

Expenses, Fees, and Aid for Faculty-Led Semester-Long 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 & OFF-CAMPUS EDUCATION IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THIS DOCUMENT. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE RAISED AT THE TIME OF APPLYING FOR A PROGRAM, NOT AFTERWARDS.

For semester-long programs abroad directly sponsored and led by Lafayette College, the College **typically charges its own tuition as well as its own room and board fees.** Students are required to live in program-sponsored housing. Students who would like to request an exception to this policy 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. In some cases, the College is able to credit students back for some select expenses (e.g., a small transportation allowance, some meals, etc.). Each program is different, and information about costs may vary every semester or every year; for this reason, the most accurate financial information is typically provided **at the time of the information sessions before applications are submitted or by meeting individually with a study abroad staff member.**

One of the advantages of a faculty-led semester-long program is that the program fees typically cover (in addition to tuition, room and board) international airfare, international medical emergency insurance, program excursions (some of which may be international), cultural activities, etc.

Any **financial aid** that a student receives for studying at Lafayette (with the exception of a work study job and a Residential Advisor job) will automatically be applied to the faculty-led semester-long program; financial aid is capped at Lafayette's cost. For questions regarding financial aid please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 610-330-5055 or financialaid@lafayette.edu.

Airfare

Students participating on Lafayette college faculty-led programs will have their airfare covered by the program fee. This is typically offered in the form of group travel, which is scheduled and pre-paid by the College. Group travel requires that participating students depart and return all at the same time. If a student should need to make separate, individual travel arrangements, he/she should let the Office of International & Off-Campus Education know as early in the application process as possible. If he/she ends up purchasing his/her own ticket, he/she will be reimbursed **only up to the cost of the group airfare.** If the student's separate travel plans should be made after the given deadline, the student will be responsible for the entire cost of the airfare and a cancellation fee may apply.

International Medical Insurance

Lafayette College purchases international **emergency** medical insurance for our students on these programs (at no additional cost to the students). Please see the [medical insurance information webpage](#).

Deposit

At the time of being admitted into a faculty-led semester-long program, students are required to pay a non-refundable deposit. Should a student withdraw from a program for any reason, the deposit will be lost. **Also note that paying the program deposit authorizes Lafayette College to incur expenses on that student's behalf; should a student withdraw from a program for any reason after paying the deposit, he or she will be responsible for any non-recoverable expenses.** These expenses can include (but are not limited to) airfare, housing deposits or fees, registration or application fees charged by the host institution, and partial or full tuition.

Miscellaneous Expenses

Miscellaneous expenses may include passport and visa application fees, textbooks, immunizations, special course fees (see below), personal expenses, and optional travel. **These expenses are typically the responsibility of the student.**

For expenses related to the acquisition of a foreign visa, please be advised that you might need to budget for travel/lodging expenses needed for you to hold a visa interview (some consulates can only be found in select cities, and this may require that you drive to those cities and/or spend the night there). Visa expenses may vary greatly, depending on the destination country.

Supplemental Tuition and Special Course Fees

Please be advised that some programs may charge additional fees for **enrollment in specific departments or courses**; these fees may cover instructional materials, special lab fees, site entrance fees, orientation programs, course-related travel, etc. *These fees are typically not included in the program tuition, and students are responsible for paying them directly to the host program.*

Financial Aid

Any financial aid that a student receives for studying at Lafayette (with the exception of a work-study job and Residential Advisor job) will automatically be applied to the study abroad program; **the amount is capped at Lafayette's cost.** For questions regarding financial aid packages administered by Lafayette, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 610-330-5055 or financialaid@lafayette.edu.

Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants and Awards

Lafayette College awards **a limited number of competitive internal awards** (i.e. David A. Portlock Study Abroad Memorial Prize, Good Global Citizen Award, Jeremy Sax Memorial

Award). The College also assists students in applying for a number of **prestigious and competitive external scholarships**, fellowships, and grants available to students who want to study abroad, including the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships, the Boren Award for International Studies, etc. Please visit [the relevant information page](#) to learn more about these opportunities.

NOTE: Students whose permission to study abroad is revoked due to not meeting academic or disciplinary eligibility requirements any time before and up 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 or the host institution 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 changes in itinerary.

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