MEMORANDUM

TO:  STUDENTS PLANNING TO STUDY OFF-CAMPUS AND THEIR PARENTS

From:  Dana Kennedy, Director

Re:  Financial Aid for Off-Campus Study

Students participating in off-campus study programs endorsed by Wooster remain registered at the College in absentia and all of their financial aid (except, of course, work-study) can support their off-campus study expenses: merit scholarships, need-based grants, federal and state aid; private educational loans; prepaid tuition plan withdrawals, etc. Need-based aid applicants should complete their Wooster aid application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as normal.

Please be sure that you understand the College billing policy, explained in the “FEES AND BILLING FOR OFF-CAMPUS STUDY PROGRAMS” policy statement from the Business Office. Financial aid is credited to the charges on your student account just as though you were on campus:

- Wooster merit scholarship amounts remain unchanged.
- Need-based aid eligibility is initially determined according to on-campus costs, but it can be revised at the student’s request to reflect higher off-campus educational expenses.
- Revisions of need-based aid for a program’s higher educational costs use the same five basic elements as for study on campus—Wooster’s tuition charge (unless the program tuition is higher); the program charge or published estimate for room & board; and reasonable allowances for books, personal expenses, and travel.
- Wooster grant aid cannot be increased for programs which cost more than remaining on campus, but when possible a student’s federal loan eligibility will be expanded to help cover these higher costs.
- If credited aid (including educational loans) and family payments to the business office create a credit balance, the student may request a refund from the business office to use for travel and personal expenses not included on the account.

Students participating in programs not endorsed by Wooster are not enrolled at the College and are therefore ineligible for aid through us (including federal student loans). They should make all of their financial arrangements directly with the non-endorsed program itself, including the possibility of financial aid directly from that program.

Whenever you have questions about financial aid for off-campus study, please contact us.