SUNY Geneseo Study Abroad and Financial Aid

Documentation Required:

- Copy of your acceptance email/letter into the program
- Copy of the cost sheet for the program
- Financial Arrangement Form from the Study Abroad Office
- Copy of Course Approval Form (Except short-term faculty led Geneseo programs)
  - Financial Aid will not pay until our office receives a copy of the approved form.
  - SUNY Course Approval Forms are available in the Study Abroad Office.
  - Non-SUNY Course Approvals are available through the Dean's Office.
- Consortium Agreement (ONLY if you are going through a non-SUNY program or Community College)
  - A Consortium Agreement must be completed between the Host School (the non-SUNY) and the Home School (SUNY Geneseo).

Important Information:

- “Additional” state & federal grants and loans are not available exclusively for study abroad programs. Financing options may be available through Federal Parent PLUS Loan or an alternative student loan. NYS aid is not available during the summer.

- You must be enrolled for a **minimum of six (6) credit hours total** in order to receive a Federal Direct Loan, Perkins Loan, Parent PLUS Loan and most other aid. If a course is not completed, canceled, dropped, or you withdraw, you become ineligible for the loan. Loans will be canceled if the enrollment minimum is not met, even if it has already disbursed (paid out) in a refund check and/or to your account.

- Taking less than full-time (12) credits may effect federal and state aid eligibility for future semesters. If you are taking (non-Study Abroad) classes at a school other than Geneseo to meet minimum enrollment requirements, you must complete a Consortium Agreement.

- You may use up to 50% of your annual Federal Direct Stafford Loan eligibility during the term you are studying abroad, if you are taking 6 or more credits. Pell eligible students may receive a portion of their Pell award, if taking less than 6 credits.

- When you are attending a SUNY study abroad program, tuition and fees are paid to the Student Accounts Office at your home campus and the Program and Health insurance Fees to the Study Abroad Office. Non-payment of balances due may result in a hold on your account that will prevent registration for the next term.

- Refunds are issued as aid is received by Geneseo and may not be available until several weeks into the semester. You will likely not receive a refund until after you have left for your program. In the summer, you may not receive a refund until you return. As a result, you will be responsible for making arrangements for expenses.

Where to begin the process:

For SUNY Geneseo programs, contact the Study Abroad Office. They will provide you with the required documentation and send you to the Office of Financial Aid to make an appointment.

For non-Geneseo programs, contact the Office of Financial Aid to make an appointment.