A semester or year abroad with a BC program is integrated into the BC curriculum and course of study.

Students continue to pay BC tuition.

Students remain eligible for all financial aid they would generally receive at BC.
APPROVED EXTERNAL PROGRAMS

- Pay External Tuition
- $1,000 BC administrative fee
- Forfeit BC financial aid
  + federal and state aid remain
FACTORS THAT AFFECT YOUR TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS:

- Home university tuition policies
- Costs of external program
- Currency Exchange Rate
- Location
- Hidden Expenses
BUDGET CHECKLIST

- Travel to study abroad country
- Passport
- Visa Fees, Entry and Exit Taxes
- Insurance
- Immunizations
- Housing Deposits
- Meals
- Student ID/Registration Fees
- Personal Travel

- Room and Board for Vacation Periods
- Cell Phone
- Computer
- Entertainment
- Other Personal Expenses
- Emergency Funds
- Miscellaneous Fees
WAYS TO FINANCE YOUR TRIP

- Scholarships/Grants
- **International Scholarship Opportunities**
- Loans:
  - Financial Aid Associate
    - Third Party Loans
  - Federal Loans
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

MAKING ARRANGEMENTS

- Some suggestions:
  - Studentuniverse.com
  - Kayak.com
- Utilize a flight price predictor, like the one at www.bing.com/travel
- Proof of travel arrangements may be required for your visa application, so book your flights accordingly!

THINGS TO BUDGET FOR:

- Housing deposit fees
- Flight
- Passport fee
- Visa fee (vary by country)
- Visa Information by Country
Insurance

- HTH Worldwide Insurance
- Coverage dates are set by BC but can be extended for an additional fee
- Waiving HTH
- HTH as supplement to primary insurance coverage
POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND TAXES!!

- POA: Financial Aid
- Banking Issues

- April 15: Spring Abroad
- Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension
- For more information, visit the IRS Web site
Housing Abroad

- Options:
  - Homestay
  - Dorm
  - Apartment

- External Program Details
  - Housing Chart
CURRENT AND RETURN HOUSING

- **On Campus Housing:**
  - ResLife Intent Form

- **Off Campus Housing:**
  - Paying for your current housing
  - Vacating your current housing
  - Subleasing your space
BANKS, CREDIT CARDS, CASH & CHECKS

- Banking
  + Abroad status
  + International partnerships
- Currency Exchange
  + Xe.com
- Traveler’s checks
- Handling Cash
CALLING HOME

- Contact Cell Phone Provider
- In-country Phone
- Skype
WHILE ABROAD

- BC activities
- Student Discounts
- Museums (FREE!)
HELPFUL WEBSITES

- International Scholarships:
  + [http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/offices/international/Scholarship_Opportunities.html](http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/offices/international/Scholarship_Opportunities.html)

- Visa Information by Country:

- Housing Chart:
  + [http://www.bc.edu/content/dam/files/offices/international/pdf/2011-2012%20estimated%20student%20budget%20w%20housing%20June%202011.pdf](http://www.bc.edu/content/dam/files/offices/international/pdf/2011-2012%20estimated%20student%20budget%20w%20housing%20June%202011.pdf)
QUESTIONS?

- You can visit www.bc.edu/offices/international for more information on BC’s programs and to contact a BC study abroad advisor.

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