

PCC Education Abroad 2024 First Steps Videos:

Understanding Program Costs



Hi! Thank you for tuning into the First Steps Video series, in this video we are going to give an overview of the cost of studying abroad on a PCC program.

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Understanding Program Costs

PCC Study Abroad Program

Total Cost =

PCC Tuition + Program Fee + Additional Costs



As you are applying for this study abroad opportunity, we want you to have a clear understanding of the overall costs and financial responsibility of participating.

The total cost of studying abroad with PCC is made up of three different buckets: the PCC tuition, the study abroad program fee, plus any additional costs.

Understanding Program Costs

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Tuition: the per-credit cost of the PCC course

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Program Fee: the cost for services provided during the program

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Additional costs: airfare, passport, books & supplies, meals, personal spending money, etc.



Let's break down these buckets more clearly. The tuition is based on the per credit fee you typically pay for your courses. The Program Fee covers the costs of running the program in a specific location. You will be billed both the tuition and the program fee through PCC. Additional Costs are items that you will pay for on your own. Let's talk about these different fees more in depth.

What does the Program Fee cover?



- Housing during the program
- Select meals
- Co-curricular/cultural activities
- Airport pickup/drop-off
- Program transportation and entry fees
- On-site orientation
- International health insurance
- 24/7 emergency support



The Program Fee is the total amount that it costs to run your program. In order to make these programs successful, PCC works with vetted Educational Organizations that run study abroad programs around the world. These partners plan closely with each instructor to put together an intentional educational experience unique for each course. The Program Fee includes your housing during the program, select meals, any cultural activities for your course (such as museum tours or guest lecturers), airport pick-up, orientation when you arrive, international health insurance and emergency support 24 hours per day.

What are Additional Costs?



Dominican Republic, 2017 PCC Study Abroad Program

- Roundtrip Airfare
- Passport
- Visas
- Vaccinations
- Books & Supplies
- Meals on Your Own
- Personal Spending Money



Additional Costs are costs that you will not be billed from PCC. These items will need to be purchased as you are preparing to study abroad. These costs include roundtrip airfare, books or supplies for the course, meals that are not included in the program, and any personal spending money you want to have abroad. If you don't have a passport, you will need to apply for one soon. If you need a visa to enter the country, this may be an additional cost, and our office will guide you through that process. The amount of spending money you should bring will depend on your personal spending habits as well as your destination.

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Ready to see an example?

Visit our Programs page to learn more about the estimated program cost.

www.pcc.edu/education-abroad/programs



Each program webpage will have an estimated program cost breakdown, based on the location, the length of the program and the program's itinerary.

Understanding Program Costs

Program Overview

Academics

Application Process & Timeline

Program Costs & Scholarships

Program Cost Overview

The Program Cost Sheet offers an estimated cost for the full program experience. These costs are presented in three categories: PCC tuition, Program Fee, and Additional Costs.

The program fee and PCC tuition are charged to your student account, while the additional costs include out-of-pocket personal expenses that will be up to you to cover. Here is an example of PCC study abroad program costs:

PCC Tuition	Program Fee	Additional Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">8 credits(in-state residency)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Housing during the programSelect mealsCo-curricular/cultural activitiesAirport pickup/drop-offProgram transportation and entry feesOn-site orientationInternational health insurance24/7 emergency support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Round-trip airfare (\$1000 roundtrip)Passport (new \$160 or renewal \$130)Books and supplies (\$50)Meals on your own (\$300)Personal spending money (\$300-400)
Estimated: \$1,100	Estimated: TBD	Estimated: \$1800-2000
Total Cost = PCC Tuition + Program Fee + Additional Costs		



This is an example of what the Program Cost section looks like on our website. These display an estimate of the costs that we have discussed in this video. You can see the three buckets: the PCC tuition, the Program Fee, and the Additional Costs.

Please notice that these are cost estimates to help with your planning purposes. When a program fee is final, we will announce that fee to each program group. Because the fees are created in collaboration with our program provider, and because costs are often changing in real time (for example a meal in a restaurant), we may not have a specific program fee until Spring term. However, the final program fee will remain very close to the estimated amount, and will not go above the estimated fee more than a couple of hundred dollars, and may in fact be lower.

How Will I Pay For This?!?

Financial resources are available!

Review the
Funding Your Study Abroad Program
video next!



Considering these costs may feel overwhelming, and our office helps students consider various options for these costs, including scholarships, savings, financial aid, or using a PCC payment plan. Please take a look at the resources on our website and the Funding Your Study Abroad Video to check these out.

Just in Case...

Understanding the Cancellation & Withdrawal Policy



As you consider participating on this program, it is imperative that you understand the cancellation and withdrawal policies associated with the program. We certainly hope you don't need this information!

Cancellation & Withdrawal Policy

See website for full policy:

<https://www.pcc.edu/education-abroad/accepted-students/policies/>

Withdrawal Policy

- Students may officially withdraw from a program by providing written notification with an explanation.
- Withdrawing from a program does not, however, absolve a student of their responsibility of covering program costs.
- It is the student's responsibility to notify the PCC Ed Abroad Office directly if they withdraw from the program



The full policy is listed on our website, you need to know that you must provide written notification if you need to withdraw from the program. Withdrawing does not absolve a student of their responsibility covering program costs.

