

Non-affiliated Programs

Students who go on a non-affiliated program must take a leave of absence from Ithaca College if studying abroad for a semester or year.

Credits taken on a non-affiliated program will transfer back, provided the student completes and submits appropriate course approval paperwork, and earns grades of C- or better in the classes. Transfer credit can be used to satisfy many different types of degree requirements. Grades from non-affiliated programs do not transfer and will not have an impact on the student's cumulative GPA.

Only federal financial aid may transfer to the costs of a non-affiliated program, and then only to non-affiliated programs that are 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 may transfer to non-affiliated programs run by a New York state institution. Students who participate in non-affiliated programs are not eligible to receive any Ithaca College institutional financial aid (scholarships, grants, etc.) for the study abroad semester.

A \$415 study abroad administrative fee is charged when students participate in a non-affiliated semester program (\$200 for winter/summer programs). 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.

Students going on non-affiliated programs must still work with the Office of International Programs and Extended Studies to register for the program and must complete appropriate pre-departure paperwork and requirements. Students will receive the same support/guidance from International Programs regardless of whether their program is affiliated or non-affiliated.