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To: Prospective Off-Campus Study Students

From: Nancy Combs, Controller

Grinnell College offers students approximately 70 off-campus study programs serving approximately 180 students per year. This letter is to inform you about the policies related to off-campus program charges billed by Grinnell College.

With the exception of the initial deposit, which the student pays directly to the program, Grinnell College pays all program invoices directly and in turn bills students for the remaining balance after financial aid has been applied. The following is a list of off-campus study tuition, fees and other charges billed by Grinnell:

- The tuition of the program you attend or Grinnell's tuition, whichever is greater. Please bear in mind that the comprehensive fee published by some programs may also include charges in addition to tuition, such as room and board, transportation, etc. Grinnell considers only the portion of these fees representing tuition when determining the tuition charge to be billed by Grinnell College. Grinnell bills these fees separately (room and board, transportation, etc.) and not as part of the tuition.
- Off-campus study administrative fee (\$300)
- Grinnell College student health insurance (may be waived)
- Room and board charged by the program
- Transportation, such as airfare, if billed to Grinnell College by the program or paid in advance by Grinnell College
- The Program fee can encompass multiple charges (i.e., room/board and transportation or other expenses charged by program). It is not reduced to itemized expenses and does not include tuition charges.
- Miscellaneous fees if charged by the program (student activity fees, lab fees, local transportation, books, etc.)

The College will bill the student the estimated costs of the program in which the student is enrolled prior to the beginning of the semester. A spreadsheet illustrating **estimated costs** of each program is available online at <http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/financialaid/ocs> . After Grinnell receives the invoice from the program, an adjustment will be made to the student billing to reflect actual charges. Please note that programs differ in the types of charges they bill to Grinnell College. Personal expenses above and beyond actual program costs are not included by any program in program charges billed to the College and are entirely the responsibility of the student.

The following example is an illustration of an itemized bill from Grinnell College for a student studying off-campus for one semester:

Itemized Detail:	Amount:	Totals:
Grinnell College Tuition (2011-12)	\$19,625.00	
Grinnell College Handling Fee	\$300.00	
Grinnell College Health Insurance	\$850.00	
Room & Board (charged Grinnell by Program)	\$3,500.00	
Airfare (charged Grinnell by Program)	\$1,000.00	
Miscellaneous (charged Grinnell by Program)	\$500.00	
Total Charges		\$25,775.00
Credits: Sample Student Aid Package		
Trustee Honor Scholarship	\$5,000.00	
National Merit Scholarship	\$500.00	
Pell Grant	\$1,875.00	
Grinnell Grant	\$2,500.00	
Stafford Loan	\$2,750.00	
Total Credits		\$12,625.00
Estimated Balance Due		\$13,150.00

#### **FINANCIAL AID:**

Students approved for off-campus study (OCS) programs who wish to receive aid must complete the same financial aid forms as students intending to remain on campus. All financial aid deadlines and requirements still apply.

Grinnell makes every effort to meet student's demonstrated institutional need for off-campus study. However, based on the comprehensive cost associated with attending an off-campus program, students may have to borrow additional funds or contribute more than they would if they remained on campus.

All questions pertaining to financial aid should be addressed to the Office of Student Financial Aid at (641) 269-3250.

If you have other questions, please contact the Office of the Cashier at (641) 269-4100.