

PAYING FOR OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

Financial Aid

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. Awards for the fall semester are generally mailed in June, and adjustments to awards for the spring semester are mailed in November.

Students planning to attend OCS programs other than Grinnell-in-London, Grinnell-in Washington, ACM or IES programs must provide budget information from the program to the Office of Student Financial Aid as soon as possible. Budgets generally include allowances for tuition, fees, room, board, textbooks, personal expenses and transportation. Need-based awards cannot be determined until budget information is obtained.

The family contribution is determined by using the same federal and institutional formulas for on campus and OCS programs. 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.

How is Aid Awarded for Off-campus Study?

❖ Students receiving only merit assistance

- ◇ Examples of merit aid: Trustee Honor Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship, Phillip L. or Paul Burgett Scholarship and Bowen Scholarship.
- ◇ These scholarships can be used for OCS, but they cannot be increased to reflect increased costs.
- ◇ With regard to the Office of Student Financial Aid, there is nothing additional you need to do in order to receive assistance while abroad.

❖ Students receiving tuition remission through the ACM, GLCA or Grinnell College

- ◇ These benefits are only applied to the Grinnell-in-London and Grinnell-in-Washington programs.

❖ International students receiving aid

- ◇ International grants, scholarships and loans can be used for OCS, but cannot be increased to reflect increased costs.
- ◇ These awards will be adjusted (reduced) if the program costs are less than the amount awarded to the student for the off-campus study program.
- ◇ With regard to the Office of Student Financial Aid, there is nothing additional you need to do in order to receive assistance while abroad.

❖ Students with campus employment as part of their aid package

- ◇ Students are not permitted to work abroad.
- ◇ Federal Work-study eligibility may be replaced by loans.
- ◇ Students with Campus Employment Eligibility or Grinnell Work-study may need to earn additional money during the summer or breaks to cover the amount normally earned on campus.

❖ **Students with need-based aid**

- ◇ Examples of need-based aid: Grinnell Grant, Federal Pell Grant, Iowa Tuition Grant, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan, Federal Work-Study.

The following example illustrates how need-based aid eligibility is determined using 2008-09 cost information for two programs in London:

	<i>On-Campus</i>	<i>Fordam University</i>	<i>Grinnell in London</i>
Cost:	(4) 23100	28691	28124
Less: Expected Family Contribution	10000	10000	10000
Equals: Need or Eligibility for Aid	13100	18691	18124
Less: Additional Loan or Family Contribution - for more Expensive programs	N/A	(3) 3219	N/A
Equals: Adjusted need used to determine additional gift and loan assistance	13100	15472	18124
Aid:			
Grant:	11000	13372	16024
Loan:	(1) 1000	*5319	**2100
Work:	(2) 1100	0	0
Total Aid:	13100	18691	18124

*Loan: (1) \$1,000 initial loan + (2) \$1,100 initial work + (3) \$3,219

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(4) Estimated On-campus Cost: Tuition \$17,466 + Fees \$248 + Room \$1,919 + Board \$2,217 + Personal Expenses \$550 + Books \$450 + Transportation \$250 = \$23,100

Additional Information:

- ❖ Estimated program cost information for 2008 -09 is provided on the Off-Campus Study website at www.grinnell.edu/offices/ocs/programs. Please be sure to review both the Cost Information for Families spreadsheet and the Supplement to the Cost Information for Families Spreadsheet.
- ❖ Aid will not exceed the cost of attending an off-campus study program under any circumstance
- ❖ Students are not eligible for financial aid through Grinnell College to attend a program which is not approved by the OCS Board nor is Grinnell responsible for notifying lenders that students have enrolled elsewhere
- ❖ All questions pertaining to financial aid should be addressed to the Office of Student Financial Aid at (641) 269-3250

Program Fees

Payment of Program Fees

1. **Advance deposits.** You will need to pay the **\$200** Grinnell College return-semester deposit that is required of all students. In addition to this deposit, when you receive the acceptance letter from your off-campus program, the program will require a separate deposit to hold your place. You are responsible for paying the program deposit directly to your program.
2. **Tuition & Fees.** Grinnell will charge its own tuition and fees for any student enrolling in an off-campus study program for which tuition is equal to or less than Grinnell's tuition. Grinnell will charge students the actual tuition of the off-campus program where tuition exceeds that of Grinnell. Room, board and other miscellaneous charges billed by the program to Grinnell College will appear as charges on the student's account, in addition to tuition. A handling fee of \$300 will also be charged.
3. **College Billing.** Some total program costs may vary due to fluctuation in the exchange rate and are subject to change without notice.

The college billing procedure for an off-campus semester is essentially the same as for a semester on campus. Bills will arrive as they normally would the last week of June and the last week of November. The invoice from the College will list Grinnell's tuition, or the program tuition, whichever is greater, a handling fee, and room, board or other fees charged by the program. Estimated program charges will be reflected in the Grinnell billing statement. Once a statement is received from the program, Grinnell will send a revised billing statement if adjustments are needed. Any credits which are applicable, such as financial aid, program deposits, or subsidies will also be included. The Grinnell College Cashier will pay the off-campus study program upon receipt of an invoice.

Payment is due Grinnell College at the same time as for any on-campus semester. Those who have selected the monthly payment plan may continue to use this plan for an off-campus semester and the payments will be adjusted accordingly.

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