

## Study Abroad Budget Worksheet

Study abroad students pay tuition to Mercy College. Room and board are paid to the host institution. You will need to account for all travel, insurance, and living expenses. Scheduling an appointment with an OES Advisor is required in order for you to understand how your existing financial aid package will apply to your study abroad tuition and other expenses.

To estimate the total cost of your study abroad program, consider your budget for the items listed below. This is a list of possible expenses, and is not meant to be all-inclusive. While this is a good tool to review expenses, we are not able to guarantee that this will be the final cost as many items are estimates.

### Possible costs **PRIOR** to Studying Abroad

Item	Estimate	Actual Cost
<b>Mercy College tuition:</b> varies, depending on financial aid package	Up to \$9,800	
<b>Passport</b>	\$145 + cost of photos	
<b>Student Visa:</b> Each country has different visa fees and procedures that can change at any time. Check the Consulate website of the host country for specific costs.		
<b>Round-trip Flight:</b> This amount can vary depending on destination. Check airline website for extra baggage fees. Review student travel websites, such as STA Travel, for student-discounted flights.	Approximately \$800-\$2,200	
<b>Travel Insurance</b>		
<b>Health Insurance</b>		
<b>Travel Gear:</b> luggage, backpack, first aid kit, adapter, rain/snow gear		
<b>Room and Board Costs:</b> review the host institution website for estimates		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

## Possible costs **WHILE** Studying Abroad

Item	Estimate	Actual Cost
<b>Local Transportation:</b> Varies by location and city size	\$10 - \$50/week	
<b>Meals:</b> If a meal plan is not included in your program, buying groceries and cooking tends to be cheaper than eating out at restaurants	\$75 - \$100/week	
<b>Textbooks:</b> Estimate what you would normally spend on books each semester. Inquire if textbooks are free to check out at the host institution library, or if renting is feasible		
<b>Daily living and cultural activities:</b> Understand what is included in your program, such as laundry and cell phone plans abroad. Check numbeo.com for cost of living comparisons. Many programs may include free weekly cultural activities and trips that can help you save money.	\$50 - \$200/week	
<b>Independent Travel and Additional Spending Money:</b> take into account independent travel within host country and to other cities and countries		
<b>Travel Gear:</b> luggage, backpack, first aid kit, adapter, rain/snow gear	\$200	
<b>Course Fees:</b> some courses may require additional fees for materials, excursions, or labs		
<b>Emergency Money:</b> always have extra money readily available for emergencies	\$500	
<b>TOTAL</b>		