existing student loans during the study abroad semester?

Yes, so long as you are enrolled during the study abroad program at half-time or greater at Barry University. For Undergraduate programs that means a minimum of 6 credits