

Expenses, Fees, Charges, and Aid for Interim Off-Campus Programs

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW CAREFULLY AND SHARE IT WITH YOUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS BEFORE COMMITTING TO THIS PROGRAM. FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AND OFF-CAMPUS EDUCATION IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THIS DOCUMENT.

Lafayette College is committed to offering interim and summer faculty-led programs at a reasonable fee based on the actual costs to run the program. Under normal circumstances, program fees tend to range from \$6500 to \$9700 for three-week long 1-credit courses, but may exceed \$16,000 for six to eight-week long, 2-credit courses.

Typically, interim program fees cover: tuition, airfare, accommodations in twin or triple rooms, on-site group transportation in-country, admission fees for required program-sponsored activities, some meals, and emergency medical insurance (for students traveling outside of the U.S.).

Students are required to live in program-sponsored housing. Students who would like an exception to this requirement must submit a petition to the Office of International & Off-Campus Education **before** making any financial or legal commitments. Filing a petition does not guarantee that a student will be permitted to participate in independent housing.

Students are typically responsible for the following additional expenses: transportation to/from the designated US airport, most of their own meals, passport and visa expenses (if any), books, vaccinations and inoculations (if any), incidentals and personal expenses (as well as other expenses as specified for each individual program).

The costs of modifications to the program by the student, where approved, are entirely the financial responsibility of the student. Examples of such modifications include, but are not limited to, upgrades to a single room, flight changes due to personal or other circumstances or immigration issues (such as the inability to secure a visa or passport in time for travel), etc.

The costs of immigration requirements, including COVID testing and/or quarantine, are the responsibility of the student.

Program deposit and registration confirmation: Students who successfully register for an off-campus interim course must submit a NON-REFUNDABLE **deposit of \$500** and complete the “pre-decision” tasks in their study abroad portal in order to secure their place in the program. Instructions can be found in the student’s study abroad portal account.

Withdrawals: Any student who withdraws from an off-campus interim course **after** committing to the program by submitting their \$500 program deposit **will also be responsible for all nonrecoverable charges incurred by the College on his or her behalf up until the time of withdrawal** (e.g., airfare, hotel, event bookings, individual portions of group expenses, etc.).

Program Fee Billing: The balance of the program fee, to which the non-refundable deposit will be applied, will be billed to the student's Lafayette College student billing account in December for Winter Interim programs and in May for Summer Interim programs and will be due upon receipt.

Optional trip cancellation insurance is available from an external provider (see below).

NOTE: *Students whose permission to study abroad is revoked due to academic performance (i.e., lower-than-required GPA) or accountability probation prior to the beginning of the program will receive no credit, and will be charged for any applicable charges and/or penalties. Students whose participation in a study abroad program is terminated by Lafayette College for reasons of misconduct will receive neither credit nor refund. Students suspended while abroad must return immediately to the United States and will bear all expenses related to the change in itinerary.*

Emergency medical insurance with On Call International (including evacuation and repatriation insurance) is provided at no additional cost to the students for all Lafayette interim programs traveling outside of the United States. Additional information on coverage, policies, and procedures [can be found here](#).

Trip cancellation insurance is available for interim abroad programs. This is an **optional** service provided by an external provider and the cost is *not included* in the program fee. The insurance covers the costs of canceling or interrupting the trip for certifiable medical or bereavement reasons. For more information, including plan details, coverage, and pricing, please see [our website](#). There is typically a limited window of time, set by the insurance provider, during which a student may purchase this insurance after committing to their program.

Financial assistance: There will be a limited amount of financial support available for off-campus interim programs. Please see the [Interim and Summer Programs](#) page for more information.

Program cancellation and modification policy: Programs **may be subject to cancellation or modification** at any time for *force majeure* reasons (including under-enrollment, unforeseeable natural or political crises in the host country, pandemic, faculty illness, etc.).

The College will do everything reasonable to minimize costs to students, in the unlikely event that a decision is made to cancel a program due to unforeseen circumstances at a moment where it is too late for the College to recover expenses paid in advance to program vendors. However, some expenses may be shared with the program participants. These may include, but not necessarily be limited to, the cost of items that are non-transferable and have been assigned to the students, such as airline tickets.