

# STUDYING ABROAD & FINANCIAL AID

## Studying Abroad is a great opportunity to enhance your academic and professional growth.

The University of Florida encourages students to participate in the study abroad experience and considers it a valuable part of your college career. **Student Financial Aid and Scholarships (SFA)** and **Study Abroad Services** work together to coordinate the financial aspect of student participation in overseas programs.

Through the **UF International Center (UFIC)**, Study Abroad Services offers a full range of opportunities and programs from which to choose. They help students through every part of the process, from advising to application, to assisting students while abroad, and helping them when they return.

Once you have selected your program, you will need to **carefully examine your financial aid options**. Financial aid advising services are available at Student Financial Aid and Scholarships (SFA). Please email us at [sfa-help@mail.ufl.edu](mailto:sfa-help@mail.ufl.edu) using Study Abroad as the subject line to check your financial aid eligibility and

Satisfactory Academic Progress status as well as to determine if your budget has been received after your Study Abroad Application is approved. The OneStop is open from 9:00am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday (excluding holidays) and via phone at 352-392-2244.

**SFA will use the budget for your selected program to determine your eligibility for financial aid.** Students who participate in university-approved programs may use awards from federal aid programs, state aid programs, and from UF grant and scholarship programs. However, loans are the primary source most students use for funding the additional cost for study abroad.

For more information on financial aid for study abroad programs, visit:

[www.sfa.ufl.edu/additional-study-abroad](http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/additional-study-abroad)

Study Abroad  
Financial Aid



# FINANCIAL AID STUDY ABROAD CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. **Register with the University of Florida International Center's Study Abroad Services** (<https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/study-abroad/getting-started>) to make sure that the budget for your selected program is sent to the financial aid office (SFA).
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. **Submit a FAFSA** ([StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)) if you do not have one on file and would like to be considered for federal grants and loans. The 2024-25 FAFSA for trips in Spring 2025 and Summer 2025 is available now. The 2025-26 FAFSA for trips in Fall 2025, Spring 2026 or Summer 2026 will be available to complete starting December 2024.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. **Financial aid advising services are available at Student Financial Aid and Scholarships (SFA).** Please email us at [sfa-help@mail.ufl.edu](mailto:sfa-help@mail.ufl.edu) using "Study Abroad" as the subject line to check your financial aid eligibility and Satisfactory Academic Progress status as well as to determine if your budget has been received after your Study Abroad Application is approved. The OneStop is open from 9:00am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday (excluding holidays) and via phone at 352-392-2244.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. **Confirm you have sufficient funding to cover your travel expenses until your aid disburses.**
  - Financial aid for a student abroad program that BEGINS BEFORE the regular UF semester's first scheduled financial aid disbursement date will not be disbursed until UF's regular financial disbursements begin for the term.
  - Financial aid for a study abroad program that BEGINS AFTER the UF semester will disburse no earlier than until UF's regular financial aid disbursements begin or 10 days before the first day of study abroad classes if the classes begin after UF's regular term.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. **Accept all awards through your ONE.UF account on your "Awards and Disbursements" page.**
  - First time federal loan borrowers are required to complete Entrance Counseling and a Master Promissory Note online through [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).
  - For institutional loans (SAFE, Ruge, etc), Promissory Notes and loan information packets will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to the start of the semester.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. **Ensure you have no missing documents by checking your ONE.UF To-Do List** at least once a week before you leave the country. Missing information will delay your disbursement. Check with SFA if you have any questions before you leave the country.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. **Sign up for direct deposit** through [ONE.UF](https://one.ufl.edu) if you have not already done so.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. **Complete an online "Student Authorization to Release Financial Information" form** at [ONE.UF](https://one.ufl.edu). Completing this form authorizes our office to discuss your financial aid with a representative you select (for example, a parent) in the event you cannot contact our office personally while you are studying abroad.

