



FINANCING SUNY STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

FOR SUNY NEW PALTZ STUDENTS

Generally, SUNY Study Abroad costs are similar to on-campus costs but may include additional fees and/or transportation costs. Since there are no specific financial aid programs for additional study abroad costs, most families will pay additional costs out-of-pocket or will apply for a Parent Loan (PLUS) or an alternative loan if needed.

STEP 1: LEARN ABOUT THE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Visit the Center for International Programs Office on campus or on the web at <https://studioabroad.newpaltz.edu/>

STEP 2: FILE THE FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

1. Register for your PIN at www.pin.ed.gov
2. Apply for aid. Fill out a FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov
3. For additional information go to www.studentaid.gov or call 1-800-FED-AID.

If you intend on studying overseas for:	File the following FAFSA:
Spring 2010	2009/2010
Summer 2010	2010/2011
Fall 2010	2010/2011

STEP 3: PREPARE TO MEET THE COSTS

Review the costs associated with the Study Abroad Program. Should Study Abroad Program costs exceed those incurred for campus study, a student may wish to consider an alternative educational loan or the Parent Loan (PLUS) for additional financial assistance. Be sure to fully compare the interest rates and terms of alternative educational loans as they vary. A credit worthy co-signer is usually required. If you wish to apply for a Parent Loan (PLUS), alternative loan, etc. to meet any additional costs, inform the Financial Aid Office in writing about the specific program and when you plan to study abroad.

Although most aid packages will already include your maximum federal and state aid as well as the maximum Stafford Loan eligibility, Financial Aid Counselors are available to meet with you to review your package.

SUMMER 2010 Study: Complete and return the Summer 2010 Financial Aid Request Form that will be available online with your Fall/Spring Award Letter that will be issued to you by the Office of Financial Aid after your FAFSA is processed. You must be enrolled for at least six credits over the summer to request loan funds. Pay particular attention to the fact that any Stafford loan funds borrowed during the summer are considered as using part of your upcoming college year loan eligibility. Students need to be conservative in borrowing for summer study if they depend on loan funds for the upcoming fall/spring semesters.

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