

# STUDY ABROAD BUDGET WORKSHEET

To determine the approximate total cost of your study abroad program, consider your budget for the items listed below. *This is a list of possible expenses and is not meant to be all-inclusive. While this is a good tool to review expenses, we are not able to guarantee that this will be the final cost as many items are estimates.*

## **Possible Costs PRIOR to Studying Abroad** (not charged to USI Bursar account)

### **Passport**

Check the U.S. Department of State website for new/renewal application instructions and fees for U.S. citizens. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the program end date.

( \$ \_\_\_\_\_ )

### **Student Visa**

Each country has different visa fees and procedures that can change at any time. Check the Consulate website of the host country for specific costs.

( \$ \_\_\_\_\_ )

### **Round-trip Flight**

Budget \$800 - \$2,200 depending on destination. Check airline website for extra baggage fees. Review student travel websites, such as StudentUniverse, for student-discounted flights.

( \$ \_\_\_\_\_ )

### **Health Insurance/Immunizations**

Check your program for health insurance and/or immunization requirements.

( \$ \_\_\_\_\_ )

### **Travel Gear**

Backpack, first aid kit, money/passport neck wallet, adapter, rain/snow gear, etc.

( \$ \_\_\_\_\_ )

### **Program Application Fee (Select Programs Only)**

Your application with your program provider/host institution usually requires an application fee. Check their website for exact amount.

( \$ \_\_\_\_\_ )

## **Possible Costs PRIOR or During Studying Abroad Cont.** (charged to USI Bursar account)

### **Study Abroad Program Fees**

This is the program fee charged by the study abroad partner or through the faculty-led program. This includes housing for most programs and meals for some.

( \$ \_\_\_\_\_ )

### **Course Fees**

Some courses require additional fees for materials, excursions, or labs that are not included in your Study Abroad Program Fee.

( \$ \_\_\_\_\_ )

### **USI Fees**

All programs have a USI study abroad fee of \$300. The University Services Fee and the Technology fees are still charged by USI while you are abroad. Some programs also charge USI tuition in addition to the program fee, particularly faculty-led programs.

( \$ \_\_\_\_\_ )

**Room & Board Costs (Select Programs Only)**

Students attending certain partner programs pay room and board costs to the study abroad partner. Examples are programs in the Pacific, or upgrades to the standard housing options. Review the partner program website for estimates.

[ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ]

**Possible Costs WHILE Abroad (not charged to USI Bursar account)**

**Local Transportation**

Varies by location and city size. Budget \$10 - \$30 per week.

[ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ]

**Meals**

If a meal plan is not included in the program, budget \$75 - \$150 per week for groceries. Buying groceries and cooking tends to be cheaper than eating out at restaurants.

[ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ]

**Textbooks**

Estimate what you would normally spend on books each semester. Inquire if textbooks are free to check out at the host institution library.

[ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ]

**Daily Living & Local Cultural Activities**

Suggested budget of \$50 - \$200 per week. Understand what is included in your program such as laundry and cell phone plans abroad. Check [www.expatisan.com](http://www.expatisan.com) for cost-of-living comparisons. Many programs include free weekly cultural activities and trips that can help you save money.

[ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ]

**Independent Travel and Additional Spending Money**

Take into account independent travel within host country and to other cities and countries.

[ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ]

**TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES:**

[ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ]

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**Study Abroad Scholarships**

The Center for International Programs offers scholarships for study abroad. Review options and eligibility at <https://www.usi.edu/international/study-abroad/steps-to-study-abroad/research-funding-options>.

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