

Financial Aid Study Abroad Policy

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Students wishing to participate in a [Global Studies Department](#) sponsored or approved study abroad program taught by DBU professors may be considered for financial aid. Students wishing to utilize federal financial aid should file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Students must also be enrolled at least half time and be matriculated in a degree program in which all credits earned while in the Global Studies program will be applied to their degree requirements. Students currently receiving financial aid, and maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), are likely eligible for some form of financial assistance for their program abroad.

Students who cannot enroll in regular courses due to unpaid balances will not be able to participate in any DBU Global Studies and/or international program. Before pursuing any Global Studies study abroad and/or international program, participants must satisfy any outstanding balances owed to the University.

What can financial aid pay for?

The following rules and guidance will apply for institutional, federal, or state financial aid eligibility:

Institutional Aid:

For classes taught by DBU professors (current or adjunct):

- Tuition charges will be applied to the student account.
- The standard DBU student and technology fees can still be applied to the DBU student account.
- A Global Studies Program trip fee is designated during the budgeting process for the trip by the trip sponsors. This fee includes airfare, transportation, trip meals and other trip expenses. The trip fee is an additional charge placed on the students account on or around the trip's departure.
- A student's financial aid will remain awarded to the student in accordance with DBU's current financial aid policy. Aid cannot extend beyond the cost of attendance budget.
- Financial Aid can make a budget adjustment for Global Studies trips if a student decides to borrow more (private or parent loan) funds to help with other expenses related to the study abroad trip.

For classes taught by any other institution:

- Depending on the type of Global Studies Program (EX: CCCU study abroad courses) the student's tuition, fees, meal, and board would be charged to the student account. Any other fees would be the student's responsibility, paid to the 3rd party directly.
- Enrollment in a program of study abroad approved for credit by DBU may be considered enrollment at DBU for purposes of applying for federal student financial aid.
- DBU grants and scholarships **cannot be used towards the cost of courses taught by non-DBU faculty.**
- DBU Tuition Remission, Tuition Exchange, and/or other employee benefits cannot be used for any Global Studies trip that is not taught by DBU professors.

Federal Aid:



Students must complete the FAFSA, maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress, and be registered in Title IV credit hours at DBU (half-time for federal loans) to receive TIV aid while on a Global Studies approved trip. (Chapter 2 Volume 2 of FSA Handbook).

State:

- Students are eligible for the Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) if they meet all eligibility requirements established in the TEG Guidelines each year. The student **must** be registered at least $\frac{3}{4}$ time in DBU's Student Service System and DBU **must** be the school to apply tuition charges to the student's account while on the approved trip.

Extraordinary Expenses

Students wishing to include the cost of airfare (when not included in the program) or other **extraordinary expenses** into their cost of attendance budget may do so by completing the Professional Judgment, Cost of Attendance Appeal.

When will aid not be available for Study Abroad?

DBU grants and scholarships (most institutional aid) are **NOT** available towards the cost of courses taught by **non-DBU faculty**.

Disbursement of financial aid

Financial aid awards begin posting to your student account following the last class day to add/drop a class for the semester in which you are enrolled while abroad, regardless of the start date of the program abroad. Students may have to cover some payments (such as airline tickets, student visas, housing deposits, etc.) and tuition costs while waiting for their financial aid to be disbursed.

Refunds

If students are expecting a financial aid in the form of a refund, it is recommended that they set up direct deposit through the DBU Cashier's Office before leaving for the study abroad program. This will allow any financial aid overage to be directly deposited to their bank account instead of having a refund check sent to your permanent address in the United States.

Program Withdrawal

While participating in a Global Studies program, students are subject to the University's withdrawal policies and guidelines. A student who withdraws from a Global Studies program is obligated to inform the DBU Global Studies department in writing in a timely manner and copy the DBU Financial Aid Office.