



## MEMORANDUM

TO: STUDENTS PLANNING TO STUDY OFF-CAMPUS AND THEIR PARENTS

From: Dana Kennedy, Director

Re: Financial Aid for Off-Campus Study

Students participating in **off-campus study programs endorsed by Wooster** remain registered at the College *in absentia* and all of their financial aid (except, of course, work-study) can support their off-campus study expenses: merit scholarships, need-based grants, federal and state aid; private educational loans; prepaid tuition plan withdrawals, etc. Need-based aid applicants should complete their Wooster aid application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as normal.

*Please be sure that you understand the College billing policy, explained in the “FEES AND BILLING FOR OFF-CAMPUS STUDY PROGRAMS” policy statement from the Business Office.* Financial aid is credited to the charges on your student account just as though you were on campus:

- Wooster merit scholarship amounts remain unchanged.
- Need-based aid eligibility is initially determined according to on-campus costs, but it can be revised at the student’s request to reflect higher off-campus educational expenses.
- Revisions of need-based aid for a program’s higher educational costs use the same five basic elements as for study on campus—Wooster’s tuition charge (unless the program tuition is higher); the program charge or published estimate for room & board; and reasonable allowances for books, personal expenses, and travel.
- Wooster grant aid cannot be increased for programs which cost more than remaining on campus, but when possible a student’s federal loan eligibility will be expanded to help cover these higher costs.
- If credited aid (including educational loans) and family payments to the business office create a credit balance, the student may request a refund from the business office to use for travel and personal expenses not included on the account.

Students participating in programs **not endorsed by Wooster** are not enrolled at the College and are therefore ineligible for aid through us (including federal student loans). They should make all of their financial arrangements directly with the non-endorsed program itself, including the possibility of financial aid directly from that program.

**Whenever you have questions about financial aid for off-campus study, please contact us.**