

## Study Abroad Funding Options

### Step 1: Learning About the Programs

Please begin researching opportunities and speak to an advisor in the Office of International Relations, at least 5-7 months before wanting to depart for study abroad. The Office of International Relations is located in the Smith-Pendergraft Campus Center 205.

Visit <https://uafs.edu/admissions/international/study-abroad/index.php> to learn more or email [international@uafs.edu](mailto:international@uafs.edu). You may also phone (479) 788-7267 to schedule an appointment.

### Step 2: Student Financial Aid Information

Once you have determined the program of interest and the costs associated with the program, it is a good idea to visit with the Office of Financial Aid & Veteran's Benefits to determine financial assistance options.

Program	UAFS Faculty-Led	UAFS Partner Exchange (Fall/Spring)	Independent Study Abroad Not Approved UAFS Program	
UAFS Study Abroad Program	YES	YES	YES	
Residence Credit vs. Transfer Credit	Residence Credit	Transfer Credit	Potentially Transfer Credit	
Type of Enrollment at UAFS	Standard	Standard	None	
Counts toward Academic Scholarship Renewal for Hours/GPA	Yes	See Note Below	NO	
UAFS Charges for Tuition/Fees	YES	YES	NO	
Eligible for Financial Aid	Federal Aid	YES	YES	NO
	State (ADHE)	YES	YES	NO
	UAFS Scholarships	Summer: NO Fall/SPR: YES	YES	NO

	Office of International Relations	YES	YES	NO
	Private Funds	YES	YES	YES

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Note: Residence transfer credits may be included in the number of hours earned for academic scholarship renewal but will not be factored into the student's GPA. To be counted toward renewal, hours must be earned during an eligible term per the applicable academic scholarship policy.

### Step 3: Financial Aid Requirements

Questions regarding Study Abroad Scholarships should be directed to the Office of International Relations.

Questions regarding federal, state, institutional scholarships (other than Study Abroad) and private sources of financial assistance should be directed to the Office of Financial Aid & Veteran's Benefits located in the Smith-Pendergraft Campus Center 215 or by phone at (479) 788-7090.

Before federal aid eligibility may be determined, the Financial Aid office must receive:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Cost information for the trip from the Office of International Relations.

### Step 4: Disbursement of Financial Aid Funds

Study Abroad/Away costs are associated with the specific term in which you enroll for the trip. All financial aid will be disbursed based on the scheduled disbursement date for that term. This means you will need to plan for any deposits that are due prior to the disbursement of financial aid. In addition, you may leave for the trip before the funds disburse. We recommend you sign up for direct deposit so you will have access to your funds as soon as possible.

### Step 5: After the Trip

At the end of each term the Office of Financial Aid & Veteran's Benefits will check satisfactory academic progress on all grades received to date. It is important that you follow up with the Registrar or Office of International Relations to ensure your grades are posted. The Satisfactory Progress Policy may be found at:

<https://uafs.edu/tuition-and-aid/financial-aid/sap.php>