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Effective for the academic year 2022-2023 and beyond, all students applying to study abroad on any approved undergraduate semester or year abroad program—both internal and external—will be charged Boston College tuition. Boston College has established a “home school tuition” model in order to provide greater access to study abroad programs for all Boston College students, no matter their financial means. This model will also better allow the University to meet its Duty of Care obligation to all students whether on-campus or abroad. Students studying abroad will be charged the same tuition as if they were on Boston College’s campus. Students will be able to use any BC institutional financial aid (scholarships, grants, merit aid, etc.) as well as federal aid, while studying abroad. Boston College will pay tuition directly to the host institution/third party provider on behalf of the student. Students are responsible for the payment of housing, meals, and other miscellaneous charges, unless otherwise noted.

The class of 2025 will be the first cohort of students under this new policy. Students studying abroad during the 2022-2023 academic year will not be impacted.

Boston College Programs

In this policy, “Boston College Programs” refers to study abroad programs where BC has established a direct partnership with a foreign institution or program. These partnerships allow Boston College to work closely with a host university, allowing for greater collaboration between institutions. In many locations, Boston College employs a Resident Director to further enhance the abroad experience. Students attending a Boston College program will pay BC tuition and an international health insurance fee directly to BC. Although a few Boston College programs will charge students directly for housing costs, the vast majority of students will pay their housing costs directly to their host institution.

Approved External Programs

Boston College has a long-established history of using third-party study abroad programs to provide abroad opportunities in locations not supported by BC programs. Students attending an approved external program will pay Boston College tuition to Boston College as well as international health insurance. All other fees (housing, non-tuition program fees, etc.) will be billed to the student by the external provider. The student will be responsible for paying these fees directly to the external provider.

Applications and Approval

All students who choose to study abroad for academic credit, must apply and be approved for study abroad by the Office of Global Education (OGE). OGE has established one application deadline for semester study abroad. The deadline to apply is January 5. This deadline is for all full-year, fall, and spring semester opportunities in the following academic year. Please note that while the vast majority of students study during their junior year, exceptions can be made for study outside of a student’s junior year. Students may not study abroad outside of this established process for academic credit.

Grades and Course Credits

OGE will ensure proper transfer of credit back to Boston College. If students studied on a Boston College program, all courses taken abroad are entered into a student's BC record as if they were regular BC

courses regardless of W, F, or Incomplete grades. Grades earned on a Boston College program appear on a student's transcript and are factored into their GPA.

Students studying on an external program must earn a C- or above for an approved external program to transfer credit from abroad. Grades appear on their transcripts but are not factored into their GPA.

Students are responsible for securing approval for any course they would like to count towards a major, minor, or the Boston College core. Approval for major, minor, or the university core is at the discretion of the appropriate Boston College academic department.