

# **Preparing for Education Abroad**

## Financial Aid

Students going abroad through a study abroad program hosted by a third-party provider (for example: International Studies Abroad (ISA), Semester at Sea, etc) or an international exchange program (where UAA has a direct partnership) can usually use financial aid to help pay for program costs. Students should refer to the <u>UAA</u> <u>Office of Financial Aid</u> for detailed information regarding how to receive financial aid.

Additionally, for programs hosted by a third-party provider, students should refer to the program's website for more detailed information on how to use financial aid to pay for program costs.

#### Communicating with UAA Office of Financial Aid

• Alternative Studies Budget Adjustment Form - Your financial aid budget may need to be adjusted to more accurately correspond to the costs related to your particular Education Abroad program. To incorporate your study abroad program costs into your financial aid budget, submit an <u>Alternative Studies Budget Adjustment Form</u> to the Office of Financial Aid.

• **Payment of Federal, State & Institutional Aid -** If you are receiving financial aid, the funds will be disbursed to your UAA account no sooner than *10 days prior to the start of UAA's semester*. Each program has a different payment deadline and the deadline may be prior to UAA's disbursement date. If this is the case, communicate with your program provider about how to pay with financial aid.

• **Title IV Financial Aid** - Title IV aid may be used for a study abroad program as long as it is a program and coursework approved by both the Office of International and Intercultural Affairs and the Office of Financial Aid. All Title IV eligibility requirements apply and students must be aware that all coursework attempted must be completed and transferred to UAA for credit to retain applicable federal grant and loan monies paid.

### Processing for UA Scholars & Other Scholarships Paid Directly to UAA

- Know how and when your scholarship(s) will be paid.
- Students receiving the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) and/or the UAScholars Award must communicate with the Office of Financial Aid about how to receive that award while abroad.
- Recipients of scholarships (including tuition waivers) that are paid directly to UAA will have those funds applied to their UAA accounts according to UAA's disbursement schedule.

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#### Returning from Education Abroad

- In order to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), students must make sure their transcript from their time abroad is sent to the Office of the Registrar upon their return.
- Refer to the most recent Satisfactory Academic Progress information for more details on how to maintain SAP.
- The Permanent Fund Division may ask for proof that you were absent from Alaska for educational purposes when you apply for your PFD. Refer to the Study Abroad FAQ for more information.

#### For more information:

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