Off-Campus/Study Abroad: A Guide for Parents

The Office of Global & Off-campus Education (OGOE) facilitates first-rate off-campus study opportunities that accommodate a range of disciplines and include diverse regions of the world. The OGOE works with students and faculty to identify and promote programs that support Bucknell University’s educational goals.

Types of programs available to Bucknell students for study off-campus
♦ Bucknell-in Programs: These unique programs are facilitated by Bucknell departments and faculty:
   - Bucknell in Athens
   - Bucknell en España
   - Bucknell in France
   - Bucknell in Ghana

♦ Bucknell-Approved Programs (Education Abroad Partners): Students can choose from over 400 programs facilitated by educational partners (private organizations, universities, and consortia), which have been approved by Bucknell University as off-campus study options. Internship and field study programs are also available.

♦ Bucknell Exchange Programs: These programs are established direct student exchange programs between Bucknell University and foreign partner universities in: England, China (Hong Kong), France, and Ghana.

♦ Bucknell-in Summer Programs: Bucknell faculty currently offer many approved summer programs, running for 3 - 8 weeks. Not all programs run every summer. Current information on Bucknell-in summer programs can be found on the Global Education webpage.

Eligibility
♦ Student must be a fully registered, on-campus student the semester prior to their off-campus/study abroad semester.
♦ Student must be a junior or first-semester senior. A maximum of 2 semesters may be spent studying off-campus.
♦ Student must have a GPA in good standing and should have a history of good conduct and citizenship with Bucknell.
♦ Any and all alcohol violations will be evaluated as approval is considered.

Health and Safety Issues
♦ Health and safety are important aspects of the off-campus study experience. In conjunction with program providers and key university crisis management personnel, Global Education monitors general world health and safety conditions, as well as specific country reports for all approved programs. Emergency protocols have been written at Bucknell for all levels of crisis. In the event of an emergency, Bucknell and the education abroad partners will work together to implement appropriate protocols. Additionally, Global Education facilitates mandatory pre-departure orientation sessions for students to discuss health, safety, and security issues, as well as cultural competency, to keep them safe and enhance their study abroad experience.

Financing Off-Campus/Study Abroad
♦ All Bucknell students who are studying off-campus/abroad will be responsible for paying the cost of Bucknell tuition during their off-campus study, regardless of their chosen program or education abroad partner. In addition to the tuition costs associated with the program, students will be responsible for paying all other non-tuition fees, such as: room, meals, application and deposit fees, visa, passport, transportation, books, and all other miscellaneous costs.
♦ Due to travel and currency differentials, additional costs for off-campus study vary based upon the chosen program and location. In order to assist students and families in determining the affordability of off-campus study, please visit: http://www.bucknell.edu/info-about-attending-bucknell/academics-at-bucknell/global-and-off-campus-education/finance-and-billing.html, for finance and billing details.

Withdrawal Policy for Semester & Full Academic Year Programs
This policy governs a student’s withdrawal from an off-campus/study abroad program, for any reason, once their program acceptance has been released. Please note that refunds of Bucknell University tuition will be subject to the University refund policy. All tuition refund dates are based on the Bucknell University academic calendar, regardless of the off-campus program start date. The complete policy can be found at: https://www.bucknell.edu/Documents/InternationalEducation/ParentForms/WithdrawalPolicy.pdf

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 programs. However, students who are currently participating in work study will not be eligible to participate in this program while studying off-campus. To discuss details of your personal 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 570-577-1221