

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CONSORTIUM
STUDENT OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *Why think about studying off campus?*

Consider all that is taking place in the international arena: the Middle East, Africa, and Asia; recent events in Europe; advances in education and business; economic, political, and ecological issues; scientific discoveries; and new developments in missions. Off-campus study provides students with myriad opportunities to better understand their own culture and faith, awareness of other viewpoints, and familiarity with the important issues that challenge a complex, changing modern world.

2. *Who can apply?*

Students must be in good academic and social standing to be approved for international and off-campus study programs. Some programs also have language or coursework prerequisites, as well as grade point average requirements. Programs vary, so it is important for students to check the necessary application procedures closely. Students need prior approval from their home college registrar's office and their academic advisors to be considered for the programs. It is important to submit your applications early because popular programs often fill before deadlines.

3. *Will coursework transfer?*

Students should consult their registrars and academic advisors or department chairs for information on how credits will transfer and how credits earned will meet graduation requirements. Seniors need to make sure that the coursework will fulfill senior residency requirements.

4. *What are the costs?*

Details regarding tuition and other costs vary greatly from program to program and are subject to change. Because there are so many variables, some of which are uncontrollable, it is imperative that you contact the faculty advisor identified in each of the program descriptions for accurate, up-to-date information.

For a full semester program, you will be subject to financial principles of the Consortium's Student Visitor Program; that is, you will be assessed the fees of your own college or those of the institution sponsoring the program, whichever are higher. In some cases, room and/or board will be adjusted to the specific circumstances of a give program. Transportation costs will usually be over and above tuition, room, and board charges.

For a program that is less than a semester in length (e.g., January courses, summer sessions), costs will be set by the sponsoring institution. Several Consortium colleges have reciprocal tuition agreements for January terms for full-time students. Payment will be made to a student's home institution, based on charges submitted by the sponsoring institution. Students are also responsible for costs such as non-refundable deposits, personal expenses, textbooks, passport and visa fees, health and travel insurance, and any appropriate inoculations and/or medications.

International programs are often a little more expensive than studies at a student's home institution. However, the dramatic impact and life-long learning these programs provide make the extra financial stretch worthwhile.

5. *Is financial aid available?*

Financial aid, if any, can be arranged only through your home institution, NOT the institution sponsoring the program in which you hope to participate. Please check carefully with your college financial aid office to see if you are eligible to receive funds to help cover costs of programs described in this directory.

6. *Regulations and Housing*

It is important to remember that you will be governed by the regulations of the institution sponsoring the program in which you wish to participate, including those pertaining to housing. Such regulations vary somewhat from campus to campus within the Consortium, and it will be your responsibility to learn about and abide by those at the sponsoring institution.