

Office of International Education Cost Planning Worksheet

For assistance with this worksheet and information on scholarships, please attend a "Budgeting and Scholarships" session. Sessions for fall 2011 are every **Friday at 1:00pm in the I-House Resource Center.**

Step 1: Your Current Spending

The Office of Financial Aid estimates that an average quarter at DU will cost a student roughly **\$17,590** (2011-12 including: tuition, fees, room, board, books, transportation and other personal expenses). As everyone's situation is unique, you should look at your finances and see how much you spend during a typical quarter.

Your estimated total cost for a typical quarter at DU	\$
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Step 2: Estimate Your Cost Abroad (fill out either unaffiliated or DU Partner Program table).

Unaffiliated Programs: if you choose to participate in an unaffiliated study abroad program, you will only be charged for the technology fee and administrative fee by DU. In addition to what you pay to DU, you will pay the program fee directly to the unaffiliated program.

	Fall 2011	Your Term
Technology Fee	\$48.00	\$
Administrative Fee	\$150.00	\$
Program fee	<i>Check with unaffiliated program</i>	\$
Total		\$

DU Partner Programs:

1. *Cherrington Global Scholars (CGS):* If you qualify to be a Cherrington Global Scholar, it is important that you understand the benefits. Please see: <http://www.du.edu/intl/abroad/cherrington.html> for more information on CGS.

As a CGS, you will receive the following financial benefits:

- Waiver of application fees
 - Waiver of any applicable program fees
 - Roundtrip airfare to host city
 - Insurance if mandated by host country or university
 - *Reimbursement* for visa application fees, resident permits or permits to study, and foreign airport entry and exit fees that are not included in the travel fare.
2. How much will you be charged by DU for your study abroad program per quarter (if you are going for an academic year, you will pay for three quarters of DU tuition)?

(This is the amount you will be billed for through the DU Bursar's Office on the University's tuition due date- note these amounts are contingent on the Bursar's Office and HRE (Housing and Residential Education) and are subject to change each year.)

	Fall 2011	Your Term
DU tuition	\$12,312	\$
Technology Fee	\$48	\$
Housing*	\$2,435	\$
Meals*	\$1,274	\$
Program Fee- α	Non-CGS: ask your advisor for this amount	\$
Total		\$

Note: items marked with " α " below show CGS benefit

*You will be billed for housing and/or meals if it is included as part of your study abroad program regardless of whether you are currently charged for DU meals or housing on campus. For more information, refer to your program's summary: http://www.du.edu/intl/abroad/du_programs.html.

3. What is included in this amount for your program? -list items above.
4. How much are you budgeting for the following? Make sure to budget for the entire length of your program. For advice on budgeting in your host country, you may contact past participants and research through travel books and your program's supplied materials.

Airfare to host city (roundtrip) - α	\$
Local transportation	\$
Housing deposit	\$
Books and other school supplies	\$
Personal expenses	\$
Start-up costs (bedding, towels, bathroom items, room decorations, surge protectors, etc)	\$
Passport	\$
Visa application fee- α	\$
Other visa costs or immigration documents (this may include a medical visit, travel to a consulate, photographs, FBI background check, etc.)	\$
Souvenirs and gifts	\$
Emergency cash	\$
Laundry	\$
Health insurance α (only if mandated by host country or university)	\$
Travel or Personal insurance	\$
Phone, internet	\$
Gym membership	\$
Food / Meals	\$
Other	\$
Total	\$

Note: CGS benefits noted with α .

5. What is the total estimated cost for your term abroad?(add totals from questions 2 and 4)

Your total estimated cost for study abroad	\$ <input type="text"/>
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Step 3: Comparing a Term at DU vs. a Term Abroad

Calculate the difference between your estimated total cost at DU (step 1) and your total estimated cost for term abroad (step 3):

Remember to take into account that you may be comparing a DU quarter (10 weeks) with the length of your program (trimester, semester etc.). Make sure to consider how many credits you will earn, your length of program housing, etc. when comparing.

Step 4: Planning Ahead

Think about how you intend to fund your study abroad experience. Talk to whoever is in charge of your finances. *If you are planning on using financial aid and/or scholarships you should contact the Office of Financial Aid and/or your scholarship provider directly to discuss if study abroad will change your award. See <http://www.du.edu/intl/abroad/scholarships.html> for more information on scholarships available for study abroad. For more information on financial aid and what will apply, please see: http://www.du.edu/intl/abroad/financial_aid.html.*