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HOME SCHOOL TUITION FOR AFFILIATE STUDY ABROAD/AWAY PROGRAMS

FAQs

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WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY WFU TUITION WHEN I STUDY ABROAD/AWAY ON AFFILIATE PROGRAMS?

WFU is committed to making study abroad/away an even more integral and viable educational opportunity for all of our undergraduates and to ensuring that students on all abroad programs both WFU-sponsored and Affiliate (non-WFU) receive the most comprehensive and optimal services from the home campus.

WFU tuition revenue covers the cost of tuition and the resources for specialized advising, support, and programming services for all students (whether on WFU-sponsored or Affiliate programs) before, during, and after their abroad/away experience. Tuition payment also ensures continuing enrollment at WFU while abroad/away.

This approach will enable the University not only to continue providing institutional financial aid to students when they study abroad/away on Affiliate programs, but also to provide scholarships previously available exclusively to students on WFU-sponsored programs.

In addition, academic credits and grades earned on semester study abroad/away with Affiliate programs will count towards degree requirements. The courses, credits, and grades are posted on the academic transcript but are not factored into the student's Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA).

HOW WILL I BE BILLED IF I STUDY ABROAD/AWAY ON AN AFFILIATE PROGRAM?

Students who study on Affiliate study abroad/away programs receive two invoices for the study abroad/away semester, term, or year. A summary of the

Home School Tuition billing model is as follows:

<u>Bill from WFU</u>	<u>Bill from Affiliate Institution</u>
<p><i>Unless the student has outstanding charges, the only costs that will appear on the WFU bill are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- WFU tuition as normal.- Deposit(s) for any Affiliate programs that students may have paid to confirm their place.- International insurance (if not provided by the Affiliate program)	<p><i>WFU pays the program for tuition costs only. The student will be billed by the program for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- All non-tuition program fees (e.g., housing, insurance, etc.)

Students are responsible for paying all other expenses out-of-pocket. These expenses may include, but are not limited to, roundtrip airfare, passport and/or visa fees, required immunizations (if applicable), meals (in most cases), textbooks, supplemental course fees, independent travel, and daily living expenses.

WHAT IF THE AFFILIATE PROGRAM TUITION IS MORE THAN WFU TUITION?

WFU will pay the Affiliate program's tuition up to the WFU tuition rate amount. Students who elect to go on approved Affiliate programs with a higher tuition cost will be charged the tuition differential between the program rate and the WFU rate.

OKAY, BUT WHAT IF I CHOOSE AN AFFILIATE PROGRAM WHOSE TUITION IS LESS THAN WFU TUITION? WHAT IS THE UNIVERSITY DOING WITH THAT MONEY?

The Center for Global Programs and Studies (GPS), in conjunction with the faculty Study Away Committee, selects, approves, and monitors Affiliate study abroad/away programs based on their academic rigor and integrity as well as the quality of their student support services. Only then is cost considered, with the aim primarily of finding programs that do not exceed WFU tuition so that students do not incur additional expenses.

The WFU tuition revenue from the students studying abroad/away on Affiliate programs is used to cover the tuition cost of the programs that students attend (up to the WFU tuition rate). ***With the portability of institutional financial aid for study abroad/away, tuition surplus contributes to the financial aid pool, exactly as is done when students are on-campus.*** Thus, in order to make study abroad/away fiscally viable for the institution, the College has adopted the practice used by many private liberal arts colleges in charging home school tuition for study abroad/away on Affiliate programs.

HOW ARE DEPOSITS FOR AFFILIATE PROGRAMS HANDLED?

In order to confirm participation in an Affiliate program and secure a place, a confirmation or commitment deposit must be submitted to the host institution/organization. WFU will make these deposits on behalf of students and charge the amounts to their student account. However, once WFU receives the student's semester invoice from the Affiliate program in which a student enrolls, the program deposit will be applied against the student's tuition costs. If students opt to place deposits on multiple programs, **only** the deposit of the program they attend will be applied against their tuition costs with the remaining deposits being billed against their student account.

HOW ARE COSTS FOR HOUSING AND MEALS ON AFFILIATE PROGRAMS HANDLED?

Housing, meals (if applicable) and other fees will be billed directly to the student by the host institution/organization and due dates will vary. Students will receive information about these due dates after being accepted by the Affiliate program.

Most Affiliate programs do not have meal plans, so students "pay as they go" in dining locations or they prepare their own meals in shared kitchens in residence halls or apartments. This means that WFU students are not billed by WFU for room and meals on Affiliate programs.

I RECEIVE WFU FINANCIAL AID. HOW WILL MY AID APPLY FOR STUDY ABROAD/AWAY ON AFFILIATE PROGRAMS?

Students with financial aid who are approved to participate in study abroad/away on Affiliate programs will have their financial aid package reviewed by the Office of Financial Aid for the semester or year that they will be abroad/away. In some instances, the total aid amount may be adjusted higher or lower, based on the total cost of the Affiliate program. Federal Work-Study wages, by US law, are not portable for study abroad/away. However, in some cases, that amount can be replaced by additional loan or grant aid in order to keep the student's financial aid total the same. Athletic scholarships also are not portable for study abroad/away, as they require students to be on-campus.

CAN'T I JUST TAKE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND GET TRANSFER CREDIT WHEN I COME BACK?

No. The only way students can receive WFU academic credit for study abroad/away on Affiliate programs after matriculation is if they go through the approval process of the Center for Global Programs and Studies. No academic credit is approved or awarded otherwise. In addition, if a student were to take courses on an Affiliate study abroad/away program while on a WFU leave of absence, they would lose their status as a fully enrolled WFU student and must apply for re-admission.

WHAT ABOUT SUMMER STUDY ABROAD/AWAY - DO I STILL PAY WFU TUITION?

Yes, the Home School Tuition policy also applies for summer study abroad/away on Affiliate programs.

ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR STUDY ABROAD/AWAY ON AFFILIATE PROGRAMS?

Yes, scholarships are available from a variety of sources, including WFU funds, Affiliate program providers, the U.S. government, and independent organizations. Students should consider their scholarship options as they are applying to their Affiliate program.

WHAT IS THE BILLING PROCESS FOR STUDY ABROAD/AWAY?

WFU tuition is billed in the same manner during study abroad/away on Affiliate programs as during any other term, and any balance owed to the university is due according to the schedule set forth by the WFU Student Financial Services Office.