

Study Abroad Refund Policy

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.

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. Denial or delay of visa does not waive student from refund policy. Students are advised to purchase airfare after obtaining their visa (when applicable).

Withdrawal Due to Safety Concerns

Unless Drexel has officially cancelled the 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. Any outstanding circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Study 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.

Study Abroad Deposits

For most Drexel-sponsored programs, students must confirm their place in the program 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 denied final acceptance by their host university or program provider.

Advanced Program Fee Payments

Some Drexel sponsored programs require students to submit an advanced program fee payment toward their study abroad program fee *at the time of application*. Many expenses must be paid to vendors on 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 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 prior to start of program: During this late withdrawal period, all program fees and non-recoverable costs 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 will be subject to the following:

- Advanced program fee payments are only refunded if a student is declined acceptance.
- Students who withdraw after committing to an Intensive Course Abroad are responsible for all scheduled program fee payments as outlined in the program information page AS WELL AS non-recoverable costs, regardless of time of withdrawal.

Drexel tuition refunds

Tuition fees are separate from program fees and follow a different refund and payment schedule. For information contact [Drexel Central](#). 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, whether or not they have intentions of taking Drexel courses that term, they may be liable for the full overseas tuition charges (see non-recoverable costs), in addition to their normal Drexel tuition.

Full Time Programs: Students must maintain their full-time student status while abroad on a term-long program by staying within the credit limit. Full-time status is 12-20 Drexel credits for undergraduate student, and 9-12 for graduate students. If the student falls below the minimum credits, this could mean significant Drexel financial aid ramifications. If the student takes above the maximum credits, they will be billed for each credit exceeding the credit limit.

Intensive Courses Abroad: 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.

By checking the box in my study abroad application, I agree that I have read the refund policy above and understand its implications.