Study Abroad Refund Policy

Students must review Drexel’s Study Abroad Refund Policy prior to committing to a Drexel Study Abroad program. The Study Abroad Refund Policy outlines the financial liability of students when they withdraw from a study abroad program.

In the case that a student has a change of plans for unexpected personal, academic, or family circumstances, they are permitted to withdraw their application before acceptance, decline their acceptance into the program prior to deposit, or withdraw from the program after confirming their acceptance. Financial liability will be determined according to how far into the process the student is at the time of withdrawal. Any outstanding circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Once accepted into a program, students are not permitted to postpone their acceptance to a later term. Students who decide to delay their participation must re-apply for the new intended term. Only the application fee will be transferred to the new application.

Students participating in Independent Study Abroad programs must adhere to the refund policy of the host institution or service provider for their program fee refunds.

Definition of Non-Recoverable Costs

A non-recoverable cost is defined as any amount that has been paid out to a vendor on a student’s behalf for their participation in the program. While non-recoverable costs vary by program, they may include, but are not limited to: housing costs, program provider fees, overseas tuition, transportation and administrative fees. Drexel is not responsible for the cost of airfare, visas, housing or any other expenses incurred by the student.

Study Abroad Application Fee

Non-refundable once paid.

Study Abroad Deposits

For most Drexel-sponsored programs, students must confirm their acceptance within 2 weeks of acceptance by submitting a $500 non-refundable deposit to the Study Abroad Office. Students may choose to decline their acceptance. All deposits are non-refundable unless the student is not granted final acceptance by their host university or program provider.

Advance Program Fee Deposit/Payments

Some Drexel sponsored programs require students to submit an advance deposit or payment toward their study abroad program fee at the time of application. Many expenses must be paid out to vendors on the student’s behalf prior to the start of the program to reserve spots, and
therefore are non-recoverable. Students will only be refunded their deposit/advance program fee payment if they are NOT accepted into the program.

**Full Time Programs**

Students who withdraw after committing to a program will be subject to the following withdrawal and refund policy:

- From commitment period to 61 days prior to start of program: Program fee will be refunded, minus $500 deposit & non-recoverable costs.
- 60 – 31 days before start of program: 50% program fee refunded, minus $500 deposit & non-recoverable costs.
- Withdrawal 30 days or less before program: During this late withdrawal period, all program fees will be committed and students will not receive a refund of any kind.

**Intensive Courses Abroad**

Students who withdraw after committing to an intensive course abroad are responsible for all scheduled advance program fee payments as outlined in the program brochure AS WELL AS non-recoverable costs.

**Drexel tuition refunds**

Tuition fees are separate from program fees and follow a different refund and payment schedule. For information contact the Bursar’s Office. Also, due to the nature of study abroad programs, no refunds will be granted on a per-class basis.

Many study abroad programs begin several weeks prior to the start of Drexel’s academic term. If a student decides to withdraw from their study abroad program after the program has started, but before the start of Drexel’s term, with the intentions of returning to Drexel campus for courses, they may be liable for the full overseas tuition charges (see non-recoverable costs), in addition to their normal Drexel tuition.

Students should understand that if they withdraw from the program after the start of courses in Philadelphia they will most likely be unable to enroll in courses in Philadelphia during the term(s) in question.

I have read the refund policy above and understand its implications.

Signed__________________________________________

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Date___________________________________________