

Expenses, Fees, Charges, and Aid for Interim Off-Campus Programs

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW CAREFULLY AND SHARE IT WITH YOUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS BEFORE COMMITTING TO THIS PROGRAM. FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AND OFF-CAMPUS EDUCATION IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THIS DOCUMENT. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE RAISED AT THE TIME OF APPLYING FOR A PROGRAM, NOT AFTERWARDS.

Lafayette College is committed to keeping the cost of interim off-campus programs as low as possible. Under normal circumstances, program fees tend to range from \$4,800 to \$6,500 (for three-week long 1-credit courses), but may go beyond \$12,000 for 2-credit courses that include internships. A limited pool of financial aid is available in the form of need-based awards that cover up to 75% of the cost of a program (more below on how to obtain such awards).

Typically, interim program fees cover: tuition, airfare, accommodations in twin or triple rooms, on-site group transportation in country, admission fees for program-sponsored activities, some meals, and emergency medical insurance (for students traveling outside of the U.S.) Students are required to live in program-sponsored housing. Students who would like an exception to this requirement must submit a petition to the Office of International & Off-Campus Education **before** making any financial or legal commitments. Filing a petition does not guarantee that a student will be permitted to participate in independent housing. **Students are typically responsible for the following additional expenses:** transportation to/from US airport, most of their own meals, passport and visa expenses (if any), books, pre-departure inoculations (if any), incidentals and personal expenses (as well as other expenses as specified for each individual program).

Program deposit and registration confirmation: Students who successfully register on Banner for an off-campus interim course must submit a NON-REFUNDABLE **deposit of \$500** and a **color copy of the identity page of their passport** to the Office of International & Off-Campus Education to confirm their registration by the stated deadline. **No exceptions can be made to this policy and a spot will not be guaranteed unless these two requirements are met by the given deadline.**

Withdrawals: Any student who withdraws from an off-campus interim course **after** committing to the program by submitting their \$500 program deposit **will also be responsible for all nonrefundable charges incurred by the College on his or her behalf up until the time of withdrawal** (e.g., airfare, hotel, event bookings, individual portions of group expenses, etc.).

Optional trip cancellation insurance is available from an external provider (see below). You may sign up for the trip cancellation insurance up until the day before your trip's departure.

NOTE: Students whose permission to study abroad is revoked due to academic performance (i.e., lower-than-required GPA) or serious behavioral sanctions (Disciplinary Probation Level 1 or 2) near the beginning of the program will receive no credit, and will be charged for any applicable charges and/or penalties. Students whose participation in a study abroad program

is terminated by Lafayette College for reasons of misconduct will receive neither credit nor refund. Students suspended while abroad must return immediately to the United States and will bear all expenses related to the change in itinerary.

Marquis Scholar Interim Award: The interim abroad award included as part of the Marquis Scholarship may be applied toward an official interim abroad program offered by Lafayette College (the list of programs to be offered in a given year is announced in June of the preceding academic year). Marquis Scholars do have to submit a program deposit upon registering for an interim program **if the cost of the program exceeds the amount of the award** (\$4,000 as of Aug. 2015). Marquis Scholars may apply their interim grant toward the cost of any interim abroad program run by Lafayette College. Like every other student, Marquis Scholars are responsible for those program costs that are NOT included in the program fee: e.g., the cost of their passports, visas, and inoculations; any meals not covered in the program cost, books, and incidentals and personal expenses.

Emergency medical insurance with On Call International (including evacuation and repatriation insurance) is provided at no additional cost to the students for all interim programs traveling outside of the United States. Additional information on coverage, policies, and procedures [can be found here](#).

Trip cancellation insurance is available for interim abroad programs. This is an **optional** service provided by an external provider and the cost is *not included* in the program fee. The insurance covers the costs of canceling or interrupting the trip for certifiable medical or bereavement reasons. For more information, including plan details, coverage, and pricing, please see <http://edu.insuremytrip.com/lafayette/>.

Financial assistance: There will be a limited amount of financial support available for off-campus interim programs, consisting of need-based grants that cover up to 75% of the cost of the program. Factors that are taken into consideration include: GPA, the applicant's demonstrated level of financial need, the availability of loans, and previous study abroad experience. Applicants must be currently receiving financial aid to qualify for a need-based grant. More details are posted under the "Learning Content" tab on the Lafayette study abroad portal or can be requested by emailing the Financial Aid Office at financialaid@lafayette.edu.

All students will automatically be considered for need-based grants and do not need to submit an application. Decisions will be made by the Office of Financial Aid before the early withdrawal deadline, and students will be notified if they have been awarded a grant by the end of September.

Please Note: Marquis Scholars who have already used their award and previous recipients of financial assistance for an interim abroad program are not eligible for need-based grants.

Program cancellation policy: Programs **may be subject to cancellation** any time for *force majeure* reasons (including under-enrollment, unforeseeable natural or political crises in the host country, faculty illness, etc.).