

About your **grades**

Historically, grades for study abroad programs are slow in being reported to the UWL Records and Registration Office. This can sometimes cause a problem with satisfying the Pace component (67% rule) of the UWL Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy for Financial Aid.

Study abroad credits are considered as credits attempted but not earned until the UWL Records and Registration Office posts the passing grades. Until your study abroad credits transfer back to UWL, you may become in violation of the Pace component (67% rule) of the UWL Satisfactory Academic Progress policy.

If you are not meeting the Pace component of SAP, you will be placed on financial aid 'Warning' for one semester. You will be eligible to receive financial aid during your 'Warning' semester. By the end of your 'Warning' semester, you must be meeting all aspects of the SAP policy in order to be back in good standing for financial aid. If you are still not meeting all aspects of the SAP policy at the end of your 'Warning' semester, you will be placed on financial aid 'Suspension' and must complete the financial aid appeal process for financial aid reinstatement.

If you are on either financial aid 'Warning' or 'Suspension' when the study abroad grades are transferred and posted, you must notify the UWL Financial Aid Office with another Appeal Form and a copy of the updated UWL transcript. If the posted grades put you back in compliance with the UWL SAP policy, you will be placed back in good standing for financial aid.

A copy of the UWL Satisfactory Academic Progress policy for Financial Aid is available upon request from the UWL Financial Aid Office, or on the UWL Financial Aid website: www.uwlax.edu/finaid/understand-SAP.

STUDY Abroad OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarships and Awards

National Scholarships

Gilman Scholarship: <https://gilmanapplication.iie.org>

Boren Award: www.borenawards.org

Fund For Education Abroad:
<http://fundforeducationabroad.org>

Generation Study Abroad Travel Awards: www.iie.org/en/Programs/Generation-Study-Abroad/UtilityNav/Funding

UWL Scholarships

Foundation Scholarships - Specific to study abroad:
<https://uwlax.academicworks.com>

I-Engage Scholarship: www.uwlax.edu/international-education/scholarships

Provider Program Scholarships

API Scholarships: www.apistudyabroad.com/students/financial-information/scholarships

CEA Scholarships: www.ceastudyabroad.com/financial-options/cea-scholarships

CIEE Scholarships: www.ciee.org/study-abroad/scholarships-grants

The Financial Aid Office also has an allocation for need-based study abroad scholarships. For general scholarships as well as scholarships specific to study abroad, be sure to also check out the Scholarship Resource Center www.uwlax.edu/scholarships.



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Financial Aid is available for UWL Study Abroad Opportunities

Even if you have not received student financial aid in the past, you may want to consider applying for financial aid, including educational loans, for the period of your study abroad.



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Applying for financial aid through UW-La Crosse

- 1 File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov as early as possible. It is available in October for the following academic year. Complete summer school application, if needed.
- 2 Complete all other documents requested by the UW-La Crosse Financial Aid Office (FAO).
- 3 When completing the necessary paperwork for International Education & Engagement (IEE), indicate that you intend to receive financial aid. The IEE will send the cost to attend information to the FAO on your behalf. (FAO will not request this from IEE.)

Am I eligible?

- In most cases, you are eligible for the same types of aid that you would be eligible for if attending on campus (except work study).
- You must be a degree-seeking and at least half-time student (six credits per semester or for the summer session). Some less than half-time students may be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant.
- Any amount of Federal Direct Loan borrowed in the summer will reduce the amount of Federal Direct Loan available for the following academic year.
- Visit www.uwlax.edu/studyabroad or www.uwlax.edu/international-education (choose study abroad from the menu) for more information regarding financial aid as it relates to study abroad.

When will funds be disbursed?

UWL cannot release any financial aid earlier than the start of the UWL term that your financial aid is processed for.

If you are leaving prior to the disbursement of your financial aid, you will need to arrange for alternative funding, if necessary, until the financial aid can be disbursed. It is your responsibility to ensure that your financial obligations are taken care of while you are abroad.

We recommend that you grant Power of Attorney to a contact person (parent). Completing the appropriate legal Power of Attorney documentation allows the contact person to take care of any unanticipated financial affairs while you are out of the country, including issues related to your financial aid. A copy of Power of Attorney should be sent to the Financial Aid Office.

Funds are applied directly to your university bill. If your financial aid exceeds your balance due, a refund will be issued to you. Go to your WINGS Student Center and under the Finances tab, select Student Choice Refund. Submit the requested information to have your refund directly deposited in your personal bank account.

QUESTIONS?

Questions that you have concerning the financial aid process for study abroad can be directed to **Ka Lia Smith** in the UW-La Crosse Financial Aid Office, 215 Graff Main Hall. If you are off campus, email ksmith@uwlax.edu. Be sure to include your student ID number in your email.

Study Abroad Opportunities for non-UWL students:

If you want to participate in a UWL study abroad program, but are seeking a degree from another institution, you **MUST** talk to the Financial Aid Office (FAO) at your home campus about doing a **consortium agreement** (an agreement between the FAO at UWL and the FAO at your home institution).

The consortium agreement will enable you to receive financial aid processed by the FAO at your home campus for enrolling in a study abroad program at UW-L.

In addition, if you are participating in a consortium agreement, you should contact the change servicer of your previous student loans and request paperwork to defer those loans. Your home school will not report you as enrolled and you may enter a "repayment status" on previous loans if you do not complete the required loan deferment paperwork.