

FINANCIAL AID STUDY ABROAD
AGREEMENT FORM FOR ALL PROGRAMS
REGISTERED IN FALL OR SPRING SEMESTER

Name: _____ Visiting Country: _____ Academic Dept: _____
ID # _____ Cell Phone #: _____ Individual Semester Program: _____ OR Group Faculty-Led Program: _____
I am an Undergraduate Student & my Graduation Date is: _____ I am a Graduate Student & my Graduation Date is: _____
month/year month/year
Course hours will be registered in: _____ Major(s) _____ Minor(s) _____
semester/year

My expectations of receiving financial aid for this study abroad are: (check all that apply)

I have seen a Financial Aid Counselor & have found out my eligibility for aid. I do not want any loans offered; I will not accept them.
 I do not want an increase in aid over what I am already receiving this term. I will only use a private loan.
 I wish to be offered the maximum aid possible from all possible sources. Program courses are required courses for my degree.
 I am receiving a scholarship and/or stipend specifically for this Study Abroad: from: _____ amount: _____

OTHER INFORMATION YOU WISH TO SHARE REGARDING YOUR AID

*** List FALL AND/OR SPRING course numbers & credit hours in which you will be registered at ASU for this Study Abroad. (For most SEMESTER students this may be US3800 for 12 hours, but you will need to list exact course information, since Internships or regular ASU courses are also possible. For FACULTY-LED SHORT TERM students, this will be the exact course numbers.)**

Course# _____ Cr. Hrs. ____; Course# _____ Cr. Hrs. ____; Course# _____ Cr. Hrs. ____; Course# _____ Cr. Hrs. ____
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The suggested dates for submitting all Financial Aid forms and other requested information for studying Abroad are listed below:

Full Fall Registered Semester Abroad forms by: **May 15 (for Jul departures or later)**. For Fall Registered Short-Term Study Abroad by: **Oct 1 (Nov/Dec departures)**.

Full Spring Registered Semester Abroad forms by: **Oct 15 (Jan departures) or Nov 1 (Feb or later departures)**. For Spring Registered Short-Term Study Abroad forms by **Feb 1**.

IF ANY INFORMATION CHANGES (i.e. dates, credit hours, or anything else about the program) the student is required to notify the Office of Student Financial Aid. Your eligibility may then need to be recalculated.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I certify that I have read and understand the attached information sheets on using financial aid for studying abroad and agree to the requirements. I verify that the courses I am registered for are required for my degree.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Flying to/from what city: _____

FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDY ABROAD - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Applying for Financial Aid

You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year in which you are planning to study abroad in order to be eligible to receive any financial aid awards. You can apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

If you have not had financial aid previous to this academic year or you do not currently have financial aid in this academic year, please especially see “Applying for Financial Aid”, “Verification” and “Student Consumer Information” at

financialaid.appstate.edu.

Once you have completed the FAFSA and if you are chosen for verification as noted on your Student Aid Report, you can view these requirements via your AppalNet account under the financial aid tab, or if you receive notification of this from the Office of Student Financial Aid, you will be required to turn in the Verification Documents. This process can take up to 3 weeks or more to be completed

If you are required to turn in the “Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Form”, please turn this in with any associated documentation as quickly as possible.

You must accept or decline any presently offered financial aid before the eligibility of aid for your study abroad program can be completely determined.

Using Financial Aid to Study Abroad

You must be enrolled at ASU in a degree-seeking program, be participating in a University-approved study abroad program, enrolled at least half-time, be making Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by the University and by the Office of Student Financial Aid, and the study abroad program courses must be required for your degree program.

You may not postpone your graduation in order to study abroad and receive financial aid. In these cases, participation must be at your own expense.

There is no guarantee that you will receive enough financial aid to completely cover the total cost of the study abroad program.

You will need to pay all required deposits for your study abroad program, since financial aid funds are not generally available on your student account until ten days before your classes for study abroad begin

Be sure to meet with the Office of International Education and Development to inquire about any programs you are interested in attending to complete all necessary forms that they require.

