

Study Abroad Billing FAQ

We endeavor to help make study abroad an achievable goal for as many students as possible, and we understand that finances is an important part of the planning process. Here we have provided answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about student bills. This is not meant to be all-inclusive. If you have more questions, please contact us!

How will my bill work?

All students will be assessed the following items per semester that they are abroad:

- Standard W&J tuition
- Standard W&J double room charge
- Meal plan – varies*
- W&J fees (student activity fee, student service fee, student health fee)
- Mandatory international health insurance (current cost is \$41/month)
- Study Abroad fee - \$300

*If the study abroad program offers meals in the form of a meal plan or provided by a host family, students will also be charged for the most closely corresponding W&J meal plan. If there are not meals included, and students will be cooking for themselves, there will not be a meal plan charge. Students will pay for their own meals on site in those cases.

These charges will appear on the W&J statement, which will go out at the normal time and can be paid in the same manner it would be paid if the student were on campus.

This billing structure allows students to use their financial aid, prevents students from having to pay many program fees on site, and allows students to choose a program based on academic and personal fit rather than price.

You can view current fees here: <http://www.washjeff.edu/tuition-and-fees-schedule>

Will my financial aid apply to study abroad?

Yes! In most cases, your existing financial aid will be applied to a semester or year abroad as long as you are on an approved program through W&J. Federal Work Study will not be available while studying abroad. If you have specific questions about your current financial aid and how it will be applied to your study abroad program, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 724-223-6019 or fnaid@washjeff.edu.

What additional costs should I anticipate?

Non-billable items include:

- Plane ticket
- Local transportation (public transportation used in host city)
- Books
- Passport & student visa (if applicable)
- Personal expenses (i.e. going out to eat, to a museum, souvenirs, personal care items).
- Personal travel (i.e. weekend trips planned by the student during their free time- this is the item that often contributes the most to “additional costs” aside from the plane ticket.)

Students are also provided a detailed cost-estimate sheet.

What funding is available?

We are committed to increasing access to study abroad opportunities. We are pleased to have scholarships to offer to students; see information on our wiki:

<http://wiki.washjeff.edu/display/GE/Study+Abroad+Scholarships>

Semester and year-long students are particularly encouraged to apply for the **International Programs Fund Award**. Due to generous alumni, we are able to give many awards per semester to help students afford to study abroad.

Study Abroad Travel Fund

This is a travel reimbursement program for semester and academic year programs. W&J provides travel support to **100% of students** studying for a semester or year on approved programs. Funding level is determined annually and may fluctuate each semester; current amount is \$1,200. Students must be full-time and have a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Students are given specific guidance on eligible expenses and how to be reimbursed after obtaining approval to study off campus. Airfare is an eligible expense. There is no application, we are proud to note that funding is automatic for every student committing to a semester or year of study abroad on our approved programs! Questions should be directed to the Office of Study Abroad.

I already have insurance. Do I really need the W&J international insurance plan?

Yes. We use Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI). This plan is specifically tailored to study abroad programs. The coverage includes things like emergency evacuation, travel assistance, security evaluations, etc. which are not typically included in most insurance plans; these additional benefits are offered in addition to medical insurance. It is important to have all of our students on the same plan so that we know they are all adequately covered, and so that should the need arise, we can quickly connect with the necessary services. This enables us to act swiftly and efficiently to help ensure student safety. This insurance is also often necessary for student visa applications.

We automatically enroll all study abroad students in the insurance plan. Students will receive their insurance cards and coverage materials prior to departure.