

FAQ

HOW CAN I PAY FOR STUDY ABROAD?

Study Abroad is billed through your student account and can be paid for with loans, scholarships and pell grants.

WHAT IS A PELL GRANT?

Federal Pell Grants are awarded to undergraduate students who display exceptional *financial need* (according to the FAFSA) and are working towards their first bachelor's degree.

HOW MUCH MONEY CAN I GET THROUGH PELL?

Amounts can change yearly. The maximum Federal Pell Grant award is \$6195 for the 2019-2020 award year (July 1st 2019 to June 30th 2020). The amount you get, though, will depend on

- Your Expected Family Contribution
- The Cost of Attendance (determined by your school for your specific program),
- Your status as a full-time or part-time student,
- Your plans to attend school for a full academic year or less.

CAN I USE A PELL GRANT FOR A SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM?

In order to be considered for a summer Pell grant, you need to be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours that apply towards your degree, and you must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress at the end of the spring semester.

Please note that Financial Aid does not calculate summer awards prior to summer enrollment. Once enrolled and awarded, students will be notified.

CAN I USE FEDERAL LOANS TO PAY FOR STUDY ABROAD?

Federal Loans can be used toward studying abroad during the spring and fall semesters. Federal Loans can only be used toward summer programs if the student has not used their loan money during the fall & spring semesters.

DO I PAY TUITION ON STUDY ABROAD?

Study Abroad students do not pay tuition for study abroad classes. Although tuition is billed to their account, it is covered by a the Study Abroad Tuition Discount.

IS THERE A PAYMENT PLAN FOR STUDY ABROAD?

There are payment plan options available. If the \$1000 deposit proves to be hard to pay by the time needed, talk to the Administrator of Study Abroad about setting up a payment plan for the deposit.

There are also payment plan options for the entire program fee.

If you are studying abroad during a fall or spring semester you can sign up for a payment plan like you would a normal semester on NelNet.

If you are studying abroad during the summer there is a payment plan available for May and June on NelNet.

CAN I WORK WHILE STUDYING ABROAD?

You cannot work while you are on a study abroad program, but keep in mind most programs are between 10-12 weeks. If the program is during the normal semester, there is time to work full-time in the months leading up to, or after the program.

WHAT KINDS OF CLASSES ARE OFFERED ON STUDY ABROAD?

Classes on study abroad are primarily electives (Bible, Theology, Literature) and prerequisites for other classes like Philosophy, CWC, or Romans. Try to plan your class schedule leading up to study abroad so you can take advantage of the classes offered abroad.

CAN I STAY ON CAMPUS AFTER I GET BACK FROM STUDY ABROAD?

You cannot stay on campus after returning from a study abroad program. If you want to stay in the city, you are responsible for your housing arrangements off campus.

DO I NEED A VISA TO STUDY ABROAD?

If you are an American citizen going on any of the programs, you do not need a visa. If you are an international student, please look up your requirements using the following website, <https://www.centerforstudyabroad.com/visapassport/>

DO I NEED A PASSPORT TO STUDY ABROAD?

Not only do you need a passport, but it must be up to date! Typical procedure requires your passport to be valid until at least 6 months after you are scheduled to come back to the States.

HOW DO I RENEW MY PASSPORT?

You must fill out a DS-82 form, submit your most recent U.S. passport, provide a photo (stick to the rules), pay the fees (<\$150), and mail your completed application. Please track your application process and let us know if you are renewing. Plan for the renewal to take 6-8 weeks. Please go to <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/apply-renew-passport.html> to apply for or renew a passport.

IS THERE AN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDY ABROAD?

Your GPA must be a minimum of 2.0 to participate.

WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

You will only have a carry on (we recommend a book bag/backpack) and a suitcase (typically with a weight limit of 50lbs, but could be less). You should not have more than this with you, and you do not need more. Any additional items will be charged by the airline and you will be responsible for these fees. Pack versatile clothing that is able to be paired with multiple items.

DOES THE SLG APPLY WHILE ON STUDY ABROAD?

Yes.

WHICH TRIP SHOULD I CHOOSE?

Some trips work better for different student's programs. If you are unsure if a program works with your classes and schedule, please come ask us questions or speak with an academic advisor.

WHEN IS IT THE BEST TIME TO STUDY ABROAD?

The best times to study abroad are during your sophomore year and sometimes your junior year. Plan to save your electives for your time abroad so you can take the classes offered. If you are wondering if your class schedule will work to study abroad, come to the office or go to the academic advisor.

CAN I TRAVEL ON THE WEEKENDS?

There is a possibility for you to travel on the weekends, but you must have it cleared with Study Abroad in advance and the professor that is teaching for that portion of the trip.

HOW DO I MAKE A DEPOSIT?

Here is the link for deposit instructions: <https://student-life.moody.edu/study-abroad/deposit-instructions/>

CAN I DROP OUT AFTER I HAVE MADE THE DEPOSIT?

You can drop out but your deposit will not be reimbursed and you will be charged any amount that has been spent on you that we cannot get back.

WHAT IS THE STUDY ABROAD CONTACT INFO?

You can email us at studyabroad@moody.edu or come visit us in Sweeting 302.