Finance & Billing

Many students and families have concerns about the costs for studying off-campus. The information below outlines the basic guidelines to consider when estimating costs and meeting financial obligations for off-campus study.

Costs

All Bucknell students who are studying off-campus will be responsible for paying the cost of Bucknell tuition for that semester, regardless of their chosen off-campus study program or provider. In addition to the cost of Bucknell tuition, students are also responsible for all non-tuition costs associated with their chosen program, such as room, board, passport, visa, transportation, books, application and deposit fees, personal travel, etc. Students should check the details of each program for an explanation of fees.

Participation in a “Bucknell approved” program will require payment of all non-tuition fees directly to the education abroad partner. Payment amounts and due dates for these fees are based solely on the education abroad partner schedule and they are not the responsibility of Bucknell University. Students studying in a “Bucknell approved” program will be granted a minimal “tuition credit” to assist in subsidizing non-tuition program fees.

Additional costs associated with “Bucknell in” programs vary, based upon program and location. Students participating in these programs will pay fees directly to Bucknell University, based on the university-scheduled due dates. In exchange for paying the cost of Bucknell tuition, students will receive the following services: life-cycle support from their Global Education Advisor and the Office of Global & Off-campus Education, which includes pre-departure planning; application assistance; academic counseling; assistance with transfer of credit process upon return; health, security and safety training and assistance; and re-entry programming. Additionally, our students maintain their status as fully registered Bucknell Students, which includes: the ability to utilize financial aid packages while abroad; access to Bucknell University computer networks and programs; the ability to return to Bucknell housing upon return from studying abroad; and guaranteed transfer of credits to be used toward their Bucknell degree programs.

Financial Aid

In general, students who are currently eligible for Financial Aid, will continue to maintain their aid package while studying off-campus in “Bucknell approved provider” programs. However, students who are currently participating in work study will not be eligible to participate in this program while studying off-campus. For specific questions related to your Financial Aid package, and how this might impact your decision to study off-campus, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at: finaid@bucknell.edu or 570-577-1331.

Tuition Payment Plan

Families participating in the monthly payment plan with Tuition Management Systems, may continue to do so while their student is studying off-campus. After reviewing approved program provider costs, it may be necessary for families to adjust their payment plan. For specific questions related to TMS, please contact them at 1-800-722-4867. You may also contact Bursar Services at: bursar@bucknell.edu or 570-577-3733.

Tuition Refund Insurance

Bucknell University does not currently offer tuition refund insurance; however, we encourage you to consider purchasing tuition refund insurance from one of the many commercially available providers.

For additional information regarding financial policies and billing procedures, please contact the Office of Global & Off-campus Education at 570-577-3796 or globaled@bucknell.edu.