

Affiliated Study Abroad Programs at IC

Ithaca College partners with study abroad organizations and universities to offer a wide range of affiliated program options. Our partners are among the most respected names in international education, offering high quality academic programs and expert student support.

Our affiliated programs are divided into two tiers. Tier 1 affiliated programs are some of our most popular offerings, in locations that are in high demand, with courses that work for a wide range of students. We recommend that all students start off their search for a program by focusing on Tier 1 programs. Tier 2 affiliated programs offer additional options for students looking for programs with a specific academic focus or locations that are a bit out of the ordinary.

Academic Logistics: Tier 1 & Tier 2 Affiliated Programs

Tier 1 and Tier 2 Affiliated Programs both work the same way regarding coursework, credits, and grades. Students will receive Ithaca College credit for all courses taken abroad. Grades transfer back and will be factored into the student's cumulative GPA.

Credits are guaranteed to automatically transfer back as non-designated 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 but not limited to major/minor coursework, ICC requirements, or liberal arts electives, must get courses approved after acceptance to a program by submitting study abroad course approval forms.

Students who study abroad with a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Affiliated Program remain active Ithaca College students during their time abroad; no Leave of Absence is required.

Financial Logistics: Tier 1 & Tier 2 Affiliated Programs

Students going on both Tier 1 and Tier 2 affiliated programs pay Ithaca College tuition, but not IC room & board. Students going on Tier 2 affiliated programs are assessed an additional Tier 2 study abroad fee.

Students can apply most of their institutional, federal and/or state financial aid package to the total cost of a semester abroad, depending on the type of aid they are eligible to receive. Aid will be automatically posted to the student's Ithaca College account.

Affiliated partners will bill students directly for housing, meals (if included in the program), and miscellaneous fees (e.g., flight, visa services, excursions, course materials, supplemental or upgraded housing and/or meal fees, etc.). Bills received from the affiliated program should be paid directly to the affiliate. All payments for charges appearing on the Ithaca College bill should be submitted to Ithaca College.

Tier 1 & Tier 2 Affiliated Programs

Students studying on Tier 1 & Tier 2 Affiliated programs will be billed by Ithaca College for:

- Ithaca College tuition
- International health insurance charges (as determined by the affiliated program; some programs do not have a separate insurance charge).

Tier 2 Affiliated Programs only

In addition to Ithaca College tuition and international health insurance, students going on Tier 2 programs will be billed by Ithaca College for the Tier 2 study abroad fee. This fee is different for every student and uses the student's institutional aid and the affiliated program's tuition to determine the billed amount. The fee is equal to the difference between the student's net tuition (IC tuition minus IC scholarships/grants) and the Tier 2 program's tuition. International Programs will work with students to help them determine the approximate study abroad fee for any given Tier 2 Affiliated Program.