Cancellation & Withdrawal Policy: REFUNDS

See website for full policy:

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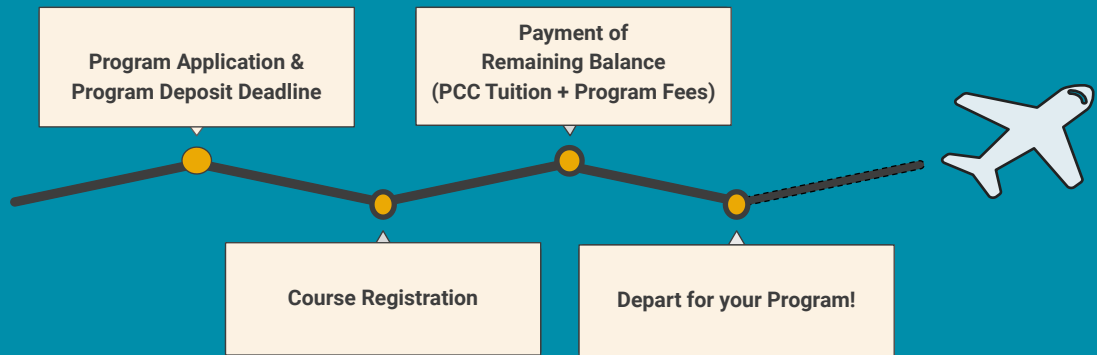
Refund Policy

- The \$500 program deposit is non-refundable unless the program is cancelled.
- If you withdraw from the course after you pay the deposit but before course registration, you will not be billed tuition or program fee.
- Once program begins, no refunds will be considered.
- PCC is not responsible for losses because a student becomes ineligible or a student is dismissed once the program begins.



The \$500 non-refundable deposit holds a space for you on the program. Once you commit to the program, expenses are made on your behalf, so the \$500 deposit goes towards these costs. This deposit is non-refundable even if you drop or withdraw. If the program is cancelled due to low enrollment, students will receive a refund as long as they do not owe money to the college.

Understanding Financial Obligations



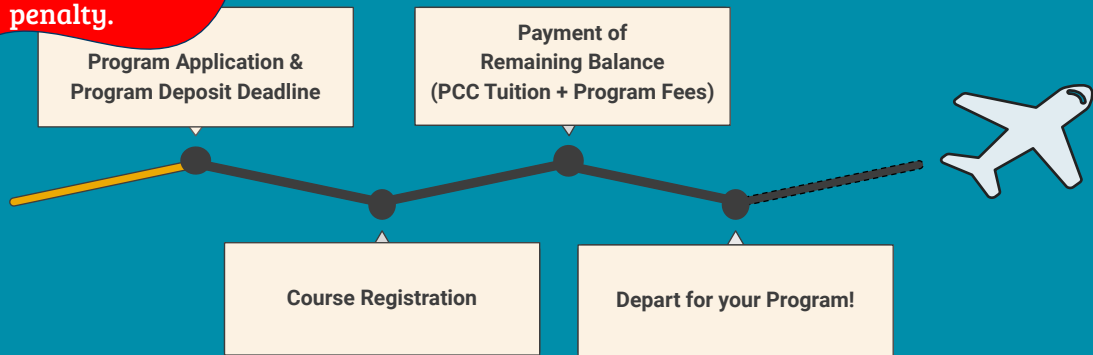
If this is the timeline of your study abroad commitment, students start out submitting an application and then submitting the non-refundable program deposit.

In May, students register for the course according to typical registration schedule, and the tuition and program fee is placed on a student's account.

These fees are then paid according to PCC deadlines and the student is all set for departure!

Understanding Financial Obligations

If you withdraw from the program **BEFORE** the deposit deadline, there is no penalty.



If a student cancels or withdraws from the program **BEFORE** the deposit deadline, there is no penalty.

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Program Application &
Program Deposit Deadline

Payment of
Remaining Balance
(PCC Tuition + Program Fees)

If you withdraw from the program **AFTER** the deposit deadline, you forfeit your deposit.

Course Registration

Depart for your Program!



Once a student pays the non-refundable deposit, the student has committed to the program. Withdrawing after that time forfeits the deposit.

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If you withdraw from the course after you pay the deposit but before course registration occurs, you will not be billed for the tuition or program fee.

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Program Deposit Deadline

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Withdrawal **AFTER** the program fee is paid you will owe money that has been paid on your behalf according to the provider

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Course Registration

Depart for your Program!



If a student withdraws after paying the tuition and program fee, but before departing, the student will owe money that has been paid on their behalf to set up the program.

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Once the student departs for the program, no refunds will be issued.

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Questions? Meet with an Ed Abroad Advisor



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**Prefer to meet in
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Studying abroad is a multi-step process, and we want to be sure you have a full understanding of the costs as you are applying. The Education Abroad Advisors are available to answer any questions you have about this process. Thank you for watching.