These instructions have been prepared by the Office of Student Financial Aid. Please read through them carefully! Students must plan well in advance and apply for financial aid early.

Instructions & Procedures for UI Students to Receive Financial Aid While Studying Abroad on UI Programs during Summer Session(s)

The Office of Student Financial Aid works closely with Study Abroad in UI International Programs to facilitate the application of financial aid toward the cost of participating in UI study abroad programs. After the program’s application deadline, Study Abroad provides Financial Aid with a list of program participants and a detailed breakdown of the program’s cost. Financial Aid will adjust individual students’ financial aid packages to reflect the cost of the program (rather than the corresponding session at the UI), and notify all students electronically to their University email account of the adjustments made.

The whole process will work, in theory, without requiring you to make any additional visits to Financial Aid. If, however, you have any questions about the likely impact of participating in a particular program on your financial aid package or about the instructions and procedures which follow, you are welcome to meet with a walk-in counselor in 208 Calvin Hall.

If you receive financial aid or if you receive a UI scholarship or loans disbursed through the Office of Student Financial Aid, you need to be aware of or take care of the following items in order to receive your financial aid for study abroad:

Getting Ready
If you want federal financial aid, be sure you have filed all the necessary financial aid papers:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid plus all supporting documentation
- Promissory notes for all loans you accept
- Entrance Counseling form if you are a first-time loan borrower
- Complete a summer financial aid application and be registered for all summer courses before submitting the summer application (available mid to late March).
- Register for the appropriate program according to the instructions given to you by Study Abroad. Undergraduate students must enroll for at least 6 hours to be eligible for summer financial aid. This can be accomplished through Study Abroad, on-campus courses, online courses, courses at other US institutions (including community colleges if students have not already transferred in 60 s.h. from community colleges) or a combination of any of the aforementioned.
- To facilitate receipt of financial aid while you are abroad, you may wish to authorize the Cashier’s Office to deposit funds directly into your bank account. Complete Financial Aid Direct Deposit process on ISIS.
- You are strongly encouraged to give a parent or other responsible adult power of attorney to sign legal documents on your behalf while you are abroad. You must specifically authorize this person to sign promissory notes for educational loans in order for the Direct Loan Servicing Center to accept his or her signature on a loan note.

Getting Your Financial Aid

- For financial aid purposes, the summer session is the final term of the academic year. In most cases students will have used all allotted financial aid during the fall and spring semesters. Check with the Office for Student Financial Aid for any financial aid eligibility remaining. A dependent undergraduate would be eligible for the Federal Direct (parent) PLUS loan, parent must complete a Request for PLUS (parent) loan to accept this loan.
- Private scholarships, loans, or Study Abroad Office awards may have different registration requirements. Check guidelines for any financial aid you may receive.
- The earliest financial aid can be disbursed is 10 days prior to the start of your classes.

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