Exchange, Affiliated and Non-Affiliated Program Logistics

EXCHANGE and AFFILIATED

NON-AFFILIATED

Credits and Grades

Students will receive Ithaca College credit for all courses taken abroad, including credit for internships and independent studies.

Grades transfer back and be factored into the student's cumulative GPA.

Credits are guaranteed to automatically transfer back as <u>non-designated</u> elective credits as long as an official transcript has been received upon completion of the program. Students who need to fulfill specific degree requirements, including major/minor coursework, ICC requirements, or liberal arts electives, must get courses approved using the study abroad course approval process.

Coursework taken while studying on a non-affiliated program will usually transfer back to Ithaca College, provided the student completes and submits appropriate approvals, and earns grades of C- or better.

Grades from non-affiliated programs do not transfer and will not have an impact on the student's cumulative GPA.

Non-affiliated program transfer credit may <u>not</u> be used to satisfy ICC Themes & Perspectives requirements, ICC Capstone, and certain major requirements. Internships and independent studies may not be eligible for transfer from non-affiliated programs.

Billing and Payment

Students are billed by Ithaca College for:

- 1. Ithaca College tuition, and in some cases,
- 2. Study abroad health insurance
- For Tier 2 affiliated programs: there may be an additional fee to participate, if program tuition is greater than tuition student pays to IC.

Students receive a bill directly from the program with charges for other program fees (housing, meals, visas, field trips, course materials, etc.).

Eligible financial aid will be applied against the Ithaca College bill and any amount owed after aid has been subtracted must be paid by the student to Ithaca College via methods provided by Student Financial Services. Payment for program tuition and health insurance charges will be forwarded by IC to the partner program.

Students will pay the non-affiliated program directly for any costs and fees associated with the program.

Students will be charged a \$415 study abroad administrative fee * for participation in a semester-length program or \$200 for winter/summer programs. Students who go on a non-affiliated program are on a leave of absence and not paying Ithaca College tuition. This fee covers services and assistance provided by IC during the leave of absence, as well as before and after the study abroad experience. See bottom of page for more information about these services.

Financial Aid

Most financial aid, with the exception of work-study funds and RA stipends, will transfer to semester-length study abroad programs. The financial aid package may be adjusted and award amounts may differ from those received during a semester on campus. If allowable program costs are less than Ithaca College's costs, aid may be reduced.

Check with SFS about funding for summer/winter programs. Usually, the costs for summer/winter opportunities (both on-campus and abroad) are not covered by financial aid received during the academic year.

Students who participate in non-affiliated programs are <u>not</u> eligible to receive any Ithaca College institutional financial aid (scholarships, grants) for the study abroad semester.

Federal financial aid is eligible to transfer towards the cost of a non-affiliated program if the program is eligible to receive Title IV funds (International Programs will help you determine if the non-affiliated program of interest to you is Title IV eligible).

New York State aid only transfers to programs run by NYS institutions.

Leave of Absence

Students remain active IC students when studying on an exchange or affiliated program and are not required to take a leave of absence.

Students will take a leave of absence if going abroad on a non-affiliated program for a semester-length program.

* Non-affiliated Programs: Study Abroad Administrative Fee Details

Specific support services covered by the study abroad administrative fee include:

- Guidance from International Programs and unlimited one-on-one support from the time that we learn of a student's intent to study abroad through the return home and beyond;
- Individualized advising about required study abroad requirements including the credit transfer process, financial aid/payment processes, and residential life matters;
- Study abroad orientation meetings held prior to departure for study abroad experience. These meetings assist the student in
 preparing for international travel, living abroad and the challenges presented by this experience, as well as Ithaca College logistics
 regarding study abroad pre-departure requirements;
- Emergency support and direct assistance should any adverse events (terrorist events, natural disasters, etc.) occur in the country in which the student is studying;
- Support and assistance from IC offices including (but not limited to) Student Financial Services, Registrar, Dean's Offices, Academic Advising Center, Residential Life, Student Accessibility Services and Health Center/CAPS.