Generally, the main source of funding for approved study abroad programs is the use of student and/or parent **loans**. Detailed information on the Loan Programs may be found on financialaid.appstate.edu.

If you are already awarded institutional funds during the fall or spring semester that you are planning to study abroad, you will need to check with the administrator of the funds on whether they can be used for studying abroad. In some cases, you may need to get written documentation that these funds would be applicable to your study abroad program.

You will not be able to use Federal work-study awards for studying abroad.

It is recommended that you see your Financial Aid Counselor to determine the specific availability and eligibility of financial aid for your program as soon as possible after reading this document.

Scholarships and Grants for Studying Abroad:

There are no special scholarships or grants offered through the Office of Student Financial Aid.

You may check out scholarship opportunities by visiting this link on the Office of International Education and Development website. <http://international.appstate.edu/education/scholarships> (Note the application deadlines for each scholarship.)

Contacting Financial Aid

It is critical in the initial steps of considering the use of financial aid for a study abroad experience that you consult with a financial aid counselor to determine your specific loan availability and eligibility for the study abroad program. For information on contacting your counselor, please go to "Contact Us" at financialaid.appstate.edu

The Study Abroad Agreement Form

The Study Abroad Agreement is required in order to receive financial aid for studying abroad. This form is available at financialaid.appstate.edu under "Study Abroad". Promptly return all forms requested by the Office of Student Financial Aid to:

**The Office of Student Financial Aid
John E. Thomas Building
ASU Box 32059
Boone, NC, 28608
Fax number 828 262 2585
Phone number 828 262 2190**

Deadlines for Turning in Study Abroad Documents for Your Program

To be able to receive an offer of financial aid for studying abroad, the student will need to first have already completed the FAFSA application and verification process (if chosen). Then, turning in The Study Abroad Agreement Form and any other associated documentation requested by the Study Abroad Counselor should be submitted to the Office of Student Financial Aid by:

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Documents Received by:</u>	<u>Financial Aid Award by:</u>
Fall Semester	05/15	07/15
Fall Short Term	10/01	11/01
Spring Semester	Jan departures - 10/15	11/15
Later departures	11/01	01/05
Spring Short Term	02/01	03/01
Summer Semester	03/01	05/15

The Office of Student Financial Aid cannot begin to process aid for your study abroad until it has the particular information concerning your program from the Office of International Education and Development (OIED). Students studying abroad will also need to be registered by OIED and the ASU Registrar in the appropriate courses before their financial aid can be offered to them.

Applying for Loans

See “Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans” regarding student loans “Federal Direct PLUS Loans” regarding parent loans at financialaid.appstate.edu, and go to:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/PlusLoansGradProfstudents.jsp> regarding Grad/PLUS loans to graduate students for information on the application processes. Contact the Study Abroad Counselor if you have further questions regarding loans.

Accepting Loan Offers

Depending on the type of program you are taking, accepting loan offers for your program may be accomplished either by accepting aid on your AppalNet, or by a loan increase form sent to you by email or by a combination of these. The Study Abroad Counselor will contact you by email to let you know the method.

Receiving your Financial Aid

Financial aid for studying abroad, as with all other enrollment periods, cannot be disbursed to your student account until approximately 10 days prior to the start of your study abroad classes.

It is recommended that you set up Direct Deposit for your refund to be automatically deposited to your bank. To do this, go to the Student Accounts [website](#) and complete the on-line application for direct deposit.

The Office of Student Financial Aid does not deal with study abroad charges on your student account. You will need to contact OIED and/or Student Accounts. Check before spending the refund to be sure your refund is not larger than it should be. Any resulting student account balances may need to be paid prior to the start of the semester following the study abroad.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

The Office of International Education and Development

**ASU Box 32083
Boone, NC 28608
Phone: 828 262 2046
Fax: 828 262 4037**

Website: <http://international.appstate.edu/>

**Student Accounts
ASU Box 32005
Boone, NC 28608
Phone: 828 262 2113
Fax: 828 262 2936**

Website: <http://studentaccounts.appstate.edu/>