

Study Abroad Budget Worksheet

(Semester Programs)

Review the information listed below to help you prepare financially for your semester abroad.
 (NOTE: This is a list of potential expenses and is not meant to be all-inclusive.)

Study Abroad Location: _____

Semester Abroad: _____

Siena Costs
<p>Tuition</p> <p><i>Students pay Siena tuition when they study abroad. This cost remains the same for all students.</i></p>
<p>Housing</p> <p><i>All students (i.e. residents and commuters) studying abroad pay standard room rate to Siena, approximately equivalent to Padua Hall.</i></p>
<p>Meals</p> <p><i>Students pay standard meal rate to Siena (approximately equivalent to 15 meals per week), if meals are included in their semester abroad. If no meals are included, students should estimate \$75-\$100 per week for meal costs.</i></p>
<p>Financial Aid</p> <p><i>Remember! Your financial aid package (including scholarships, grants, loans, etc.) will travel with you and continue to apply to your Siena bill. If you have specific questions about your financial aid package, you should check in with the Office of Financial Aid for further assistance.</i></p>

Estimated Out-Of-Pocket Costs	
<p>Application Fee</p> <p><i>Application fees vary by program. Check the Siena Abroad course on Canvas for details on your specific program.</i></p>	
<p>Refundable Deposit, if applicable</p> <p><i>Any refundable deposits (such as a damage deposit for housing) is most often your responsibility to pay. You may chat with your study abroad advisor if you have specific questions.</i></p>	
<p>Passport</p> <p><i>Check the U.S. Department of State website for new passport / renewal application instructions for U.S. citizens. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the end of your study abroad semester(s).</i></p>	
<p>Student Visa</p> <p><i>Student visas grant you stay in your host country during the semester(s) abroad. Every country has different visa fees and procedures, which may change at any given time. Be sure to review the Siena Abroad course on Canvas for updated information on applying for a student visa and follow all instructions provided by your study abroad program. Visa fees can range from \$0 - \$500. You should additionally factor in external costs, such as travel to / from your host country's Consulate (if an in-person appointment is required) and shipping costs (if your visa will be mailed back to you).</i></p>	
<p>Airfare</p> <p><i>Airfare to / from your host country is your responsibility. Depending on your destination and travel plans (i.e. one round-trip ticket or two one-way tickets), estimate a budget of \$700 - \$2200. Check airline information for extra baggage fees. Look for student discounted flights through websites such as StudentUniverse and STA Travel.</i></p>	
<p>Local Transportation</p> <p><i>Passes for local transportation (i.e. subway, bus) may or may not be included in your program. If not, budget \$10 - \$50 per week depending on where you are going and how much commuting you will be doing.</i></p>	
<p>Textbooks / Course Supplies</p> <p><i>Textbook costs vary widely, and may not cost much (if anything) depending on your program.</i></p>	
<p>Cell Phone</p>	

Cell phone costs depend on your own preferences. Your study abroad program will likely suggest a few options for international calls / texts and data. Plans can range from \$10 - \$75 per month.	
Personal Expenses	
Take into account personal travel within and outside of your host country, any meals not included (including those on holidays, breaks, and lunches while not with your host family), shopping, etc.	
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Random costs do pop up. These may include: laundry costs, immunizations (depending on your host country - check with your physician or healthcare provider for more information), and foreign transaction fees (either with your credit / debit card or using an ATM - check with your bank for more information).	
International Insurance, if applicable	
Insurance provides you with basic emergency and medical health coverage while abroad. This is required for some students where coverage is not already provided. Coverage will be purchased by the Center for International Programs for \$35 and billed to your Siena fee bill. For further details, review the Siena Abroad course on Canvas.	
TOTAL OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS	\$

Tips for Budgeting Abroad:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ATM and foreign transaction fees can add up quickly. Chat with your bank and do your research on whether it's easier to use cash or card abroad. 2. It's a little too easy to spend money while studying abroad. Keep an active budget by living like the locals do - especially since they know how to save money in their culture! 3. Taxis, Ubers and Lyfts will burn through your money way too fast. Go for local transportation, as it's the most cost-effective way to travel.

Funding and Scholarships:
In addition to your financial aid package at Siena, there are many scholarships and funding opportunities available for study abroad. These require research and work to obtain, but they pay off for sure! Check out our Funding page for details on some of the opportunities available!