

## **Adrian College Study Abroad Policies (revised 9/26/08)**

Adrian College has affiliations in the form of signed agreements with study abroad programs which allow two things to happen: (1) credit earned at host institutions transfers back to Adrian College as graded AC credit; (2) students are able to use federal, state, and private forms of financial aid to help pay for their abroad experience. Note: Institutional financial aid requires residency at Adrian College (i.e. students are registered full-time and attending classes at the College) and is therefore ineligible for application to a study abroad program. Exceptions to this rule are any scholarships endowed for the specific purpose of studying abroad (i.e. McGinnis-Burris Renaissance Travel Award).

Students must study abroad through one of Adrian College's affiliate institutions in order to guarantee that all of their credits transfer back and to use their non-institutional financial aid to help pay for their program.

All affiliated programs and institutions have signed agreements with Adrian College on file in the Study Abroad Office. Programs and institutions that do not have signed agreements with Adrian College are not affiliates. Credits earned through a non-affiliated program or institution may not transfer back to Adrian College, and non-institutional financial aid may not be used to pay for this abroad experience.

If a student chooses to study abroad through a non-affiliated program or institution, he or she will not be a matriculated Adrian College student, and Adrian College assumes no responsibility for that student or the student's non-affiliated program or institution.

### **Credits and Registration**

During the regular school year, if a student studies abroad, he or she must register for study abroad hours through the Registrar's Office to hold his or her place as a matriculated student at the College.

During the May and summer terms, which are not considered part of the regular school year, a student's continued registration does not depend upon him or her being registered at AC. However, he or she must also register for study abroad hours through the Registrar's Office before beginning his or her program.

All credits earned through one of Adrian College's affiliated programs or institutions transfer back to the College as graded Adrian College credit.

### **Charges and Payments**

During the regular school year, the student will be charged the fees of the host institution or program. Exceptions to this policy are programs with which Adrian College has an exchange agreement (i.e. BEI and Yonsei University).

During May and summer terms, the student will be charged the fees of the host institution or program and a \$200 administrative fee. Exceptions to this policy are Adrian College's Oxford and York summer programs, which are administered through the College and have their fees set by the College.

### **Financial Aid**

During the regular school year, students studying abroad through one of Adrian College's affiliates may use their non-institutional financial aid (i.e. Federal, state, private) to pay for their program. Institutional aid from Adrian College carries a residency requirement and may only be used while a student is attending classes full-time at Adrian College.

During the May and summer terms, the only financial aid available to students for studying abroad is in the form of student loans.

Many of Adrian College's affiliated programs and institutions offer scholarships on a competitive basis, and students are encouraged to apply for these sources of aid.

### **Limits on Study Abroad Experiences**

Normally a student may participate in one study abroad experience during any regular school year while at Adrian College. One study abroad experience is defined as studying abroad in one country with one program for either a semester or a year. A student who wishes to study abroad more than once during any regular school year while at Adrian College may petition the Dean of Academic Affairs for permission to go abroad again.

There is no limit to the number of times a student may study abroad during the May and summer terms while at Adrian College.