

STUDY ABROAD FINANCIAL AID POLICY

Financial Aid for Study Abroad (effective January 1, 2004)

A William Jewell student may apply WJC financial aid to one overseas study experience during a four-year undergraduate career. One experience means either a semester or two consecutive semesters (one full year) of study in one single overseas study program. One semester of study in each of two different programs constitutes two, not one, overseas experiences. In the event a student's degree programs (major and/or minor) each require overseas study in two different foreign languages, financial aid can apply toward two consecutive semesters of study in two different programs, i.e. International Business/French major and Spanish major. Under no circumstances will financial aid apply toward more than two consecutive semesters (one full year) of study.

Almost all kinds of aid can apply toward overseas study. One exception, of course, is Federal Work-Study, which is not available overseas. Another exception is tuition remission, which applies to overseas study only for dependents of William Jewell College faculty and staff members hired before July 1, 1993. Generally, financial aid is available to fifth-year students. Limited aid is available for summer programs.

William Jewell scholarships apply in our programs overseas. Participation awards are also honored in our programs if a student received the award in the semester prior to overseas study and either (1) graduates at the end of the overseas program or (2) resumes participation in the semester of return to the WJC campus. Participation scholarships and grants are usually related to athletics, art, music, communication and modern language.

When evaluating the total financial aid for which you qualify The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Services will consider any extra expenses involved in an overseas study program. Increased need may qualify a student for additional loans.

The Financial Aid and Scholarship Services staff will be glad to answer questions about financial aid programs and payment options to help you finance overseas study. Consult the Office of Student Financial Planning for specific questions.

Further Information (available from August 1, 2005)

William Jewell College aims to make at least one study abroad experience financially feasible for all students. Most institutional financial aid (awards from William Jewell) and non-institutional financial aid (awards from other sources) used to study at William Jewell College during the academic year also can be used to study with college-sponsored programs. Unless a student's major requires more than one study abroad experience, both institutional and non-institutional financial aid may apply toward only one experience of any length. Depending upon the program cost (tuition, room and board, other required charges) and program budget (the program cost plus extra expenses like airfare, books and supplies), non-institutional aid may be increased and/or institutional aid may be reduced. For institutional aid that can be renewed, students will not receive a greater proportion toward program tuition than they receive toward William Jewell College tuition. Students considering study abroad should discuss their options with the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Services.