
THE COLLEGE OF
WOOSTER

MEMORANDUM

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

From: David Miller, Director

Re: Financial Aid for Off-Campus Study

Students participating in **off-campus study programs endorsed by Wooster** (including those especially approved by the Dean of the Faculty) 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 note their off-campus study program on the Wooster aid application and complete 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. In recent years we have found that many off-campus study programs cost students (and their parents) more than remaining on campus. Financial aid is credited to the charges on your student account as follows:

- Wooster merit scholarship amounts remain unchanged.
- Need-based aid eligibility is determined according to the cost to the student of each off-campus study program, so aid may differ from what she or he would have received for study on campus.
- For need-based aid, in determining a program’s total educational costs we 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.
- *To make certain that we know off-campus program costs fully, the student should provide us with current information from the program.*
- 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 receives a refund 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 possibly financial aid directly from that program.

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