
Insurance Abroad

Medical and Accident Insurance Coverage

Bucknell University requires that all full-time undergraduates, whether on campus or on a university-approved study program, have domestic medical insurance. In addition to their domestic medical insurance, students must also be enrolled in medical coverage while abroad.

“Bucknell in” Programs

Students attending a “Bucknell in” program will automatically be enrolled in the Bucknell University Global Medical Insurance Policy for the duration of the program. The Bucknell University Global Medical Policy is a comprehensive medical plan, but, it will not take the place of a student’s domestic coverage. Students must remain enrolled in their domestic insurance plan while abroad.

University Approved Programs

Students enrolled in a University approved study program (non-Bucknell University programs) will need to investigate the global medical policy provided by the program. Each of our program providers will require students to enroll in a global medical policy while attending the program. However, the policies and coverage will vary by program. It is the student’s responsibility to investigate their provider’s policy to ensure it will meet their individual medical needs.

Medical Treatment While Abroad

If your student requires medical treatment while abroad, contact your insurance provider as soon as possible for the steps you will need to process a claim. Please be sure to prepare by taking claim forms with you should it be necessary to file a claim while abroad. It is essential that your student retains all treatment records and receipts for submission to the insurance provider for reimbursement. Please be aware that hospitals and doctors in many countries require patients to pay for services at the time of treatment, and, in many cases, do not accept credit cards as payment.

Personal Property Insurance

Inquire if your current homeowners’ insurance policy will cover your student’s personal property while they are abroad. Be sure to ask whether this coverage extends to jewelry, laptops, and other items they plan to take with them. If not, you should consider purchasing a policy to cover their personal belongings.