

Study Abroad and Financial Assistance at UCA

Step 1: Learning About the Programs

Students are encouraged to meet with a peer advisor to learn more about study abroad opportunities in the Office of Study Abroad located in Torreyson Library 109. Students may visit <http://uca.edu/studyabroad/> to learn more. Students may also email studyabroad@uca.edu, or call 450-3646 to schedule an appointment.

Step 2: Financial Aid Information

Once the student has determined the program of interest and the costs associated with the program, it is a good idea to stop by the Office of Student Financial Aid and visit with staff to determine financial aid options available. Different types of aid (grants, scholarships, loans) have different rules, called eligibility criteria to determine who may receive the funds.

Program	UCA Study Abroad Program	Residence Credit vs. Transfer Credit	Type of Enrollment at UCA	Counts toward Academic Scholarship Renewal for Hours/GPA	UCA Charges for Tuition/Fees	Eligible for Financial Aid (assuming standard eligibility criteria are met)				
						Federal (Title IV)	State (ADHE)	UCA Academic/Departmental Scholarship	Office of Study Abroad Scholarship	Private Scholarship
UCA Faculty-Led	Yes	Residence Credit	Standard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
UCA Language Immersion	Yes	Residence Credit (Transfer)	UCAC	See Note Below	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
UCA Partner Exchange (Fall/Spring)	Yes	Residence Credit (Transfer)	UCAS	See Note Below	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Honors College Independent Study Course	Yes	Residence Credit	Standard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
UCA Partner Direct Enroll	Yes	Residence Credit (Transfer)	UCAC	See Note Below	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Independent Study Abroad Not Approved UCA Program	No	Not-Residence Credit	None	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

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 have been 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 Study Abroad.

Questions regarding federal, state, institutional scholarships (other than Study Abroad) and private sources of financial aid should be directed to the Office of Student Financial Aid located in Harrin Hall, Suite 200 or by phone at (501) 450-3140

Before federal aid eligibility may be determined, the Financial Aid Study Abroad Coordinator must receive:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Cost information for the trip from the Study Abroad Office. The cost information will include airfare, tuition, room accommodation, food, international insurance, transportation and anything else associated with the course. It will not include costs for extra-curricular activities.
- If you plan to use student loan funds there may be additional requirements to complete such as loan counseling and signing a master promissory note.
- If you participate in a summer trip you will need to complete a separate financial aid data form which is available in late February. Summer aid will disburse sometime in May after the spring term.

Step 4: Disbursement of Financial Aid Funds

Study abroad 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 particular term. This means that 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.

There are situations where some students have financial aid eligibility in a term prior to the study abroad term and therefore might be able to receive some scholarship or loan funds based on that term's cost. Any counselor in the financial aid office may review your aid package and make that determination.

Step 5: After the Trip

At the end of each term the Office of Student Financial Aid will check satisfactory academic progress on all grades received to date. It is important that you follow up with the Study Abroad Office to ensure your grades are posted. The Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy is posted on the UCA Financial Aid Home Page under Policies.