

Education Abroad Refund Policy

The Education Abroad Refund Policy provides guidance on student financial responsibility upon withdrawal from a Drexel-sponsored education abroad program.

If a student has a change of plans for unexpected personal, academic, or family circumstances, they may choose to: withdraw their program application before the decision date; decline acceptance into the program prior to paying the deposit; or withdraw from the program after confirming their acceptance.

Students participating in programs that are not Drexel-sponsored, referred to as Independent Study Abroad programs, are not enrolled in Drexel credit nor billed by Drexel for their abroad term. Students must adhere to the refund policy and schedule of the host institution.

Definition of Non-Recoverable Costs

A non-recoverable cost is defined as any amount that has been paid to a Drexel partner or vendor on a student's behalf for their participation in the education abroad program. While non-recoverable costs vary by program, they may include, but are not limited to housing costs, program provider fees, tuition to the international institution, transportation and administrative fees.

Drexel is not responsible for the cost of airfare, visas, housing, medical/health testing, or any other expenses incurred by the student. Denial or delay of visa does not exempt students from this refund policy. Students are advised to purchase airfare after obtaining their visa (when applicable).

Education Abroad Application Fee and Deferrals

Application fees are non-refundable once paid.

Once accepted into a program, students are not permitted to postpone or defer their acceptance to a later term. Students who decide to delay their participation must re-apply for the new intended term. Application fees may be transferred to the new application on a case-by-case basis. Program fees are non-transferable to another program or term.

Education Abroad Deposits

For most Drexel-sponsored term programs, students must confirm their place in the program within two weeks of acceptance by submitting a \$500 non-refundable deposit to Office of Global Engagement through DrexelOne. Students who choose to decline their acceptance into the program are not liable for the \$500 deposit. All deposits are non-refundable once paid unless the student is denied final acceptance by their host institution.

Advanced Program Fee Payments

Some Drexel-sponsored programs require students to submit an advanced program fee payment toward their program fee at the time of application. Many expenses must be paid to Drexel partners or vendors on the students' behalf prior to the start of the program, and therefore are non-recoverable. Students will only be refunded their advanced program fee payment if they are not accepted into the program.

Full Time Programs Refund Schedule

Students who withdraw after committing to a program will be subject to the following refund schedule:

- From commitment date 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 prior to start of program: During this late withdrawal period, all program fees and non-recoverable costs are deemed committed and students will not receive a refund of any kind.

Intensive Courses Abroad

Students who withdraw after committing to an Intensive Course Abroad will be subject to the following:

- Advanced program fee payments are non-refundable once paid unless a student is not accepted into the program.
- Students who withdraw after committing to an Intensive Course Abroad are responsible for all scheduled program fee payments as outlined in the program webpage in addition to non-recoverable costs, regardless of time of withdrawal.

Drexel Tuition Refunds

Tuition fees are separate from education abroad program fees and follow a different refund and payment schedule. Contact Drexel Central for more information. Due to the nature of education abroad programs, no refunds will be granted on a per-class basis.

Many education abroad programs begin several weeks prior to the start of Drexel's academic term. If a student decides to withdraw from their education abroad program, whether or not they have intentions of taking Drexel courses that term, they may be liable for the full international tuition charges (see non-recoverable costs), in addition to their normal Drexel tuition.

Full Time Status: Students must maintain their full-time student status while abroad on a term program by staying within the credit limit. Full-time status is 12 to 20 Drexel credits for undergraduate students and 9 to 12 credits for graduate students. If a student falls below the minimum credit requirement, there may be significant Drexel financial aid ramifications. If a student takes above the maximum credit limit, they will be billed at Drexel's per credit rate for exceeding the credit limit.

Intensive Courses Abroad (ICA): Undergraduate students must leave room for the allotted ICA credit in their credit load when registering for the corresponding term or they will be billed for each credit exceeding the 20-credit maximum. Graduate students will be billed per their normal graduate tuition policy for ICA credit.

Withdrawal Due to Safety Concerns

Unless Drexel has officially cancelled the education abroad program, students are responsible for all costs related to withdrawal. Financial liability will be determined according to how far into the process the student is at the time of withdrawal per the refund schedule above. Any exceptional circumstances

will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Program cancellations due to COVID-19 are likely to result in non-recoverable costs, for which students will be fully responsible.

COVID-19 Financial Responsibility Acknowledgement

I accept that I may incur additional fees or travel costs if travel is cancelled, preventative quarantine is required, in-country operations are suspended, my stay is extended as a result of travel restrictions, or for other reasons. Drexel recommends that I purchase refundable airline tickets and/or trip cancellation insurance.

I understand that this refund policy applies, in full, even if my inability to participate is related to COVID 19 infection or vaccination status.

I understand that Drexel reserves the right to revoke any travel approval and recall travelers. In such an event, the monies I have paid will not be fully refundable and depending upon the circumstances, I may receive no refund at all. I agree to accept this risk.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to secure the necessary supply of masks, sanitizing products, and/or other related supplies that may be required to access transportation, appear in public, or visit any operating establishments during my university related travel.

Term Programs Only (Intensive Courses Abroad Excluded): It is my responsibility to cover preventative quarantine costs, such as hotel or meal costs, for self-quarantine upon arrival in the host country and/or upon return, as well as any costs for testing or treatment, Term program participants should consider purchasing insurance that includes COVID 19 quarantine coverage. Insurers such as Atlas Travel, GeoBlue, and International SOS may provide such coverage, although none of these providers has been vetted or is specifically recommended by Drexel University.

By signing this material in my education abroad application, I agree that I have read the refund policy above and understand its implications.

SEPARATE DOCUMENT

Non-Credit Experiences Abroad Refund Policy

An alternate refund policy has been developed to acknowledge the generally independent nature of Non-Credit Experiences Abroad (NCEA) participation.

Refunds: Refunds for all NCEA's are at the discretion of

1. Program provider policies and
2. Policies within the department that is sponsoring the NCEA.

OGE strongly suggests that participants fully understand these policies before committing to an NCEA. Under no circumstance will Drexel University or OGE refund or otherwise make whole NCEA participants who suffer financial setback or are otherwise aggrieved before, during, or after their NCEA experience. Furthermore, all NCEA participants [shall hold](#) harmless, defend and indemnify Drexel University and OGE

from any and all claims, actions, suits, charges and judgments whatsoever that arise out of performance or nonperformance of the services or subject matter called for in any NCEA agreement.